This is a credit-based qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–SP 1  DEGREE NAME

MSc–SP 1.1  The University offers the Master of Science in Systems Thinking in Practice, referred to as the MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc Sys Prac (Open) after their names.

MSc–SP 1.2  If you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 30-credit project, a distinction in a 30-credit core option module and a distinction in one of the two compulsory 30-credit modules, and a merit or distinction grade in the other 30-credit compulsory module, you will qualify for the degree with distinction.

MSc–SP 1.3  If you are awarded a merit grade in the compulsory 30-credit project, a merit or a distinction in a 30-credit core option module and a merit or distinction grade in both of the compulsory 30-credit modules, you will qualify for the degree with merit. If you are awarded a distinction grade in the 30-credit project, a merit or distinction in the 30-credit core option module and a merit in both 30-credit compulsory modules, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSc–SP 1.4  If you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 60-credit project, a distinction grade in one of the two compulsory 30-credit modules and a merit or distinction grade in the other 30-credit compulsory module, you will qualify for the degree with distinction.

MSc–SP 1.5  If you are awarded a merit grade in the compulsory 60-credit project, and a merit or distinction grade in both of the compulsory 30-credit modules, you will qualify for the degree with merit. If you are awarded a distinction grade in the 60-credit project and a merit grade in both 30-credit compulsory modules, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSc–SP 2  REGISTRATION

MSc–SP 2.1  To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entry requirement is a first degree conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, or equivalent relevant experience.

MSc–SP 2.2  To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.
MSc–SP 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–SP 3.1  To be awarded the qualification, you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing:

(a) 60 credits from the compulsory modules

and

(b) 90 credits from the core option modules

(c) 30 credits from the compulsory professional project module

or

(d) 60 credits from the core option modules

(e) 60 credits from the compulsory research project module.

MSc–SP 3.2  The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 60 credits. The unique study for this qualification must include the credit from the compulsory research dissertation or the compulsory professional project.

MSc–SP 3.3  The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 180 credits, of which not less than 120 are from successfully completed specified modules and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

MSc–SP 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–SP 4.1  The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–SP 4.2  Credit transfer is only permitted against the specified core option modules within the Postgraduate Certificate and the Postgraduate Diploma. Any award of general credit exemption can count for 8 years from the completion date of study for which the general credit exemption is awarded.

MSc–SP 4.3  The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc is 60 credits.

MSc–SP 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–SP 5.1  The credit required for the Master of Science in Systems Thinking in Practice must be obtained during the time that the qualification is available. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MSc–SP 5.2  Credit from modules ceases to be countable towards the Master of Science in Systems Thinking in Practice eight years after their final presentation.