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).

MA–CY 1  DEGREE NAME

MA–CY 1.1 The University offers the Master of Arts in Childhood and Youth, referred to as the MA in Childhood and Youth. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MA (CY) (Open) after their names.

MA–CY 1.2 The degree will be awarded with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in a minimum of 120 credits from the compulsory modules if you qualify under MA–CY 3.2 or a minimum of 120 credits from the compulsory Stage 2 and Stage 3 modules if you qualify under MA–CY 3.3.

MA–CY 2  REGISTRATION

MA–CY 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 bachelors degree or equivalent conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body in a discipline relevant to children and young people. However, if you have at least three years of professional experience you may be eligible for consideration.

MA–CY 2.2 To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MA–CY 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MA–CY 3.1 To be awarded the MA in Childhood and Youth, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules specified in the degree profile. If you start to study this degree before October 2018, you may qualify under the structure described in regulation MA–CY 3.2. If you start to study for this degree from October 2018 onwards, you may qualify under the structure described in regulation MA–CY 3.3

MA–CY 3.2 180 credits, of which:
(a) 120 credits are from the compulsory modules
(b) 60 credits are from the specified core option modules.

MA–CY 3.3 180 credits, of which:
(a) 60 credits are from the compulsory Stage 1 module
(b) 60 credits are from the compulsory Stage 2 module
(c) 60 credits are from the compulsory Stage 3 dissertation module.
MA–CY 3.4 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 MA in Childhood and Youth modules and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

MA–CY 3.5 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.

MA–CY 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MA–CY 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MA in Childhood and Youth is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MA–CY 4.2 Any award of transferred credit against the structure described in MA-CY- 3.2 must take the form of general credit exemption against the core option modules. No award of credit transfer is permitted in place of the compulsory modules.

MA–CY 4.3 Any award of transferred credit against the structure described in MA-CY- 3.3 must take the form of general credit exemption against the Stage One compulsory module. No award of credit transfer is permitted in place of the Stage 2 or Stage 3 modules.

MA–CY 4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MA is 60 credits: one third of the credit requirement of the degree.

MA–CY 5 DURATION OF STUDY

MA–CY 5.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the MA in Childhood and Youth must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MA–CY 5.2 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MA in Childhood and Youth at a specified point in time after their final presentation.