MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED NETWORKING

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–AN 1 DEGREE NAME

MSc–AN 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Advanced Networking, referred to as the MSc in Advanced Networking. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc Adv Netw (Open) after their names.

MSc–AN 1.2 If you obtain (i) a distinction grade in the 60-credit project module or (ii) a distinction grade in the 30-credit project module and the compulsory 30-credit module and (iii) 30 credits at distinction grade and at least a further 30 credits at merit grade or higher in the Postgraduate Diploma taught modules required for the degree, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MSc–AN 1.3 Approval has been given for this qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2022.

MSc–AN 2 REGISTRATION

MSc–AN 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and have successfully completed the Open University Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Networking.

MSc–AN 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–AN 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–AN 3.1 To be awarded the qualification, you must obtain 180 credits through the successful completion of:

(a) 120 credits from specified compulsory modules included in the Postgraduate Diploma and

(b) the compulsory 60-credit dissertation module.

or

(c) the 30-credit professional project module and a further 30-credit compulsory module.

MSc–AN 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–AN 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–AN 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Advanced Networking is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–AN 4.2 Any award of transferred credit against the compulsory modules in the postgraduate diploma profile must take the form of general credit exemption.

MSc–AN 4.3 The maximum award of transferred credit is 60 credits.

MSc–AN 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–AN 5.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the Master of Science in Advanced Networking must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MSc–AN 5.2 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MSc in Advanced Networking at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MSc–AN 6 DISSERTATION

MSc–AN 6.1 You will be required to submit, within the period specified for the degree, a dissertation conforming to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–AN 6.2 The length of the dissertation, excluding footnotes and appendices, must be 10,000–15,000 words. The dissertation will be submitted to examiners appointed by the Senate. It may be found to be:

(a) pass with distinction
(b) pass with merit
(c) pass
(d) unacceptable, with permission for you to re-submit (only one re-submission may be allowed)
(e) unacceptable.

MSc–AN 6.3 You may be required to attend a viva voce (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MSc–AN 6.4 The result awarded to you, after completion of any corrections and re-submissions required by the examiners, will be pass or fail.