MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

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–E 1 DEGREE NAME

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

MA–E 1.2 If you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation and a distinction grade in the other 120-credits, you will be eligible for the degree with distinction.

If you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation and a merit grade in the other 120-credits, you will be eligible for the degree with distinction.

MA–E 1.3 If you are awarded a distinction grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation and a pass in the other 120-credits, you will be eligible for the degree with merit.

If you are awarded a merit grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation, and a distinction, merit or pass in the other 120-credits, you will be eligible for the degree with merit.

If you are awarded a pass grade in the compulsory 60-credit dissertation, and a distinction in the other 120-credits, you will be eligible for the degree with merit.

MA–E 2 REGISTRATION

MA–E 2.1 To be registered 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 an honours degree conferred by a UK university, or an equivalent qualification. The subject content of your first degree must be acceptable to the Arts and Humanities Programme Committee.

MA–E 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–E 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MA–E 3.1 To qualify for the MA in English, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules specified in the degree profile, of which:

(a) 120 credits are from the compulsory taught module or from the list of previously approved 60-credit modules
(b) 60 credits are from the compulsory dissertation module.

MA–E 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.
MA–E 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MA–E 4.1 There is no credit transfer scheme for this qualification.

MA–E 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MA–E 5.1 In order to actively continue your studies, you must satisfy the assignment and examination requirements and make satisfactory progress as specified for the qualification. If you fail to satisfy the assignment and examination requirements for the qualification for which you are registered or to make satisfactory progress, you will cease to be registered for the MA in English and will have no more right to continue your studies than a new applicant.

MA–E 5.2 The credit required from modules for the MA in English must be obtained during a period not exceeding 10 years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MA–E 5.3 You must take the taught module(s) first. You must pass this 120-credit postgraduate module or these two, 60-credit modules, or be registered for an examination resit or an examinable component re-submission before you take the dissertation in any successive year.

MA–E 5.4 The dissertation must form the final credit for your degree. You may not take any other modules, or examination resits, or examinable component resubmissions together with the dissertation.

MA–E 5.5 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MA in English at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MA–E 6 DISSERTATION

MA–E 6.1 You must submit a dissertation conforming to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). The topic of your dissertation must be relevant to the subject matter of the taught module(s) and approved by your tutor. The dissertation must be between 12,000 and 15,000 words, including footnotes and excluding a bibliography. You may be required to attend a viva voce (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MA–E 6.2 The dissertation will be submitted to examiners appointed by the Senate. It may be found to be:

(a) acceptable
(b) pending – pass result may be awarded on satisfactory completion of amendments within three months (only one submission of such amendments permitted)
(c) pending – pass result may be awarded following the collection of further satisfactory evidence from a viva voce (oral) examination (only one attempt permitted)
(d) unacceptable – but with permission for you to re-submit (only one re-submission permitted)
(e) unacceptable with permission for you to re-register for a dissertation on a different topic.