MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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).

**M–BA 1 DEGREE NAME**

**M–BA 1.1** The University offers the Master of Business Administration, referred to as the MBA. Holders of this award are permitted to use the letters MBA (Open) after their names.

**M–BA 1.2** The University previously offered the MBA (F02) under a different structure until the end of 2015. Regulations for these previous versions of qualification code F02 are held on a separate document and may be requested from the Academic Policy and Governance office.

**M–BA 1.3** If you obtain a distinction grade in at least two of the three components of the degree specified in regulation M–BA 3.2, M–BA 3.3 b) and M–BA 3.3 d), or a distinction grade in one and a merit grade in the other two, you will be eligible for the award of the degree with distinction.

**M–BA 1.4** If you obtain merit grades in all three components of the degree specified in regulation M–BA 3.2, M–BA 3.3 b) and M–BA 3.3 d), you will be eligible for the award of the degree with merit.

**M–BA 1.5** If you obtain at least 90 credits at distinction grade from the components specified in regulation M–BA 3.2, M–BA 3.3 f) and M–BA 3.3 h), you will be eligible for the award of the degree with distinction.

**M–BA 1.6** If you obtain at least 90 credits at merit grade from the components specified in regulation M–BA 3.2, M–BA 3.3 f) and M–BA 3.3 h), you will be eligible for the award of the degree with merit.

**M–BA 2 REGISTRATION**

**M–BA 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 entrance requirement is a degree with honours from a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, a qualification regarded by the University as being equivalent to an honours degree, the Open University Professional Diploma in Management, or credit from the modules that would qualify for that qualification.

**M–BA 2.2** If you do not satisfy regulation M–BA 2.1 but can satisfy the Senate that your qualifications or other evidence of competence are an adequate preparation for the programme of study, your application may, in certain circumstances, be considered.

**M–BA 2.3** You must have a minimum of three years management experience by the start date of your first module.

**M–BA 2.4** To be awarded the degree you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.
M–BA 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

M–BA 3.1  To be awarded the degree, you must obtain 180 credits by successful completion of modules in the MBA profile and satisfy the other requirements and regulations.

M–BA 3.2  Stage I of the degree requires 60 credits from a specified compulsory module.

M–BA 3.3  Stage II of the degree requires:

a) 450 hours of study on two compulsory modules on which you will be assessed during your studies
b) 45 credits from a specified compulsory assessment component
c) 45 credits from specified option modules
d) 30 credits from a specified compulsory project module

e) 15 credits from a specified compulsory module
f) 30 credits from a further specified compulsory module
g) 45 credits from specified option modules

M–BA 3.4  The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have obtained 180 credits, of which not less than 150 are from specified Open University modules and not more than 30 are transferred credits against the specified option modules in Stage II.

M–BA 3.5  The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 60 credits.

M–BA 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

M–BA 4.1  The credit transfer scheme for the degree is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

M–BA 4.2  Any award of transferred credit will take the form of module exemption or general credit exemption against the specified option modules in Stage II.

M–BA 4.3  No credit transfer is permitted against the Stage I module or any of the other Stage II requirements.

M–BA 4.4  The maximum award of transferred credit is 30 credits.

M–BA 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

M–BA 5.1  The credits required for the degree, including any credit transfer and, where applicable the hours of study, must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Faculty Teaching Committee. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

M–BA 5.2  In Stage I if you do not achieve a pass in the specified compulsory module (including a resit or resubmission) you may only repeat study of this module once.

M–BA 5.3  You must pass Stage I before commencing the Stage II 30-credit specified compulsory project module in M–BA 3.3 d) or M–BA 3.3 h).

M–BA 5.4  Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MBA at a specified point in time after their final presentation.