MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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–EM 1 DEGREE NAME

MSc–EM 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Environmental Management. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc Env Mgmt (Open) after their names.

MSc–EM 1.2 If you obtain a distinction in 90 credits including (a) the 60 credit dissertation and one of the 30 credit compulsory modules or (b) the 30 credit project and one of the 30 credit compulsory modules; and you obtain a merit or above in either the second compulsory 30 credit module or a 30 credit option module, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MSc–EM 1.3 If you obtain a distinction in 60 credits from (a) the 60 credit dissertation or (b) the 30 credit project and the 30 credit compulsory module and merits in a further 60 credits, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSc–EM 1.4 If you obtain a merit in 120 credits including (a) the 60 credit dissertation and one of the 30 credit compulsory modules or (b) the 30 credit project and one of the 30 credit compulsory modules you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSC–EM 2 REGISTRATION

MSc–EM 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 awarded by a UK university, or other recognised degree-awarding body, or an equivalent qualification.

MSc–EM 2.2 The Faculty Teaching Committee may decide in individual cases that other professional or academic experience forms an appropriate basis for this study.

MSc–EM 2.3 To be awarded the MSc in Environmental Management, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.
MSc–EM 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–EM 3.1 To qualify for the MSc in Environmental Management you must obtain 180 credits, of these:

(a) 60 credits are from the specified compulsory modules
(b) 30 credits are from the specified core option modules
(c) 30 credits are from the specified option modules
(d) 60 credits are from the compulsory research project
(e) 30 credits are from the compulsory professional project

or

(f) a further 30 credits are from the specified option modules.

MSc–EM 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the MSc in Environmental Management if you have 180 credits, of which not less than 150 are from successfully completed specified modules and not more than 30 are transferred credit.

MSc–EM 3.3 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–EM 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–EM 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Environmental Management is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–EM 4.2 Any award of transferred credit will take the form of module exemption or general credit exemption towards the specified option modules as given in regulation MSc–EM 3.1 (c).

MSc–EM 4.3 Any award of general credit exemption can count for eight years from the completion date of the study for which the general credit exemption is awarded.

MSc–EM 4.4 If you commence study for the first time for this qualification in October 2012 or later, the study considered for an award of transferred credit must have been completed within the 16 years prior to the University receiving your complete application for credit transfer towards this MSc degree, unless you receive an award of general credit exemption in which case regulation PD–EM 4.3 will apply.

MSc–EM 4.5 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc in Environmental Management is 60 credits.

MSc–EM 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–EM 5.1 The credit required for the Master of Science in Environmental Management must be obtained within eight years. Modules do not have to be studied consecutively.

MSc–EM 6 DISSERTATION OR PROJECT

MSc–EM 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–EM 6.2 The length of the dissertation, excluding footnotes and appendices, must be 10,000–15,000 words.
MSc–EM 6.3  The dissertation or project 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 permitted)
(e)  unacceptable.

MSc–EM 6.4  You may be required to attend a *viva voce* (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MSc–EM 6.5  The result awarded to you, after completion of any corrections and re-submissions required by the examiners, will be pass or fail.