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–C 1 DEGREE NAME

MSc–C 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Computing. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc Comp (Open) after their names.

MSc–C 1.2 If you include certain specified modules in Software Engineering or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be awarded as the Master of Science in Computing (Software Engineering). If you include certain specified modules in Information Security and Forensics or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be awarded as the Master of Science in Computing (Information Security and Forensics).

MSc–C 1.3 If you obtain a distinction in at least 90 credits at postgraduate level, including the project module, you will be awarded the Master of Science in Computing with distinction. To be awarded the Master of Science in Computing (Software Engineering) or the Master of Science in Computing (Information Security and Forensics) with distinction, you must obtain a distinction in at least 90 credits at postgraduate level, including the project module and at least 30 credits from a compulsory postgraduate module.

MSC–C 2 REGISTRATION

MSc–C 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 an honours degree conferred by a UK university, or other recognised degree-awarding body, or other qualification or experience deemed to be equivalent and relevant by the Faculty Teaching Committee.

MSc–C 2.2 To be awarded the MSc in Computing, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MSc–C 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–C 3.1 To be awarded the MSc in Computing you must successfully complete 180 credits from approved modules, of these:

(a) at least 60 credits must be from specified core option modules
(b) up to 60 credits can be from specified option modules
(c) 60 credits are from the compulsory research project

or

(d) 30 credits are from the compulsory professional project

and

(e) 30 credits are from modules at OU third level or at OU postgraduate level
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MSc–C 3.2 To be awarded the MSc in Computing (Software Engineering) or the MSc in Computing (Information Security and Forensics) you must successfully complete 180 credits from approved modules, of these:

(a) 60 credits must be from specified compulsory modules
(b) 60 credits are from specified option modules
(c) 60 credits are from the compulsory research project (in the appropriate subject matter of software engineering or information security and forensics)

or

(d) 30 credits are from the compulsory professional project (in the appropriate subject matter of software engineering or information security and forensics)

and

(e) 30 credits are from modules at OU third level or at OU postgraduate level

MSc–C 3.3 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the MSc in Computing if you have 180 credits, of which:

(a) not less than 120 are from Open University modules
(b) not more than 60 are transferred credits.

MSc–C 3.4 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–C 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

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

MSc–C 4.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the specified core option modules given in regulation MSc–C 3.1 (a) or the specified compulsory modules given in MSc–C 3.2 (a) will take the form of module exemption.

MSc–C 4.3 Any award of transferred credit towards the specified option modules will take the form of general credit exemption.

MSc–C 4.4 Credit transfer is not permitted against the 60 credit research project or the 30 credit professional project or the 30 credits from modules at OU third level or postgraduate level given in regulations MSc–C 3.1 (c), (d) and (e) and MSc–C 3.2 (c), (d) and (e).

MSc–C 4.5 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc in Computing is 60 credits.

MSc–C 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–C 5.1 The credit required from modules and any permitted credit transfer for the Master of Science in Computing must be obtained during a period not exceeding six years. You are advised to study modules in the specified sequence, with the research project or professional project studied after the first 120 credits.

MSc–C 5.2 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the Master of Science in Computing at a specified point in time after their final presentation.