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–BAT 1 DEGREE NAME

M–BAT 1.1 The University offers the Master of Business Administration (Technology Management), referred to as the MBA (Technology Management). Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MBA (Tech Mgmt) (Open) after their names.

If you qualify for this degree on or before 31 December 2016, you may have qualified under either of the structures described in regulations M–BAT 1.2, M–BAT 1.3, M–BAT 3.1 to M–BAT 5.4 (qualification code F03) or the structure described in regulations M–BAT 1.2, M–BAT 1.3, M–BAT 6.1 to M–BAT 9.4 (qualification code F69).

If you qualify for this degree after 31 December 2016, you must qualify under the structure described in regulations M–BAT 1.2, M–BAT 1.3, M–BAT 6.1 to M–BAT 9.4 (qualification code F69).

M–BAT 1.2 If you have included the 60-credit compulsory module as fulfilling the Stage I requirement of the degree and you are awarded either (i) a distinction grade for a minimum of 90 credits or (ii) a distinction grade for a minimum of 60 credits and a merit grade for a further 60 credits from the modules required for the degree, you will be eligible for the award of the degree with distinction.

M–BAT 1.3 If you have included the 60-credit compulsory module as fulfilling the Stage I requirement of the degree and you are awarded either (i) a distinction grade for 30 credits and a merit grade for a minimum of another 90 credits or (ii) a merit grade for a minimum of 120 credits from the modules required for the degree, you will be eligible for the award of the degree with merit.

M–BAT 2 REGISTRATION

M–BAT 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–BAT 2.2 If you do not satisfy regulation M–BAT 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–BAT 2.3 You must have a minimum of three years of management experience by the start date of your first module.

M–BAT 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–BAT 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

If you qualify for this degree up to and including 31 December 2016, you may choose to qualify under either of the structures described in regulations M–BAT 3.1 to 5.4 (qualification code F03) or M–BAT 6.1 to M–BAT 9.1 (qualification code F69)

M–BAT 3.1 To be awarded the degree, you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing modules taken from the MBA (Technology Management) profile (unless regulations M–BAT 3.3 or M–BAT 3.3 apply to you) and must satisfy the other requirements and regulations.

(a) Stage I may be either the Professional Diploma in Management or the specified compulsory module.

(b) Stage II comprises three compulsory 30-credit modules including a project module and a further 30 credits from modules chosen from a range of options.

M–BAT 3.2 If you satisfy Stage I of the degree by completing the specified compulsory module, the Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree 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.

M–BAT 3.3 If you satisfy Stage I of the degree by completing the Professional Diploma in Management, the Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have a further 120 credits, of which not less than 90 are from successfully completed specified modules and not more than 30 are transferred credit. If you have an award of transferred credit towards the Professional Diploma in Management, regulation M–BAT 4.4 applies to you.

M–BAT 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.

M–BAT 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

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

M–BAT 4.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the degree must take the form of module exemption and is not permitted against the project module.

M–BAT 4.3 The maximum award of transferred credit is 30 credits.

M–BAT 4.4 If you satisfy the requirements of Stage I of the degree by completing the Professional Diploma in Management and if that diploma contained an award of transferred credit, you are not permitted to benefit from any further award of transferred credit towards the requirements of the degree.

M–BAT 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

M–BAT 5.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the MBA (Technology Management) must be obtained during a period not exceeding 10 years. Exceptions to this must be approved by the Faculty Teaching Committee. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

M–BAT 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–BAT 5.3 You must pass Stage I before commencing the Stage II 30-credit specified compulsory project module.
M–BAT 5.4 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MBA (Technology Management) at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

If you qualify for this degree after 31 December 2016, you must qualify under the structure described in regulations M–BAT 6.1 to M–BAT 9.1 (qualification code F69)

M–BAT 6.1 To be awarded the degree, you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing modules taken from the MBA (Technology Management) profile (unless regulations M–BAT 6.2 or M–BAT 6.3 apply to you) and must satisfy the other requirements and regulations.

(a) Stage I may be either the Professional Diploma in Management or the specified compulsory module.

(b) Stage II comprises three compulsory 30-credit modules including a project module, a compulsory 15-credit module and a further 15 credits from modules chosen from a range of options.

M–BAT 6.2 If you satisfy Stage I of the degree by completing the specified compulsory route, the Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 180 credits, of which not less than 165 are from successfully completed specified modules and not more than 15 are transferred credit.

M–BAT 6.3 If you satisfy Stage I of the degree by completing the Professional Diploma in Management, the Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have a further 120 credits, of which not less than 105 are from successfully completed specified modules and not more than 15 are transferred credit. If you have an award of transferred credit towards the Professional Diploma in Management, regulation M–BAT 7.4 applies to you.

M–BAT 6.4 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.

M–BAT 7 CREDIT TRANSFER

M–BAT 7.1 The credit transfer scheme for the degree is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

M–BAT 7.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the structure given in M–BAT 6.1 to 9.4 will take the form of general credit exemption against the specified option module in Stage II. There is no credit transfer permitted against any of the compulsory modules in this structure.

M–BAT 7.3 The maximum award of transferred credit is 15 credits.

M–BAT 7.4 If you satisfy the requirements of Stage I of the degree by completing the Professional Diploma in Management and if that diploma contained an award of transferred credit, you are not permitted to benefit from any further award of transferred credit towards the requirements of the degree.

M–BAT 8 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

M–BAT 8.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the MBA (Technology Management) under the structure given in M–BAT 6.1 to 9.4 must be obtained during a period not exceeding 7 years. Exceptions to this must be approved by the Faculty Teaching Committee. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

M–BAT 8.2 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–BAT 8.3 You must pass Stage I before commencing the Stage II 30-credit specified compulsory project module

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M–BAT 8.4 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MBA (Technology Management) at a specified point in time after their final presentation.