MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION and 
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These are credit-based qualifications.
These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION

MA–Ed 1  DEGREE NAME

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

MA–Ed 1.2 The University previously offered the Master of Arts in Education (F01) under a different structure until the end of 2010. A designation of MA in Education (Lifelong Learning) was offered until the end of 2008. Regulations for these previous versions of qualification code F01 are held on a separate document and may be requested from the Academic Policy and Governance office.

MA–Ed 1.3 Qualification Code F01: If you include certain specified modules in education management or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Leadership and Management). If you include certain specified modules in equality and diversity or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Equality and Diversity). If you include certain specified modules in applied linguistics or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Applied Linguistics).

MA–Ed 1.4 Qualification Code F70: If you include certain specified modules in education management or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Leadership and Management). If you include certain specified modules in inclusive practice or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Inclusive Practice). If you include certain specified modules in applied linguistics or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Applied Linguistics). If you include certain specified modules in learning and teaching or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be designated the MA in Education (Learning and Teaching).

MA–Ed 1.5 If you qualify for the degree under the qualification code F01 between October 2007 and 31 December 2017 and you obtain a distinction grade in two of the three 60-credit modules required, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MA–Ed 1.6 If you qualify for the degree under the qualification code F70 and you obtain a distinction grade in both of the modules in Stages 2 and 3, you will be awarded the degree with distinction. If you obtain a distinction and a merit for the modules in Stages 2 and 3, or a merit grade for both of the modules in Stages 2 and 3, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MA–Ed 2  REGISTRATION

MA–Ed 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 bachelor’s degree conferred by a UK University or other recognised degree-awarding body.
MA–Ed 2.2 If you do not satisfy regulation MA–Ed 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.

MA–Ed 2.3 To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MA–Ed 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

If you qualify for this degree under qualification code F01 after 31 December 2010 and on or before 31 December 2015, you may choose to qualify under either of the structures described in regulations MA–Ed 3.1 and 3.2 or MA–Ed 3.3 and 3.4.

If you qualify for this degree under qualification code F01 after 31 December 2015 and on or before 31st December 2017, you must satisfy the requirements described in regulations MA–Ed 3.3 and 3.4.

Approval has been given for the F01 qualification structure described in MA-Ed 3.1- 3.2 and MA-Ed 3.3-3.4 to be withdrawn. The final date on which the qualification will be awarded under these structures will be 31 December 2017.

If you qualify for this degree under qualification code F70, you must satisfy the requirements described in regulations MA–Ed 3.5 and 3.6.

MA–Ed 3.1 To qualify for the degree you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing:

(a) the compulsory 60-credit module

and

(b) 120 credits from the list of option modules

MA–Ed 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you obtain 180 credits of which:

(a) 120 credits are from specified Open University modules

and

(b) 60 credits are transferred credit awarded for successful completion of appropriate study at another institution, in accordance with regulation MA–Ed 4.1.

MA–Ed 3.3 To qualify for the degree you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing:

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(b) at least 60 credits from the list of specified Education modules

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MA–Ed 3.5 To qualify for the degree you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing:
(a) a 60-credit option module within Stage 1 of the qualification

and

(b) a 60-credit core specialist module within Stage 2 of the qualification

and

(c) a 60-credit compulsory module within Stage 3 of the qualification

MA–Ed 3.6 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you obtain 180 credits of which:

(a) 120 credits are from specified Open University modules within Stages 2 and 3 of the qualification

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(b) 60 credits are transferred credit awarded for successful completion of appropriate study at another institution, in accordance with regulation MA–Ed 4.1.

MA–Ed 3.7 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–Ed 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MA–Ed 4.1 You may be awarded transferred credit in recognition of study at another institution, in accordance with the provisions of the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and MA–Ed 3.2, MA–Ed 3.4 or MA–Ed 3.6, and subject to conditions set out in regulations MA–Ed 4.2 - 4.4.

MA–Ed 4.2 Credit transfer against the compulsory 60-credit module in MA-Ed 3.2 or MA-Ed 3.4 must take the form of module exemption.

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MA–Ed 4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit for study at other institutions is 60 credits.

MA–Ed 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

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

MA–Ed 5.2 If you do not achieve a pass in any particular module (including a resit or resubmission) you may only repeat study of any module once.

MA–Ed 5.3 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the award of the MA in Education must be obtained during a period not exceeding six years. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Faculty Teaching Committee. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MA–Ed 5.4 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MA in Education at a specified point in time after their final presentation.
MA–Ed 6  SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION

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