MASTER OF ARTS IN CREATIVE WRITING

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).

MA-CW1 DEGREE NAME

MA-CW1.1 The University offers the Master of Arts in Creative Writing, referred to as the MA in Creative Writing. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MA (CW) (Open) after their names.

MA-CW1.2 The degree will be awarded with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in the compulsory 120 credit Part 2 module and a distinction, merit or pass in the compulsory 60 credit Part 1 module.

MA-CW1.3 The degree will be awarded with merit if you obtain a merit grade in the compulsory 120 credit Part 2 module and a distinction, merit or pass in the compulsory 60 credit Part 1 module.

MA-CW2 REGISTRATION

MA-CW2.1 To be registered as a student, you must adhere to the 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 an equivalent qualification. The subject content of your first degree must be acceptable to the Faculty Teaching Committee.

MA-CW2.2 To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MA-CW3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MA-CW3.1 To qualify for the MA in Creative Writing, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules specified in the degree profile, where:

(a) 60 credits are from the specified compulsory Part 1 module.
(b) 120 credits are from the specified compulsory Part 2 module.

MA-CW 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 180 credits, of which not less than 120 are from successfully completed MA in Creative Writing modules and not more than 60 are transferred credits.

MA-CW3.3 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.
MA-CW 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

MA–CW 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MA in Creative Writing is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MA–CW 4.2 Any award of transferred credit must take the form of module exemption against the specified compulsory 60 credit Part 1 module. No award of credit transfer is permitted in place of the specified compulsory 120 credit Part 2 module.

MA–CW 4.3 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MA is 60 credits: one third of the credit requirement of the degree.

MA-CW 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

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

MA–CW 5.2 The credit required from modules for the MA in Creative Writing must be obtained during a period not exceeding 10 years. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

MA–CW 5.3 You must take the compulsory 60 credit Part 1 module in your first year of study. You must pass this module, or be registered for an examination resit or examinable component resubmission, before you take the compulsory 120 credit Part 2 module in any successive year.

MA–CW 5.5 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MA in Creative Writing at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MA-CW 6  DISSERTATION

MA–CW 6.1 You must submit a dissertation conforming to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). The topic of your dissertation must be appropriate to the subject matter of the taught module and approved by your tutor.

MA–CW 6.2 You must comply with the dissertation word length detailed in the appropriate Dissertation Guide/Module Guide/Study Guide. You may be required to attend a *viva voce* (oral) examination on your dissertation.

MA–CW 6.3 The dissertation 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) Pending – but with permission for you to re-submit (only one re-submission permitted)
(f) Fail– with permission for you to re-register for the MA Creative Writing Part 2 module.