MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

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–PSY 1 DEGREE NAME

MSc–PSY 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Psychology, referred to as the MSc in Psychology. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc (Psych) (Open) after their names.

MSc–PSY 1.2 The University previously offered Master of Science in Psychology under a different structure and the qualification code F15 until the end of 2014. Regulations for this previous version of the qualification are held on a separate document and may be requested from the Academic Policy and Governance Office.

MSc–PSY 1.3 The degree will be awarded with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in the compulsory 120 credit psychology module and a distinction, merit or pass in the compulsory 60 credit foundation module.

MSc–PSY 1.4 The degree will be awarded with merit if you obtain a merit grade in the compulsory 120 credit psychology module and a distinction, merit or pass in the compulsory 60 credit foundation module.

MSc–PSY 2 REGISTRATION

MSc–PSY 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 an honours degree of 2:2 classification or above conferred by a UK university or other degree-awarding body, or the equivalent. The subject content of your first degree must be acceptable to the Faculty Teaching Committee.

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

MSc–PSY 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–PSY 3.1 To be awarded the qualification, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules specified in the degree profile as follows:

(a) 60 credits must come from the compulsory foundation module
(b) 120 credits must come from the compulsory psychology module.

MSc–PSY 3.2 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.

MSc–PSY 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–PSY 4.1 There is no credit transfer scheme for the degree.
MSc–PSY 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–PSY 5.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the MSc in Psychology must be obtained during a period not exceeding ten years.

MSc–PSY 5.2 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MSc in Psychology at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MSc–PSY 6 SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT MASTER’S DEGREE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

MSc–PSY 6.1 You cannot count credit from the compulsory 120 credit module towards more than one master’s degree.