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–SpST 1 DEGREE NAME**

**MSc–SpST 1.1** The University offers the Master of Science in Space Science and Technology, referred to as the MSc in Space Science and Technology. Holders of the qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc (SpST) (Open) after their names.

**MSc–SpST 1.2** If you obtain a distinction grade in at least 120 of the credits in your degree including the compulsory Stage 1 module and the compulsory Stage 3 project module, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

**MSc–SpST 1.3** If you obtain at least a merit grade in 120 of the credits in your degree including the compulsory Stage 1 module and the compulsory Stage 3 project module, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

**MSc–SpST 2 REGISTRATION**

**MSc–SpST 2.1** To register as a student, you must adhere to registration requirements 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 in Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Geosciences, Engineering or Mathematics.

**MSc–SpST 2.2** If you do not satisfy regulation MSc–SpST 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.

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

**MSc–SpST 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT**

**MSc–SpST 3.1** The University will award you the MSc in Space Science and Technology if you have 180 credits from:

(a) 60 credits from a compulsory module at Stage 1

(b) 30 credits from core option group A and 30 credit from core option group B at Stage 2

(c) 60 credits from a compulsory project module at Stage 3

**MSc–SpST 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 compulsory modules including the Stage 1 module and the Stage 3 project module, and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

**MSc–SpST 3.3** 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.
MSc–SPST 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

**MSc–SpST 4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Space Science and Technology is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

**MSc–SpST 4.2** Any award of transferred credit must take the form of general credit exemption against the core option modules in Stage 2. No credit transfer is permitted against the compulsory Stage 1 or Stage 3 modules.

**MSc–SpST 4.3** The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc Space Science and Technology degree is 60 credits.

**MSc–SpST 4.4** The maximum age of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc Space Science and Technology degree is 10 years.

MSc–SPST 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

**MSc–SpST 5.1** The credit required for the MSc in Space Science and Technology must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years. Stages must be studied in order.