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–MHS 1 DEGREE NAME

MSC–MHS 1.1 The University offers the degree of Master of Science in Mental Health Science, referred to as the MSc in Mental Health Science. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc (MHS) (Open) after their names.

MSC–MHS 1.2 If you obtain a distinction grade in at least 120 of the credits in your degree including the compulsory Stage 2 module and the compulsory Stage 3 project module, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MSC–MHS 1.3 If you obtain at least a merit grade in 120 of the credits in your degree including the compulsory Stage 2 module and the compulsory Stage 3 project module, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MSC–MHS 2 REGISTRATION

MSC–MHS 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 normal minimum entrance requirement is an Honours degree from a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body. This degree should be in science or in a science–related subject including biomedical and psychological sciences, health science, mental health nursing or medicine.

MSC–MHS 2.2 If you do not satisfy regulation MSC–MHS 2.1 but can satisfy the Senate that your qualifications or other evidence of competence are an adequate preparation for the course of study, your application may, in certain circumstances, be considered.

MSC–MHS 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–MHS 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSC–MHS 3.1 The University will award you the MSc in Mental Health Science if you have obtained 180 credits from:

a) The compulsory module in Stage 1
b) The compulsory module in Stage 2
c) The compulsory project module in Stage 3

MSC–MHS 3.3 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 2 module and the Stage 3 project module, and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

MSC–MHS 3.4 The credit for this degree must include from Open University modules a minimum amount that meets the University’s unique study requirements; that minimum amount is 60 credits.
MSC–MHS 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MSC–MHS 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Mental Health Science is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSC–MHS 4.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the degree will take the form of module exemption against the compulsory module in Stage 1.

MSC–MHS 4.3 Transferred credit is not permitted against the Stage 2 module or the Stage 3 project module.

MSC–MHS 4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit towards the MSc in Mental Health Science is 60 credits.

MSC–MHS 4.5 The maximum age of any transferred credit towards the MSc in Mental Health Science is 10 years.

MSC–MHS 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSC–MHS 5.1 The credit required for the MSc in Mental Health Science must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years. Stages must be studied in order.