MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK

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-SW 1 DEGREE NAME

MA-SW 1.1 The University offers the Master of Arts in Social Work, referred to as the MA in Social Work. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MA (Soc Wk) (Open) after their names.

MA-SW 1.2 If you qualify for the degree and you obtain a distinction grade in the dissertation module and a distinction grade in the advancing practice module, you will be awarded the degree with distinction.

MA-SW 1.3 If you qualify for the degree and you obtain a distinction grade in the dissertation module and a merit grade in the advancing practice module, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MA-SW 1.4 If you qualify for the degree and you obtain a merit grade in the dissertation module and a distinction grade in the advancing practice module, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MA-SW 1.5 If you qualify for the degree and you obtain a merit grade in the dissertation module and a merit grade in the advancing practice module, you will be awarded the degree with merit.

MA-SW 2 REGISTRATION

MA-SW 2.1 To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) in addition to the specified entry requirements listed in the qualification description.

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

MA-SW 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MA-SW 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 specified compulsory developing practice module.
(b) 60 credits must come from the specified compulsory advancing practice module.
(c) 60 credits must come from the specified compulsory dissertation module.

MA-SW 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the qualification if you have obtained 180 credits, of which not more than 120 are transferred credit.

MA-SW 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.
MA-SW 4  CREDIT TRANSFER

MA–SW 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MA in Social Work is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MA–SW 4.2 Any award of transferred credit must take the form of module exemption against the specified compulsory 60 credit developing practice and advancing practice modules. The maximum age of transferred credit is four years.

MA–SW 4.3 The minimum and maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MA is 120 credits from a completed Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work.

MA–SW 4.4 If you qualify for the degree with transferred credit, you will not be eligible for a classified award.

MA-SW 5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MA-SW 5.1 The credit required from modules must be obtained during a period not exceeding nine years.

MA-SW 5.2 Students who have been permitted to start the advancing practice module before receiving the result of the developing practice module will be deregistered if they do not meet the prerequisite requirements following completion of any resubmission offered. This is an exception to Academic Regulation D3.2 b).

MA-SW 6  SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT MASTER’S DEGREE IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

MA-SW 6.1 You cannot count credit from a dissertation towards more than one master’s degree.

MA-SW 6.2 You can be awarded a particular Open University master’s degree only once.