MASTER OF ARTS OPEN
AND
MASTER OF SCIENCE OPEN

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).

MO-O1 DEGREE NAME

MO-O1.1 The University offers the Master of Arts Open, referred to as the MA Open. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MA Open (Open) after their names.

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

MO-O1.2 The degree will be awarded with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade in at least 90 of the 180 credits required for the degree.

MO-O1.3 The degree will be awarded with merit if you obtain a merit grade in at least 90 of the 180 credits required for the degree.

MO-O2 REGISTRATION

MO-O2.1 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 undergraduate degree, an equivalent qualification related to the intended specialist area of study, or other qualification or experience deemed to be equivalent and relevant by the Faculty Teaching Committee.

MO-O2.2 To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

MO-O3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MO-O3.1 To qualify for the MA Open / MSc Open, you must obtain a minimum of 180 credits through the successful completion of modules following either of two routes:

(a) 180 credits from core module options within one of the four cognate study areas

(b) 120 credits from core module options within one of the four cognate study areas and a further 60 credits from module options within a different cognate study area or within the Further Professional Development option modules

MO-O3.2 The designation of the qualification (MA or MSc) will be determined by the number of credits obtained in modules or credit transfer designated as appropriate for an MA or MSc. For the award to be designated as an MA at least 90 credits must come from modules that have been designated as appropriate for an MA; to be designated an MSc at least 90 credits must come from modules that have been designated as appropriate for an MSc.

MO-O3.3 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 180 credits, of which not less than 60 are from successfully completed MA Open/MSc Open modules and not more than 120 are transferred credits.
The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations. The minimum amount for this qualification is 60 credits.

**MO-O4  CREDIT TRANSFER**

**MO-O4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the MA Open/MSc Open is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

**MO-O4.2** The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MA/MSc is 120 credits: two thirds of the credit requirement of the degree. You will not be eligible for a classified award if you transfer more than 90 credits.

**MO-O4.3** The study considered for an award of transferred credit must have been completed within the 10 years prior to the University receiving your completed application for credit transfer towards this Master’s degree.

**MO-O5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE**

**MO-O5.1** The credit required from modules for the MA Open/MSc Open must be obtained during a period not exceeding 8 years.

**MO-O5.2** Modules can be studied in any order as long as specified entry requirements (relevant prior study and/or any module-specific requirements) have been met.