Bachelor of Science with Honours in Natural Sciences

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available by going online to the Open University ‘Essential Documents’ website at [www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents](http://www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents).

**Short title**
BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences

**Award letters**
BSc (Hons) Nat Sci (Open)

**Entry requirements**
None

**Maximum duration of study**
16 years

**Credit requirement**
360

**Stage 1 (120 credits)**
90 credits from specified compulsory modules and depending on the study route being followed, 30 credits from a further specified compulsory module or 30 credits from specified modules

**Stage 2 (120 credits)**
60 credits from specified compulsory modules or 60 credits from specified option modules and depending on the study route being followed,

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30 credits from a specified compulsory module or 30 credits from further specified option modules and

30 credits from a specified compulsory practical science module or 30 credits chosen from a list of specified practical science modules
Stage 3 (120 credits)
60 credits from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 3 or 60 credits are from specified option modules and depending on the study route being followed,
30 credits from a specified compulsory module or 30 credits from a specified option module and
30 credits are from a specified compulsory project module or 30 credits chosen from a list of specified project modules

Maximum transferred credit
240 credits

Maximum age of credit transfer
16 years

Unique study requirement
120 credits at OU Stage 3

Additional rules
From 31 December 2015, the BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences can also be awarded with a named specialism if you have 360 credits from approved modules including 60 credits at OU Stage 2 and 90 credits at OU Stage 3 that are specified for each particular specialism.

Where modules that make up specialisms are included, the degree may be referred to as the BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences ('specialism') where ‘specialism’ is the name of the specialism concerned.