Foundation Degree in Engineering

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.

Award letters
FD (Open)

Entry requirements
None

Maximum duration of study
9 years except where credit transfer has been awarded, in which case the time to complete the OU credit will be less, as follows:

- 90 - 120 OU credits to complete: 4 years
- 150 - 180 OU credits to complete: 5 years
- 210 OU credits to complete: 6 years

Credit requirement
240

Stage 1 (120 credits)
30 credits from the specified compulsory knowledge-based module, 30 credits from the specified compulsory mathematics module, 30 credits from the specified compulsory work-based module and, depending on the study route being followed, 30 credits from a further specified compulsory mathematics module or 30 credits from specified mathematics option modules

or

30 credits from a specified core option module, 30 credits from the specified compulsory work-based module and 60 credits from the approved TWI (Welding Institute) Diploma, Specialist Level

or

120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 2 (120 credits)
60 credits from the specified compulsory knowledge-based module, 30 credits from the specified compulsory work-based module and 30 credits from specified core option modules

or

60 credits from a specified compulsory knowledge-based module, 30 credits from the specified compulsory work-based module and 30 credits from the approved TWI (Welding Institute) Diploma, Technologist Level
Maximum transferred credit
120 or 150 credits (see additional rules). The maximum award of credit transfer includes up to 90 credits of credit exemption from TWI (Welding Institute) qualifications. Credit transfer is not permitted against the specified compulsory work-based module at OU Stage 2.

Maximum age of credit transfer
5 years, including TWI (Welding Institute) qualifications.

Unique study requirement
90 credits

Additional rules
The maximum award of transferred credit towards the Foundation Degree in Engineering for the ‘Standard’ pathways is 150 credits, of which no more than 60 can be at OU Stage 2. The maximum award of transferred credit towards the Foundation Degree in Engineering for the ‘Gentle Start’ study route is 120 credits, of which no more than 60 can be at OU Stage 1 and no more than 60 can be at OU Stage 2. No credit transfer is permitted against the specified compulsory mathematics modules at OU Stage 1 in the Gentle Start route.