Master of Science in Engineering

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available online via the Open University ‘Essential Documents’ website at https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies.

Award letters
MSc (Eng) (Open)

Academic Entry requirements
An Honours degree from a recognised degree-awarding body or equivalent.

Credit studied within the Open University Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering or the Open University Master of Engineering may be used to satisfy the Stage 1 requirement of this qualification, subject to the time-limit for this qualification.

Other Entry requirements
None

Credit requirements
180 credits

Maximum duration of study
8 years, including any credit transfer

Progression rules
You must be have been awarded credit, including up to 60 credits of credit transfer for the 90 credits of option and/or core option modules in Stage 1 before you can study the 30-credit compulsory module in Stage 1.

Stage 1 must be completed before Stage 2 can be studied.

Maximum transferred credit
60 credits.

In Route 1, up to 60 credits of credit transfer can be awarded against the specified group of undergraduate and postgraduate-level option modules in Stage 1 from which 60 credits is required (List B).

In Route 2, up to 60 credits of credit transfer can be awarded against Stage 1 core option and option modules only (Lists A and B), with a maximum of 30 credits awarded against the group of postgraduate-level option modules from which 60 credits is required (List B).
Maximum age of credit transfer
Credit transfer is included in the maximum duration of study.

Unique study requirement
Minimum amount 60 credits. The unique study for this qualification must include the credit from either the 30 or 60 credit project module in Stage 2.

Routes to this qualification

Route 1: commenced in or after November 2019

Stage 1
30 credits from core option postgraduate–level modules (List A)
60 credits from a specified group of undergraduate and postgraduate-level option modules, of which a maximum of 30 credits can be from undergraduate modules (List B)
30-credit compulsory postgraduate–level module

Stage 2
60-credit research project or 30-credit professional project and a further 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module.

Route 2: commenced before November 2019 and to be completed by 31 December 2024

Stage 1
30 credits from a specified group of postgraduate-level core option modules (List A)
60 credits from a specified group of postgraduate-level option modules (List B)
30-credit compulsory postgraduate–level module

Stage 2
60-credit research project or 30-credit professional project and a further 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module.

Classification (both routes)
A Distinction grade will be awarded to students who achieve Distinction in the 60-credit Stage 2 research project module, and distinction or merit in the 30-credit Stage 1 compulsory module, and distinction or merit in a further 30-credits of postgraduate level study.

A Distinction grade will be awarded to students who achieve Distinction in the 30-credit Stage 2 research project module, and distinction in a further 30 credits of postgraduate-level study and distinction or merit in the 30-credit Stage 1 compulsory module and distinction or merit in a further 30 credits of postgraduate-level study.

A Merit grade will be awarded to students who achieve at least 90 credits at Merit grade which must include either the 60-credit Stage 2 research project module or the 30-credit Stage 2 research project module.

Any undergraduate credit included in the degree cannot be used in classification.

The classification scheme was amended in November 2021 to add a Merit classification.