Master of Science in Computing

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

Short title
MSc in Computing (Open)

Award letters
MSc Comp (Open)

Entry requirements
An Honours degree conferred by a UK university, or other recognised degree-awarding body. Non standard entry will be considered on a case by case basis.

Maximum duration of study
6 years, including any credit transfer

Credit requirement
180 credits:
60 credits from specified optional modules (or for a specialism leading to an award with a designation from specified compulsory modules), 60 credits from further specified optional modules and
60 credits from the compulsory research project or
30 credits from the compulsory professional project and 30 credits from modules at OU third level or at OU postgraduate level

Designations
If you include certain specified modules in Software Engineering or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be awarded as the Master of Science in Computing (Software Engineering).

If you include certain specified modules in Information Security and Forensics or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be awarded as the Master of Science in Computing (Information Security and Forensics).

If you include certain specified modules in Networking, or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your degree can be awarded as the Master of Science in Computing (Networking).
If you include certain specified modules in Cyber Security or an appropriate award of credit transfer, your diploma can be awarded as the Master of Science in Computing (Cyber Security Apprentice). The Master of Science in Computing (Cyber Security Apprentice) is restricted to Graduate Apprenticeship students in Scotland.

**Maximum transferred credit**
60 credits

**Maximum age of credit transfer**
All module and any transferred credit to be obtained within a 6 year period

**Unique study requirement**
60 credits

**Classification**
MSc in Computing:
Distinction: 90 postgraduate level credits at Distinction grade, including the research project or professional project
Merit: 90 postgraduate level credits at Merit grade, including the research project or professional project

MSc in Computing with any of the named Designations:
Distinction: 90 postgraduate-level credits at Distinction grade, including the research project or professional project and a further 30 credits from a compulsory module
Merit: 90 postgraduate-level credits at Merit grade, including the research project or professional project and a further 30 credits from a compulsory module

**Additional rules**
The classification scheme for this qualification was amended in May and June 2021