Master of Science in Economics

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 Economics

Award letters
MSc Econ (Open)

Entry requirements
An undergraduate Honours degree conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body. You should be aware that a degree of at least 2.1 or equivalent will greatly increase your chances of successfully completing the MSc.

A degree in Economics or a very closely related subject, or an undergraduate degree and our Economics Diploma of Higher Education or significant professional experience, is strongly recommended. If you do not have a degree in Economics, it is expected that you will have knowledge of or experience working with statistics and mathematics.

Maximum duration of study
10 years, including any credit transfer

Credit requirement
180 credits obtained from two compulsory 90 credit modules, part 1 and part 2 in the given order.

Maximum transferred credit
90 credits against the first 90 credit module only, no credit is transferrable against the final module.

Maximum age of credit transfer
Credit transfer study must be completed within the same 10 year study period as the OU study.

Unique study requirement
60 credits*
Classification
Distinction: At least 90 module credits at Distinction grade in the Part 2 module.
Merit: At least 90 module credits at Merit grade in the Part 2 module.

Additional rules
*Obtaining the required 60 credits of unique study for this qualification involves study of a compulsory 90 credit module.