Master of Arts in Music

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
MA Music

Award letters
MA (Mus) (Open)

Entry requirements
You must hold a UK Honours degree (or international equivalent) and it is recommended that you hold a 2.1 classification or above to successfully complete the MA. Although your degree need not be in a music-related subject, you must have the basic skills expected of a graduate in that area.

It is expected that your spoken and written English will be of an adequate standard for postgraduate study. If English is not your first language, we recommend that you will need a minimum score of 7 under the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Maximum duration of study
10 years, including any credit transfer

Credit requirement
180 credits obtained from two compulsory 90 credit modules, MA Music Part 1 and MA Music Part 2.

Maximum transferred credit
90 credits against MA Music Part 1 only.

Maximum age of credit transfer
Credit transfer study must be completed within the overall time limit.

Unique study requirement
60* credits

Classification
Distinction: At least 90 module credits at Distinction grade in MA Music Part 2.
Merit: At least 90 module credits at Merit grade in MA Music Part 2.
Additional rules
MA Music Part 1 must be studied before MA Music Part 2.

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