Master of Physics

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

Short title
Master of Physics (Open)

Award letters
M Phys (Open)

Entry requirements
None

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

- 240 credits to complete – 12 years
- 270-300 credits to complete – 13 years
- 330-360 credits to complete – 14 years
- 390-420 credits to complete – 15 years
- 450 credits to complete – 16 years

Credit requirement
480 credits

Stage 1 (120 credits)
Depending on the route studied, 120 credits from the specified compulsory undergraduate OU level 1 modules or 90 credits from the specified compulsory undergraduate OU level 1 modules and 30 credits from the specified core option undergraduate OU level 1 modules.

Stage 2 (120 credits)
All routes require 120 credits from the specified compulsory undergraduate OU level 2 modules.

Stage 3 (120 credits)
Depending on the route studied, 120 credits from the specified compulsory undergraduate OU level 3 modules or 90 credits from the specified compulsory undergraduate OU level 3 modules and 30 credits from the specified core option undergraduate OU level 3 modules.
Stage 4 (120 credits)
Depending on the route studied, 120 credits from the specified compulsory postgraduate modules or 90 credits from the specified compulsory postgraduate modules and 30 credits from the specified option postgraduate modules.

Maximum transferred credit
240 credits at Stages 1 and 2

Maximum age of credit transfer
16 years

Maximum reuse of Open University credit
240 credits at Stages 1 and 2

Unique study requirement
240 credits at OU Stage 3 and above.

Additional rules
The University will award this degree with a named specialism of Master of Physics (Astrophysics with Space Science) to students who have achieved the appropriate credit via one of the designated specialism study routes.