



Bachelor of Science with Honours in Natural Sciences

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available by going online to the Open University 'Essential Documents' website at www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents.

Short title

BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences

Award letters

BSc (Hons) Nat Sci (Open)

Entry requirements

None

Maximum duration of study

16 years

Credit requirement

360

Stage 1 (120 credits)

90 credits from specified compulsory modules and depending on the study route being followed, 30 credits from a further specified compulsory module or 30 credits from specified modules

Stage 2 (120 credits)

60 credits from specified compulsory modules *or* 60 credits from specified option modules *and* depending on the study route being followed,

60 credits from specified option modules *or*

60 credits from specified compulsory modules *or*

30 credits from a specified compulsory module *or* 30 credits from further specified option modules *and*

30 credits from a specified compulsory practical science module *or* 30 credits chosen from a list of specified practical science modules

Stage 3 (120 credits)

60 credits from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 3 *or* 60 credits are from specified option modules *and* depending on the study route being followed,

30 credits from a specified compulsory module *or* 30 credits from a specified option module *and*

30 credits are from a specified compulsory project module *or* 30 credits chosen from a list of specified project modules

Maximum transferred credit

240 credits

Maximum age of credit transfer

16 years

Unique study requirement

120 credits at OU Stage 3

Additional rules

From 31 December 2015, the BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences can also be awarded with a named specialism if you have 360 credits from approved modules including 60 credits at OU Stage 2 and 90 credits at OU Stage 3 that are specified for each particular specialism.

Where modules that make up specialisms are included, the degree may be referred to as the BSc (Honours) Natural Sciences ('specialism') where 'specialism' is the name of the specialism concerned.