



## Master of Arts Open and Master of Science Open

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 Open, MSc Open

### Award letters

MA Open (Open), MSc Open (Open)

### Entry requirements

An undergraduate degree, or equivalent qualification, related to the intended specialist area of study. Alternative qualifications together with appropriate experience can be considered. Please note that experience alone would not be sufficient. Further details on non-standard entry are available in qualification information on [Study at the OU](#).

### Maximum duration of study

8 years

### Credit requirement

180 credits obtained from successful completion of modules comprising either:

- a) 180 credits from core module options within one of the four cognate study areas, *or*
- b) 180 credits, of which a minimum of 120 credits are from core module options within one of the four cognate study areas and the balance of up to 60 credits are from module options within a different cognate study area, or from the Further Professional Development option modules, or from specified Microcredentials.

### Maximum transferred credit

120 credits

### Maximum age of credit transfer

10 years

### Unique study requirement

60 credits, but see additional rules

**Classification**

Distinction: At least 90 module credits at Distinction grade

Merit: At least 90 module credits at Merit grade

**Additional rules**

You will not be eligible for a classified award if you transfer more than 90 credits from previous study elsewhere, or if you reuse more than 90 Open University credits which have been used to classify any other Master's degree, including a different designation of the Open Master's programme.

Modules can be studied in any order as long as the specified entry requirements (relevant prior study and/or any module-specific requirements) have been met.

For the award to be designated as appropriate for an MA at least 90 credits must come from modules that have been designated as appropriate for an MA.

For the award to be designated as appropriate for an MSc at least 90 credits must come from modules that have been designated as appropriate for an MSc.

You may be awarded the separate designations for this qualification (MA Open and MSc Open) but may only claim each designation once.