



Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Music

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

BA (Hons) Music

Award letters

BA (Hons) Mus (Open)

Entry requirements

No academic entry requirement.

Maximum duration of study

16 years

Credit requirement

360 credits

Stage 1 (120 credits)

60 credits from the compulsory module and 60 credits from specified OU Level 1 option modules

Stage 2 (120 credits)

120 credits from compulsory modules

Stage 3 (120 credits)

60 credits from the compulsory module and 60 credits from the compulsory collaborative credit module.

Maximum transferred credit

300 credits, including 60 credits from the Stage 3 compulsory collaborative credit module. This is a qualification-specific exception to the usual maximum of 240 credits of credit transfer and collaborative credit. Students with a Foundation Degree or Diploma of Higher Education in Music may be awarded 240 credits of credit transfer and then complete Stage 3 of the qualification.

Maximum age of credit transfer

16 years

Unique study requirement

120 credits at OU Stage 3, including the collaborative credit module.

Additional rules

While no formal prior qualifications are required, students will need an understanding of music theory equivalent to the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music's (ABRSM) Grade 3 syllabus to begin the level 2 modules. Students who do not have this prior knowledge are able to attain the necessary standard by completing the Open Learn BOC 'An Introduction to Music Theory'.