



## **Master of Business Administration**

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

### **Withdrawal of Qualification**

Approval has been given for this F61 Master of Business Administration to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2033.

### **Award letters**

MBA (Open)

### **Academic Entry requirements**

An Honours degree from a recognised degree-awarding body *or* equivalent *or* the Open University Professional Diploma in Management

### **Other Entry requirements**

Minimum of three years management experience at the start date of the first module

### **Credit requirements**

180 credits

### **Maximum duration of study**

7 years, including any credit transfer

### **Progression rules**

Students must pass Stage I before studying the specified 30-credit project module.

### **Maximum transferred credit**

30 credits.

### **Maximum age of credit transfer**

Credit transfer is included in the maximum duration of study.

### **Unique study requirement**

Minimum amount 60 credits. The unique study for this qualification must include the credit from the compulsory project.

## Routes to this qualification

New modules have been introduced from November 2019. The credit requirements for the MBA can be met with a mixture of previous curriculum and new modules.

If you commence study of the MBA in or after November 2019, using all the new modules as they are introduced, the credit and classification regulations for your qualification route are in the **November 2019 onwards Route** section of this document.

If you commenced study of the MBA before this date and study a combination of previous modules before their final presentation dates and the remaining credit from newly introduced modules, the credit and classification regulations for your qualification route are in the **Hybrid Route** section of this document.

### November 2019 onwards Route

Stage I: 60 credits from two specified compulsory 30-credit modules (B870 and B872)

Stage II: 30 credits from a specified compulsory module (B873)  
 15 credits from a specified compulsory module (B874)  
 45 credits from specified option modules and  
 30 credits from a specified compulsory project module (B875)

Up to 30 credits from the 45 credit option modules group in Stage II may come from specified Open University Microcredentials.

Credit transfer is not valid against the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B875).

Award with Distinction:

Minimum of 90 Distinction level credits which must include the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B875) *and* an additional 60 Distinction level credits from any other modules in the qualification.

Award with Merit:

Minimum of 90 Merit level credits which must include the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B875) *and* an additional 60 Merit level credits from any other modules in the qualification.

### Hybrid Route

Stage I: 60 credits from a specified compulsory module (B716)

Stage II: 30 credits from a specified compulsory module (BB835 or B873)  
 15 credits from a specified compulsory module (BB831 or B874)  
 45 credits from specified option modules and  
 30 credits from a specified compulsory project module (B875)

Up to 30 credits from the 45 credit option modules group in Stage II may come from specified Open University Microcredentials.

Credit transfer is not valid against the 60-credit specified compulsory module in Stage I (B716) or the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B875).

Award with Distinction:

Minimum of 90 Distinction level credits which must include the 60 credit specified compulsory module in Stage I (B716) *and* an additional 30 Distinction level credits from any other graded modules in the qualification.

*or*

Minimum of 90 Distinction level credits which must include the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B875) *and* an additional 60 Distinction level credits from any other graded modules in the qualification.

Award with Merit:

Minimum of 90 Merit level credits which must include the 60 credit specified compulsory module in Stage I (B716) *and* an additional 30 Merit level credits from any other graded modules in the qualification.

*or*

Minimum of 90 Merit level credits which must include the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B875) *and* an additional 60 Merit level credits from any other graded modules in the qualification.

### **Discontinued versions of this qualification**

The University previously offered the MBA under a different qualification code (F02) until the end of 2015. Regulations for F02 are held on a separate document.

The University also previously offered the MBA (F61) under a structure where Stage II of the qualification required completion of the following four elements:

completion of 450 hours of study on two compulsory non-credit bearing modules (B831 and B835)

45 credits from a specified compulsory assessment component (B836)

45 credits from specified option modules and

30 credits from a specified compulsory project module (B839)

The final presentation of the first of these elements was in 2013, the final presentation of the second of these elements was in 2014.

If you commenced study of the MBA in or after November 2019 and studied all of the current modules including the specified compulsory project module (B839) in or before the final presentation, starting in May 2020, the credit and classification regulations for your qualification route were:

**Final Study in May 2020 Route**

Stage I: 60 credits from a specified compulsory module (B716)

Stage II: 30 credits from a specified compulsory module (BB835)  
15 credits from a specified compulsory module (BB831)  
45 credits from specified option modules and  
30 credits from a specified compulsory project module (B839)

Credit transfer is valid against the specified option modules in Stage II only.

Award with Distinction: Minimum of 90 Distinction level credits from the compulsory module in Stage I (B716) and either the 30 credit compulsory module in Stage II (BB835) or the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B839). No other modules may be counted towards classification.

Award with Merit: Minimum of 90 Merit level credits from the compulsory module in Stage I (B716) and either the 30 credit compulsory module in Stage II (BB835) or the 30 credit specified compulsory project module in Stage II (B839). No other modules may be counted towards classification.

Copies of previous regulatory documents may be requested from the Student Policy and Regulations Team within Academic Services.