



Master of Arts in International Relations

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 International Relations

Award letters

MA Int Rel (Open)

Entry requirements

The minimum entry requirement is an honours degree conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body. Although your degree need not be in IR, you must show some knowledge of the subject, together with the study skills expected of a graduate in this field. A degree of at least 2.1 classification or equivalent will greatly increase your chances of successfully completing the MA.

Maximum duration of study

10 years, including any credit transfer

Credit requirement

180 credits obtained from two compulsory 90 credit modules, part 1 and part 2 in the given order.

Maximum transferred credit

90 credits against the first 90 credit module only, no credit is transferrable against the final module.

Maximum age of credit transfer

Credit transfer study must be completed within the same 10 year study period as the OU study.

Unique study requirement

60 credits*

Classification

Distinction: At least 90 module credits at Distinction grade in the Part 2 module.

Merit: At least 90 module credits at Merit grade in the Part 2 module.

Additional rules

*Obtaining the required 60 credits of unique study for this qualification involves study of a compulsory 90 credit module.