



Master of Science in Engineering

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>.

Award letters

MSc (Eng) (Open)

Academic Entry requirements

An Honours degree from a recognised degree-awarding body *or* equivalent.

Credit studied within the Open University Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering *or* the Open University Master of Engineering may be used to satisfy the Stage 1 requirement of this qualification, subject to the time-limit for this qualification.

Other Entry requirements

None

Credit requirements

180 credits

Maximum duration of study

8 years, including any credit transfer

Progression rules

Route 1:

You must have been awarded credit, including up to 60 credits of credit transfer for the 90 credits of the first two compulsory modules and the option module in Stage 1 before you can study the final 30-credit compulsory module in Stage 1.

Route 2:

You must have been awarded credit, including up to 60 credits of credit transfer for the 90 credits of option and/or core option modules in Stage 1 before you can study the 30-credit compulsory module in Stage 1.

In both routes, Stage 1 must be completed before Stage 2 can be studied.

Maximum transferred credit

60 credits.

In Route 1, up to 60 credits of credit transfer can be awarded against either the first two Stage 1 compulsory modules, or against one of the first two Stage 1 compulsory modules

and one of the Stage 1 postgraduate-level option modules. Credit transfer is not available against the final 30-credit compulsory postgraduate level module within Stage 1.

In Route 2, up to 60 credits of credit transfer can be awarded against the specified group of undergraduate and postgraduate-level option modules in Stage 1 from which 60 credits is required (List B).

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 either the 30 or 60 credit project module in Stage 2.

Routes to this qualification

Route 1: commenced from November 2025

Stage 1

60 credits from study of two 30-credit postgraduate level compulsory modules
30 credits from a specified group of undergraduate and postgraduate level option modules
30 credits from a further compulsory postgraduate level module

Stage 2

60-credit research project *or* 30-credit professional project *and* a further 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module.

Route 2: commenced from November 2019 and prior to November 2025

Stage 1

30 credits from core option postgraduate-level modules (List A)
60 credits from a specified group of undergraduate and postgraduate-level option modules, of which a maximum of 30 credits can be from undergraduate modules (List B)
30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module

Stage 2

60-credit research project *or* 30-credit professional project *and* a further 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module.

Classification (both routes)

A Distinction grade will be awarded to students who achieve Distinction in the 60-credit Stage 2 research project module, *and* distinction or merit in the final 30-credit Stage 1 compulsory module, *and* distinction or merit in a further 30-credits of postgraduate level study.

A Distinction grade will be awarded to students who achieve Distinction in the 30-credit Stage 2 research project module, *and* distinction in a further 30 credits of postgraduate-level study *and* distinction or merit in the final 30-credit Stage 1 compulsory module *and* distinction or merit in a further 30 credits of postgraduate-level study.

A Merit grade will be awarded to students who achieve at least 90 credits at Merit grade which must include either the 60-credit Stage 2 research project module or the 30-credit Stage 2 research project module.

Any undergraduate credit included in the degree cannot be used in classification.

The classification scheme was amended in November 2021 to add a Merit classification.

Discontinued route

Students who commenced before November 2019 and completed the qualification before 31 December 2024 were subject to the following credit requirements:

Stage 1

30 credits from a specified group of postgraduate-level core option modules (List A)

60 credits from a specified group of postgraduate-level option modules (List B)

30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module

Stage 2

60-credit research project *or* 30-credit professional project *and* a further 30-credit compulsory postgraduate-level module.