

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS

This is a credit-based qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) available by going online to the Open University 'Student Policies and Regulations' website at <https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies>.

## **MSc–M 1 DEGREE NAME**

**MSc–M 1.1** The University offers the degree of Master of Science in Mathematics, referred to as the MSc in Mathematics. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc (Maths) (Open) after their names.

**MSc–M 1.2** If you qualify for the degree at the end of 2007 or later, you can be considered for the award with Distinction.

**MSc–M 1.2.1** If you began your studies for the degree in 2007 or later and you obtain a Distinction grade in at least 120 credits, including the dissertation, you will be awarded the degree with Distinction.

**MSc–M 1.2.2** If you began your studies for the degree in 2006 or earlier, and you qualify for it on or before 31 December 2014 having included the dissertation and having met the agreed alternative, transitional criteria, the Module Results Approval and Qualification Classification Panel will approve the award of the degree to you with Distinction.

**MSc–M 1.2.3** If you qualify for the degree after the end of 2014, you must include the dissertation regardless of the date you began and you will be subject to regulation MSc–M 1.2.1

**MSc–M 1.3** If you qualify for the degree at the end of 2011 or later, having included the dissertation, and you obtain a merit grade in at least 120 credits you will be awarded the degree with Merit.

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## **MSc–M 2 REGISTRATION**

**MSc–M 2.1** To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The normal minimum entrance requirement is a degree conferred with second-class honours in mathematics or in a subject with a high mathematical content and from a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body.

**MSc–M 2.2** If you do not satisfy regulation MSc–M 2.1 but can satisfy the Senate that your qualifications or other evidence of competence are an adequate preparation for the course of study, your application may, in certain circumstances, be considered.

**MSc–M 2.3** To be awarded the degree, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

**MSc–M 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT**

**MSc–M 3.1** To be awarded the degree, you must obtain 180 credits by successfully completing MSc in Mathematics modules. The maximum number of modules that may be taken in any one presentation is four.

**MSc–M 3.2** If you began your studies for the degree before 2007, and you qualify for it at the end of 2014 or earlier, the Senate may permit you to qualify for it if you satisfy the other requirements of the regulations, and you have 180 credits from the specified modules.

**MSc–M 3.3** If you began your studies for the degree in 2007 or later, the Senate may permit you to qualify for it if you satisfy the other requirements of the regulations, and you have 180 credits of which:

(a) 30 credits are from the compulsory dissertation

*and*

(b) 150 credits are from the specified modules in the degree profile.

**MSc–M 3.4** If you qualify for the degree after the end of 2014, you must include the dissertation regardless of the date you began and you will be subject to regulation MSc–M 3.3

**MSc–M 3.5** A maximum of 30 credits from a specified Open University ‘fourth-level’ mathematics module may be counted towards the MSc in Mathematics degree.

**MSc–M 3.6** The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 60 credits.

**MSc–M 4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

**MSc–M 4.1** There is no credit transfer scheme for the degree.

**MSc–M 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE**

**MSc–M 5.1** In order to actively continue your studies, you must satisfy the assignment and examination requirements and make satisfactory progress as specified. If you fail to satisfy the assignment and examination requirements for the module for which you are registered or fail to make satisfactory progress, you will cease to be registered for the qualification and will have no more right to continue your studies than a new applicant.

**MSc–M 5.2** Unless the Faculty Teaching Committee gives you exceptional permission to do otherwise, you must obtain a pass on an Entry module before you take an Intermediate module; you must obtain a pass on an Intermediate module before you take an Advanced intermediate module and you must have accumulated at least 120 credits towards the degree before you take the dissertation.

**MSc–M 5.3** Permission to retake a module or to continue to be registered after withdrawing from a module must be obtained from the Faculty Teaching Committee.

**MSc–M 6 OTHER SPECIFIED MODULES**

**MSc–M 6.1** Certain specified modules from the Diploma in Computing for Commerce and Industry may count towards the MSc in Mathematics. You must apply to the Faculty Teaching Committee if you want to count the credit from such modules towards your MSc in Mathematics degree.