

# MA/MSc Open | Map Your Qualification



## F81 Qualification Structure

1	Art, Humanities, Music and Language
2	Education, Psychology, and Health Science
3	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
4	Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law
Further Professional Development Modules	

Explore the full list of modules available for the MA/MSc Open on the [online prospectus](#) ('Study at the OU').

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that the programme is periodically reviewed and the availability of modules is subject to change. Before planning your qualification make sure that you check the final presentation dates of your intended modules. If you have any queries please talk to an Adviser.

### Personalise your learning

- Decide which area you would like to specialise in (from Study Areas 1 to 4).
- Map your route through the qualification (Route 1 or Route 2).
- Choose your modules and plan your studies for your Open Masters degree.

**You will need a minimum of 120 credits of study within ONE of the four specialist study areas (Study Areas 1-4). This will be your area of specialism for your masters.**

There are two routes through this qualification:

**ROUTE 1:** You can study 180 credits and specialise *exclusively within* ONE study area (Study Areas 1-4).

**ROUTE 2:** You can choose to study 120 credits within a specialist area (Study Areas 1-4) and take up to 60 credits of further study *from any other area* including the 'Further Professional Development' modules.

### ROUTE 1 EXAMPLE

#### 180 credits in Study Area 2

Technology-enhanced learning: foundations and futures (H880)	60 credits
Addressing inequality and difference in educational practice (EE814)	60 credits
Educational leadership: agency, professional learning and change (EE811)	60 credits

### ROUTE 2 EXAMPLE

#### 120 credits from Study Area 1

MA Creative writing part 1 (A802)	60 credits
MA Classical studies part 1 (A863)	60 credits

#### PLUS 60 credits from Further Professional Development Modules

Project management (M815)	30 credits
Continuing professional development in practice (U810)	30 credits

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EXAMPLE PLAN*	Module Title	Credits	Start Date	End Date	Study Order
	Technology-enhanced learning: foundations and futures (H880)	60	Feb. 2021	Oct. 2021	1
	Addressing inequality and difference in educational practice (EE814)	60	Oct. 2021	Jun. 2022	2
	Educational leadership: agency, professional learning and change (EE811)	60	Oct. 2022	Jun. 2023	3

Choose your modules (check their availability, note final presentation dates) and plan the order of your studies towards your degree.

YOUR PLAN	Module Title	Credits	Start Date	End Date	Study Order

Explore the full list of modules and module-specific information (including module descriptions, entry requirements, start and end dates) on the [online prospectus](#) ('Study at the OU').

Check the length of your study. How long will your planned route take you? If you are applying for postgraduate funding (England and Wales), you will receive instalments over the first 2 or 3 years of your qualification, depending on the duration you have applied for.

[Postgraduate fees and funding](#)

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[‘Succeeding in postgraduate study’](#)

**(\*) NOTES:** The example given here is the shortest route to obtaining the qualification for this combination of modules. The average time taken to complete an OU masters degree (part-time distance learning) is between 3 and 4 years. The maximum time allowed to complete the qualification is eight years. If you are applying for postgraduate funding (England and Wales), you will receive instalments over the first 2 or 3 years of your qualification, depending on the duration you have applied for. Modules can be studied in any order, and depending on the combination of modules selected, it may be possible to complete the qualification in less than three years. However we recommend that you take no more than 90 credits each year due to the demands that studying at this level will make on you. If you have any queries, please talk to an Adviser or contact the [Programme Admissions Team](#).



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# MA/MSc Open | Pre-Registration Checklist

<b>Area of specialism</b>	Check that you have a <b>minimum of 120 credits of study in ONE of the four Study Areas.</b>	
<b>Entry requirements</b>	Check that you meet the entry requirements for the qualification AND for your chosen modules.	
<b>Module-specific requirements</b>	Note that some restrictions or pre-requisites (including prescribed study order of modules or access to specific work environments) may apply to certain modules on the programme. Check individual module entry requirements and module descriptions to ensure that you are adequately prepared before you register.	
<b>Completing your qualification</b>	You can study modules in any order. However, the maximum time to complete the qualification is 8 years. If you are applying for postgraduate funding (England and Wales), you will receive instalments over the first 2 or 3 years of your qualification, depending on the duration you have applied for.	
<b>Concurrent study</b>	Depending on the combination of modules selected, it may be possible to complete the qualification in less than three years. However, we recommend that you take no more than 90 credits each year due to the demands that studying at this level will make on you. If you have any queries, please talk to an Adviser or contact the <a href="#">Programme Admissions Team</a> .	
<b>Recognition of prior learning</b>	If you've successfully completed some relevant postgraduate study elsewhere, you might be able to count some of your previous study credits towards this qualification. Further details and an application form are available on the <a href="#">Credit Transfer website</a> .	
<b>Module availability</b>	Please note that the availability of modules may change periodically, and up-to-date information will be available on the qualification website. If you are unsure, please check with an Adviser.	
<b>Academic enquiries</b>	Depending on your previous qualifications or experience, some background study may be necessary before registering for this qualification or its constituent modules. If your first degree is not in a subject relevant to your intended area of specialisation for this masters degree, we would, for example, expect you to have completed at least 60 credits of study at FHEQ level 6 or equivalent that is relevant to your chosen specialist area, before you register for this qualification. For further advice, please email the <a href="#">Programme Admissions Team</a> .	