

**CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE
BA (HONOURS) DEGREE IN LITERATURE**
Essential Information

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The Open University



In order to qualify for the BA (Honours) Literature degree, you will need to complete at least 360 points as shown in the chart below. This table also indicates the degree components against which credit transfer can be awarded:

Degree component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
Interdisciplinary humanities element (at levels 1, 2 or 3)	60 points of full-rate credit <i>Please note:</i> this will show on your Credit Transfer Notification of Award as “ Interdisciplinary Study ”, which means you have met this requirement of the degree. If your Credit Transfer Award does not show “Interdisciplinary Study”, you must study an OU interdisciplinary course. Credit transfer awarded towards the “general humanities”, “subject strands”, or “free choice” elements of the Humanities degree do not exempt you from the interdisciplinary requirement.
Level 2 compulsory course	60 points of course-related credit
180 points, including at least 120 points at Level 3, from specified literature courses	Up to 60 points of full-rate credit
60 credit points from any approved undergraduate course - the 'free choice' element	Up to 60 points
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	240 points

Credit for previous relevant study elsewhere can be used in place of OU courses as indicated under each category in this table, up to a maximum of 240 points, provided certain conditions are met. You should read this document in conjunction with the award regulations.

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

We award credit in units of 5 points, up to the maximum of 240 points of credit transfer towards the Literature degree. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those points that will give you the most beneficial award.

Please note that credit transfer is awarded in the context of the particular award towards which you are claiming it. This means that you may be able to get credit transfer against a specific OU course in some Open University qualifications but not in others.

What award of credit will I receive ?

Whatever your award of credit transfer, you will have to include within your degree at least 120 points of Open University courses suitable for inclusion within the Literature degree. These courses must be at level 3.

We can award credit for postgraduate study but you will only be allowed to count a maximum of 90 points of postgraduate study towards the degree whether from transferred credit, OU courses, or a combination of the two.

Type/s of credit transfer

Course-related credit can be awarded only if your previous study is considered to be equivalent to (matches by 80%) the level, content, and breadth of this OU course. Course-related credit is effectively an exemption from a particular OU course in recognition of previous study.

Full-rate credit can be awarded if the study is at, or equivalent to, the UK undergraduate level of the OU study concerned and is considered relevant in terms of subject and/or skills development. Unlike course-related credit, the previous study does not have to match the subject content of any particular OU course.

1971 rule

The University now awards credit only for study undertaken from 1971 onwards. If you already have an award of credit for pre-1971 study it will not be taken away. If you seek a reassessment of your award, either because you have undertaken additional study or if you want to take advantage of subsequent policy changes, you may not be able to gain any additional credit but your award will not be reduced. Please note that, if the OU qualification you are studying towards has further time-limits, these will take precedence over the 1971 rule.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU award, there must be an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular award (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another award). The proportion required is normally one-third so, for the Honours degree in Literature, there must be 120 points of unique study. If you have graduated with an OU BA or BSc degree without honours this requirement is reduced to 60 points.

If you require a version of these notes in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us

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