

CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE BEng Essential Information

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In order to qualify for the BEng 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
Free choice	90 points
Compulsory level one course 15 points	None
Technology courses 90 points with at least 60 at level two or above	90 points full rate credit
MST courses 120 points with at least 90 at level three	30 points full rate credit
Level three project 30 point	None
Level three courses 90 points	None
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	210 points, with a maximum of 105 points at Level 1.

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 210 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>

What award of credit will I receive?

We award credit in units of 5 points, up to a maximum of 210 points of credit transfer towards the BEng. 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.

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 BEng. 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.

Portsmouth Foundation Degree awarded to Naval Artificers at HMS Sultan or HMS Collingwood only

Students who have successfully completed either the HMS Sultan Foundation Degree in Eng Marine Systems Engineering, (HEMIS Code R023)8 or the HMS Collingwood Foundation Degree in Electronic

Engineering (HEMIS Code R0239) will normally receive the maximum award of 90 points of credit at level 1 and 120 points at level 2. In addition these students will be exempt from the residential school requirement. Students should apply in the usual way with a transcript from Portsmouth. A syllabus is not required.

Types of credit transfer

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.

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 BEng, there must be 120 points of unique study.

Time Constraints

If you claim credit transfer towards the BEng from Jan 2007 onwards the following time constraints will come into use.

Any full rate credit will be active for a period of 10 years from the completion date of the study for which credit is given. If there is more than one period of study then the earliest date will be used. Credit towards the free choice element of this degree is exempt from the time restriction rule.

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

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