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CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE;
MA in HUMANITIES
MA in LITERATURE
MA in CLASSICAL STUDIES
MA in HISTORY
MA in ART HISTORY
MA in PHILOSOPHY
MA in MUSIC
Essential Information

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IMPORTANT NOTE: You should read this document in conjunction with the University regulations for this qualification: <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

You will need to complete at least the credits, as shown in the table below, in order to be eligible for this qualification. The right-hand column of this table shows the components of this qualification towards which credit transfer can be awarded in recognition of study you have undertaken elsewhere.

| Degree component | Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any |
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| Foundation modules (60 credits required) | No credit transfer available |
| Subject modules (60 credits required) | 60 credits of module exemption or general credit exemption |
| Dissertation (60 credits required) | No credit transfer available (except towards the MA in Music) |
| Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification | 60 credits |

What credit transfer will I be awarded ?

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

The MA in Classical Studies, the MA in Art History, the MA in Philosophy, or the general MA in Humanities

We can award credit in units of 5 credits, up to a maximum of 60 credits towards the awards listed above. Credit transfer is only available towards the **subject** modules. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award.

There is no credit transfer available towards the Foundation and Dissertation modules

The MA in Music

We can award credit in units of 5 credits, up to a maximum of 60 credits towards the MA in Music. Credit transfer is available towards the **subject** module. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award.

In addition if you have obtained the Fellowship of the Royal Schools of Music (FRSM) from the Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) from 2000 onwards, this can exempt you from studying the subject module A871 or the dissertation module A877, but not both.

There is no credit transfer available towards the Foundation modules.

When we have completed the assessment of your application for credit transfer, we will send you an email to let you know that the outcome, your *Credit Transfer Award*, is showing on your Studenthome page: <http://www.open.ac.uk/students> . You will then be able to view and download this document.

Types of credit transfer

There are two types of credit transfer: **module exemption** and **general credit exemption**. The table on page 1 shows which type/s can count towards this qualification and the outcome of your credit transfer application will be displayed on your *Credit Transfer Award* document.

Module exemption: means that you have been exempted from a particular OU module in recognition of your previous study. Your prior study must be at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/s you are being exempted from, and considered to be broadly in-line with the learning outcomes of your chosen OU qualification. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will specify which OU module/s you have been exempted from studying towards your chosen OU qualification.

General credit exemption: means that you have been exempted from studying the specified amount of credit at the given academic level towards this OU qualification. This type of credit transfer is awarded if your previous study is at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/s concerned and is considered relevant to this OU qualification in terms of subject and/or skills development. This type of credit transfer differs from module exemption in that it does not exempt you from any particular OU module/s. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will indicate the number of credit credits you have been exempted from, and at what level/s, towards specific components of the qualification.

Time limits

There are time limits on the counting of credit towards this qualification:

The credit required from OU modules or any permitted credit transfer towards this qualification must be obtained during a period not exceeding 10 years. This period commences from the completion date of the study for which credit transfer is given, or your first OU module (whichever is the earliest). If you have more than one period of previous study for which you are awarded credit transfer, we will use the date of the earliest.

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: if the OU qualification you are studying towards has time limits, these will be detailed in a paragraph headed "Time limits" (above this paragraph) and will take precedence over the 1971 rule.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU qualification, you must include an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular qualification (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another OU qualification). The proportion of unique study required is normally one-third: for details of the unique study required for this specific qualification, please refer to the qualification regulations <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

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

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