



## CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE Postgraduate Diploma / MSc in Science and Society Essential Information

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The Open University

In order to qualify for the Postgraduate Diploma /MSc in Science and Society you will need to complete the 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
Core postgraduate science courses 120 points	60 points Full Rate or Course Related Credit
The Project Module (for the MSc) 60 points	No credit transfer
<b>Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification</b>	<b>60 points</b>

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 60 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 60 points of credit transfer towards the p/g dip/MSc Science and Society. 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 60 points (p/g Diploma) 120 points (MSc) of Open University courses suitable for inclusion within the specified qualifications. These courses must be at postgraduate level.

### Types of credit transfer

**Course-related credit** can be awarded only if the student's 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 postgraduate 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 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.

## Time Constraints

If you claim credit transfer towards the MSc in Science and Society from Jan 2007 onwards you will be required to complete all components necessary for the degree within a 7 year period. This period commences from the completion date of the study for which credit is given, or your first OU course, if started before this date. If there is more than one qualification then the earliest date will be used.

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

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