



BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS IN LITERATURE

This is a credit-based award.

These award regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the following documents.

- [Introduction to *The Award Regulations*](#)
- [General Award Regulations](#)
- [Schedule A to *The Award Regulations*](#)

If you wish to print the regulations governing your award, you are advised to print *all* these documents.

BA–Lit 1 DEGREE NAME

BA–Lit 1.1 The University offers the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Literature, referred to as the BA (Honours) Literature. Holders of this award are permitted to use the letters BA (Hons) Lit (Open) after their names.

Level 2 course and at least 120 are at Level 3

- (b) at least 60 credit points are from the group of specified interdisciplinary humanities courses
- (c) no more than 60 points are from other Open University courses
- (d) no more than 30 credit points are from 10-point courses.

BA–Lit 2 REGISTRATION

BA–Lit 2.1 To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. There is no academic entry requirement.

BA–Lit 2.2 To qualify for the award, you must ensure that your credit is linked to it. You can do this as part of the course registration process or make a separate request later.

BA–Lit 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have at least 360 credit points of which not less than 120 are from successfully completed specified literature courses at Level 3 and not more than 240 are points of transferred credit.

BA–Lit 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

BA–Lit 3.1 The University will award you the BA (Honours) Literature if you have a minimum of 360 credit points from approved courses provided that:

- (a) at least 240 credit points are from specified literature courses and of these 240 points, 60 are from the compulsory

BA–Lit 3.3 The credit for this award must include from Open University courses a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of Student Regulation OU 3.3; that minimum amount is 120 points. If you already have an Open University BA degree conferred without Honours, the minimum amount of credit is reduced to 60 points.

BA–Lit 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

BA–Lit 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the BA (Honours) Literature is governed by General Award Regulation GA 6.

BA–Lit 4.2 Any award of transferred credit:

- (a) towards the specified literature courses at Level 2 or 3, or the humanities interdisciplinary courses, must take the form of full-rate transferred credit except for any award of transferred credit towards a compulsory course, which must take the form of course-related credit
- (b) towards any other Open University courses, as given in regulation BA–Lit 3.1 (c), must take the form of full-rate transferred credit and/or collaborative scheme credit.

BA–Lit 4.3 The maximum award of transferred credit towards the BA (Honours) Literature is 240 points of which no more than 120 credit points can be at Level 1.

BA–Lit 5 HONOURS DEGREE CLASSIFICATION

BA–Lit 5.1 The BA (Honours) Literature is classified as follows:

- first class
- upper second class
- lower second class
- third class.

BA–Lit 5.2 For the purpose of classifying your degree, the University will use a minimum of 120 and up to 240 credit points from your best grades on specified Open University literature and interdisciplinary humanities courses at Level 2 or higher. At least 120 of these credit points must be from specified literature courses at Level 3, and the grades from these courses will be used to fulfil the Level 3 classification requirement whether or not they are your best Level 3 grades. The class of the award must be in accordance with the scheme of classification prescribed by the Senate.

BA–Lit 5.3 If you have qualified for the award of a degree conferred with honours and have been offered a classification and have declined, any subsequent changes to the scheme of honours degree classification cannot result in you being offered an honours degree classification lower than that which you were previously offered.

BA–Lit 6 DURATION OF STUDY

BA–Lit 6.1 The credit required for the award of the BA (Honours) Literature must be obtained during the time that the degree is available. Courses do not need to be studied consecutively.

BA–Lit 6.2 Credit from particular courses may cease to be countable towards the BA (Honours) Literature at a specified point in time after their final presentation.