



BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS IN PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

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–PP 1 DEGREE NAME

BA–PP 1.1 The University offers the Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Philosophy and Psychological Studies. The award is referred to as the BA (Honours) Philosophy and Psychological Studies. Holders of the award are permitted to use the letters BA (Hons) Phil & Psych (Open) after their name.

BA–PP 2 REGISTRATION

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

BA–PP 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–PP 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

BA–PP 3.1 The University will award you the BA (Honours) Philosophy and Psychological Studies if you have a minimum of 360 credit points from approved courses provided that at least 300 credit points are from specified courses and of these 300 points at least 120 are at Level 2 and at least 120 are at Level 3 and include:

- (a) 60 points from the specified range of Level 1 courses
- (b) 120 points from Level 2 courses of which 60 must be from courses in Philosophy and 60 from courses in Psychology.
- (c) 120 points from Level 3 courses of which 60 must be from courses in Philosophy and 60 from courses in Psychology.
- (d) no more than 60 points are from other Open University courses.

BA–PP 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 180 points are from successfully completed specified courses, to include the 60-point compulsory psychology course at Level 2 and 120 points from specified courses at Level 3, and no more than 180 are points of credit transfer.

BA–PP 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–PP 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

BA–PP 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the BA (Honours) Philosophy and Psychological Studies is governed by General Award Regulation GA 6.

BA–PP 4.2 Any award of transferred credit towards the options courses at Level 1 will take the form of full-rate transferred credit.

BA–PP 4.3 Any award of transferred credit towards the specified compulsory philosophy course at Level 2 will take the form of full-rate transferred credit; no credit transfer is permitted against the specified compulsory psychology course at Level 2.

BA–PP 4.4 Any award of transferred credit towards any other Open University courses as given in regulation BA–PP 3.1 (d) will take the form of full-rate transferred credit and/or collaborative credit.

BA–PP 4.5 The maximum award of transferred credit towards the BA (Honours) Philosophy and Psychological Studies is 180 points, of which no more than 120 can be at Level 1.

BA–PP 5 HONOURS DEGREE CLASSIFICATION

BA–PP 5.1 The BA (Honours) Philosophy and Psychological Studies is classified as follows:

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

BA–PP 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 courses at Level 2 or higher. At least 120 of these credit points must be from courses at Level 3. The class of the award must be in accordance with the scheme of classification prescribed by the Senate.

BA–PP 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 your being offered an honours degree classification lower than that which you were previously offered.

BA–PP 6 DURATION OF STUDY

BA–PP 6.1 The credit required for the BA (Honours) Philosophy and Psychological Studies must be obtained during the time that the degree is available. Courses do not need to be studied consecutively.

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