



## FOUNDATION DEGREE IN COMPUTING AND ITS PRACTICE

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](#)

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

### FD-CP 1 DEGREE NAME

**FD-CP 1.1** The University offers the Foundation Degree in Computing and its Practice. Holders of this award are permitted to use the letters FD (Open) after their names.

### FD-CP 2 REGISTRATION

**FD-CP 2.1** To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. There is no academic entry requirement.

**FD-CP 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.

### FD-CP 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

**FD-CP 3.1** The University will award you the Foundation Degree in Computing and its Practice if you have a minimum of 240 points from approved courses provided that:

- at least 30 points are from the compulsory Level 1 courses
- and
- 30 points are from the compulsory Level 1 certificated practitioners course
- and

- at least 30 points are from specified Level 1 option courses

and

- at least 120 credit points are from specified compulsory Level 2 courses

and

- at least 30 points are from specified Level 2 option courses

and

- of those 240 points at least 60 points are from a work-based learning course at Level 2.

**FD-CP 3.2** You must successfully complete certain specified Open University courses in order to be able to count credit from the certified practitioners courses towards the foundation degree.

**FD-CP 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 80 points.

### FD-CP 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

**FD-CP 4.1** There is no credit transfer scheme for the foundation degree.

**FD–CP 5 DURATION OF STUDY**

**FD–CP 5.1** The credit required for the Foundation Degree in Computing and its Practice must be obtained during the time that the degree is available. Courses do not need to be studied consecutively.

**FD–CP 5.2** Credit from specified courses in Computing ceases to be countable as such towards the Foundation Degree in Computing and its Practice five years after their final presentation. Subject to the rules about excluded combinations, credit from such courses can continue to be counted as part of any free choice component permitted in the award.