

Masters degree in Education

Taught Masters

Code

F01

Level

Postgraduate

Made up of

180 credits

Description

This taught masters degree course is a flexible modular qualification with a rich diversity of modules enabling you to choose those most appropriate to your own context and interests. The modules support your professional development through investigation of currently significant issues in the context of your own experience and appropriate literature. For this professional qualification you will need some experience of working with learners, either in teaching, the education advisory service, educational administration or an allied field – this may include informal learning settings. You will join a learning community of over 2500 students from varying educational contexts worldwide.

Planning your studies

To study for this masters degree course you must hold a bachelors degree from a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, or a qualification at equivalent level.

We strongly recommend that you begin your studies with the compulsory module [Educational enquiry \(E891\)](#). It gives an overview of educational research, the concepts of which underpin study in subsequent modules.

There are additional entry requirements for EE880. Please see the module description by clicking on the links below for further details.

Your spoken and written English must be of an adequate standard for postgraduate study. If English is not your first language, we recommend that you will need a minimum score of 7 under the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Please see their [website](#) for details.

You will usually need to be able to work with learners, but not necessarily in a formal teaching situation. You will be encouraged to relate the content of the modules to your own experiences and to develop skills of independent study and enquiry. If you are not sure whether your qualifications and experience are suitable, please ask our [Student Registration & Enquiry Service](#) for advice.

In your degree you may opt to study two modules that focus on a particular aspect of education, or you may prefer two unrelated modules to give your qualification breadth. If you have studied two modules in applied linguistics, educational leadership and management, or equality and diversity, you have the option to 'badge' your qualification and for example, be awarded a MA in Education (Leadership and Management).

We recommend you study one module a year, and you must complete this qualification within six years.

You should note that the University's unique study rule applies to this qualification. This means that you must include at least 60 credits from OU modules that have not been counted in any other OU qualification that has previously been awarded to you.

Modules that are currently available for study worldwide are E805, E807, E846, E852, E854, E855, E856, E891, ET821, H800, H809, H810, H817, H818 and SEH806. These modules are available anywhere in the world (unless you are a resident of South Africa and may be restricted to studying through your Open University affiliate in your country).

Career relevance and employability

Across the globe there is an increasing demand for creative, innovative education professionals who have highly developed skills and a deep understanding of learning; in many countries a masters degree is becoming essential for career advancement in teaching and related careers. This qualification offers teachers and other education professionals working with learners of all ages the opportunity to develop professionally and academically. It is suitable for graduates working in formal education settings (nurseries, schools, colleges and universities), those supporting non-formal learning as well as education leaders and policy makers. Modules in this qualification are designed to enable you to update your knowledge and skills and give you the opportunity to reflect on your professional practice whilst developing your understanding of theoretical models and current debates.

Case studies and examples are from a worldwide context and this qualification will be relevant to educators across the globe.

This qualification does not qualify you for teacher registration, please see our PGCE qualification [Postgraduate Certificate in Education \(PGCE\) \(K20\)](#) if you are interested in gaining a teaching qualification.

There is more information about how OU study can improve your employability in the [OU's Employability Statement](#) from our [Careers Advisory Service](#). You can also read or download our publication [OU study and your career](#) and look at our [subject pages](#) to find out about career opportunities.

See the link below for more information:

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/qualification/f01.htm>