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## **About the Academic Progress Policy (Taught Courses) 2025/26**

This policy describes what academic progress is and how it is monitored while you study with us. It describes when we will apply study restrictions and how to ask our permission to study once a restriction has been applied to you.

### **We will follow these principles**

1. You are making sufficient academic progress if you have successfully completed your most recent undergraduate study.
2. Successful completion of study means that you have been awarded credit for an undergraduate module at Open University Level 1, 2 or 3 with a value of 30 credits or more
3. If you are awarded module credit following a postponement or resit/resubmission an exam, EMA or emTMA you will be counted as having made sufficient academic progress under this policy.
4. If you are enrolled on more than one module in the same presentation, then successfully completing at least one module counts as sufficient academic progress under this policy.
5. We apply progressive academic progress statuses to your student record when you are not awarded any module credit within a presentation in which you were enrolled or registered for study. These statuses are at risk, alert and restricted.
6. When you successfully complete a module all academic progress statuses are removed.

## **You need to be aware**

### **At risk status**

If you have not successfully completed any of your most recent undergraduate study within a presentation, you will be considered at risk of not making sufficient academic progress.

### **Alert status**

If you already have at risk status and then do not successfully complete any study in your next presentation we place you at alert status.

### **Restricted status**

If you already have alert status and then do not successfully complete any study in a third consecutive presentation we will restrict you from study. This means you cannot enrol for more study without applying for the restriction to be lifted. If you are registered or enrolled on a module that has not yet started we will cancel this and refund fees in line with the [Fee Rules](#).

### **Applying for permission to study under restriction**

If you apply for the study restriction to be lifted, you will be asked to give your reasons about why you did not successfully complete your study in previous presentations, and how things have changed or improved since to allow you to succeed this time. See Section 4 of the full [Academic Progress Policy 2025/26 \(Taught Courses\)](#) for details and contact your [Student Support Team](#) for advice and support.

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