

5.7 Minimum and Maximum duration of study

Please note that this information applies to modules and programmes validated by The Open University. Please refer to the University of Hertfordshire (UH) Regulations on the UH website (www.herts.ac.uk) for information relating to UH provision.

The minimum period of study refers to the minimum time a student can be registered on a module or programme of study.

The maximum period of study is set to allow for re-assessment and delay to studies granted through the mitigating circumstances process. In exceptional cases this can, with agreement from the External Examiners, be extended.

Modules

The minimum period of study for a module is defined by the credit rating and notional learning hours.

For a 15 credit module this is 150 hours studied over 3 months

For a 30 credit module this is 300 hours studied over 6 months.

Students may opt to submit their work early, effectively reducing the time taken to study. There is no benefit to doing this as their work will not be marked before the pre-determined cohort submission deadline.

The maximum period of time a student can be registered on any module is 2 years from the module start date. Should a student defer to a later cohort (through the Exceptional Circumstances process) the start of their registration period is taken to be the time of their initial registration to the original cohort. Further information about Exceptional Circumstances is available as section 9.7 on our Policies and Procedures webpage: <https://www.educationforhealth.org/education/student-support/regulations-policies/>.

Programmes

The minimum period of study for a programme is set to enable students to complete their programme taking into account the regulation set out in the Policy for admission of students which states that students cannot study more than 120 credits per academic year. The policy is available as section 6.1 on our Policies and Procedures webpage:

<https://www.educationforhealth.org/education/student-support/regulations-policies/>.

The minimum period of registration for any programme is 12 months.

The maximum period of registration for a DipHE programme is 3 years.

The maximum period of registration for a BSc (Hons) programme is 5 years.