

Student Transition Plan - OCA transfer to The Open University

The following pages feature a number of scenarios relating to OCAs future partnership with The Open University, the timings as they relate to you and your studies, and the options available to you as a student. If none of these scenarios feel like they fit your circumstances, or you're not sure if they do, please get in touch with us at change@oca.ac.uk - we are happy to talk things through with you.

Scenario	Options and Outcomes
I'm an OCA student how will my transfer to The Open University work?	<p>The transfer will take place in one of two ways depending on where you are with your studies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When you enrol to your next unit after August 2023 you will register with The Open University at the same time. As is currently the case you'd sign Terms and Conditions for your new unit, which would also reference the Academic Regulations for Subsidiary Institutions of The Open University. 2. If you are still mid-way through a unit in January 2024 you will transfer across at that point of your studies and carry on as normal. You'll be required to sign a new set of Terms and Conditions at that point related to The OU and sign up to the Academic Regulations for Subsidiary Institutions of The Open University.
When I transfer to The Open University, will I retain the credit that I've been awarded so far?	<p>Yes. Your course structure will not change and any credit you have previously been awarded by UCA will transfer across to The Open University at the point you enrol with The Open University.</p>

<p>I am planning to start a unit in September 2022, I want to know what options are available to me.</p>	<p>If you are a new student with OCA, you will enrol on a student contract that confirms your awarding institution as The Open University. Any credits assessed prior to January 2024 will be awarded by UCA, and you will transfer to The Open University when you enrol to your next unit after August 2023.</p> <p>If you are an existing student on an OCA undergraduate degree then you will begin your unit under UCA and have the option to indicate that you would like to receive an award from either The Open University or the University for the Creative Arts. You will sign a new student contract after August 2023 in one of the following scenarios:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When you complete your current unit and enrol to the next unit with either The OU or UCA 2. Do not complete your current unit by January 2024 in which case mid-unit you can transfer to UCA, stay with OCA and move to The OU, or exit entirely.
<p>I am moving on to Stage 3 study this academic year and planning to complete within the next couple of years; I want to know who is awarding my degree.</p>	<p>You will remain on your current pathway studying as you have signed up to do.</p> <p>If you wish to be awarded your degree by the University for the Creative Arts you will need to have completed all elements and been assessed by January 2024.</p> <p>If you are mid-unit or have units still to complete in January 2024 then you will be offered three options:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer to UCA (requiring campus attendance); 2. Stay with OCA and transfer to The Open University; 3. Exit with confirmed credits, and any exit award you may be eligible for. <p>If you choose to stay with OCA the changes in assessment weighting</p>

	outlined below will come into effect, but we have measures in place to ensure you are not disadvantaged. With the Open University both HE5 and HE6 results count towards the degree classification at a ratio of 1:2. You would be assessed with both the existing OCA metric (only HE6) and The Open University metric (HE5 and HE6) and awarded whichever is higher.
I am studying on the final unit of my undergraduate degree and have 320 credits in place (or 300 credits on Creative Writing).	<p>If you have already started the final unit on your degree, then if you complete your final unit before January 2024 this will be awarded by the University for the Creative Arts. If you are still studying your final unit in January 2024 you will be offered three options:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer to UCA to complete (requiring campus attendance); 2. Stay with OCA and transfer to complete with The Open University; 3. Exit with credits awarded to that point, and any exit award you may be eligible for.
I am a new student to the OCA I'm unclear on who I will be studying with, and who is awarding my degree.	<p>You are an OCA student and that won't change; you'll use the same course materials, OCA Learn, have the same tutor, and be assessed in the same way.</p> <p>If you enrolled as a new student in or after August 2022 then you enrolled on a student contract that confirmed your awarding institution as The Open University. Any credits assessed prior to January 2024 will be transferred to The Open University. You will transfer to The Open University when you enrol to your next unit after August 2023.</p> <p>If you enrolled prior to August 2022 then you have the following options:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transfer to UCA to complete (requiring campus attendance); 2. Stay with OCA and transfer to complete with The Open

	<p>University when you enrol to your next unit after August 2023;</p> <p>3. Exit with credits awarded to that point.</p>
I'm studying a unit and need an extension or deferral that will keep me on my unit until after January 2024 - what happens to me?	If you need an extension or a deferral that will take your unit end date past January 2024, then at the point you apply for your extension or deferral you will be required to choose which option of study you would like to take; either transfer to UCA, stay with OCA and move to The OU, or exit with credits.
I would like my degree to be awarded by the University for the Creative Arts - how can I do that?	If you would like to be awarded by UCA, you can transfer to UCA at any point; this would involve withdrawing from OCA and transferring any credits you have to UCA through Recognition of Prior Learning. Studying directly with UCA will require students to attend one of their campuses, and fees, degree structure, and assessment practice may all be different. Contact ocatransfer@uca.ac.uk to explore this option.
Once I've completed a stage of study can I exit with an award?	<p>Yes, the option to take an award upon successful completion of a stage is still available.</p> <p>If you are looking for an exit award, and wish for this to be issued by the University for the Creative Arts you will need to have completed the stage and been assessed before January 2024.</p> <p>If you take an exit award after January 2024 this will be issued by The Open University.</p>
I'm in between units and I'm unclear when these changes will affect me.	<p>If you are currently taking a break before starting your next unit then you will make your active choice when you enrol to your next unit.</p> <p>If you are in between units in January 2024, OCA will contact you to offer you one of three options:</p>

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We hope that you are able to find a scenario that fits your circumstances in the above table, but if for any reason you can't find one that matches, or if you have any other questions, please get in touch with us at change@oca.ac.uk and we will be happy to help.

If you would like to contact the University for the Creative Arts directly to discuss any options you can email ocatransfer@uca.ac.uk with your query.