



# Oldham College Student Password Policy Requirement v1.0

Based upon the standard Microsoft password requirements for access to Office 365, Oldham College and UCO have a minimum password requirement as per the information below.

All student passwords must be created in accordance with these requirements.

| Property              | Standard strength passwords   | Strong passwords  |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Characters allowed    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A – Z</li> <li>a – z</li> <li>0 – 9</li> <li>! @ # \$ % ^ &amp; * - _ + = [ ] { }   \ : ' , . ? / ` ~ " &lt; &gt; ( ) ;</li> </ul> |   |
| Characters disallowed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unicode characters</li> <li>spaces</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unicode characters</li> <li>spaces</li> <li>Cannot contain a dot character '.' immediately preceding the '@' symbol</li> </ul>   |
| Password restrictions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 characters minimum and 16 characters maximum</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 characters minimum and 16 characters maximum</li> <li>Requires 3 out of 4 of the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lowercase characters</li> <li>Uppercase characters</li> <li>Numbers (0-9)</li> <li>Symbols (see password restrictions above)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

Therefore, some examples of suitable passwords would be

Oldham14  
@oldham14  
!Password  
(PASSWORD1)