



Your 2025/2026

Undergraduate Prospectus

The Open University

The future is open



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There's no limit to what you can achieve with The Open University. Unlock a world of possibilities – wherever you are and wherever you want to go.

- Gain a globally recognised, high-quality university education.
- Develop the skills and confidence employers are looking for.
- Get a step closer to your dream career.
- Explore your passion and what you're capable of.
- Start the next chapter in your learning journey.

Over two million people have already transformed their futures with us. Now it's your turn.



Welcome to the home of distance and online learning

Achieve a career-boosting qualification with the experts in bringing university to you. For over 50 years, we've pioneered a more flexible way to learn and are a world leader in high-quality distance education.

Studying with the OU means you have the freedom to achieve a respected university qualification on your terms. You can learn whenever suits you, fitting study around your job, family, and social life. Plus, you'll get expert support from a dedicated tutor at every step, free careers advice, and be part of the UK's biggest student community.

When it comes to course quality, you'll be learning from the best. Named 'University of the Year for Teaching Excellence 2025' (Daily Mail University Guide), we're proud to be globally recognised for our teaching and part of an elite group of universities to achieve overall Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework. So whatever your goals, we're here to help you make them a reality.

Reasons to choose the OU

- Tried and trusted – join the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Boost your career – 87% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- Reach your potential – we produce more CEOs and managing directors than any other UK university.
- Invest in your future – we're rated as one of the top three universities for employability and can support you with careers guidance, networking and more.
- Learn and earn – 69% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- Gain a qualification employers respect – 72% of FTSE 100 companies have sponsored their staff to study with us.
- Be inspired – our amazing academics power the latest co-productions with the BBC – including Sir David Attenborough's iconic nature series *Planet Earth*.







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University that works for you

Our courses are designed to flex around your life, so you can study in a way that suits you best. It's just one of the reasons why we're the most popular university for undergraduate students in the UK.

Learn on your terms

OU study is truly flexible. You can access your course materials 24/7 and study anytime, anywhere you like.

You'll also have the support of a dedicated tutor, plus our student support and careers teams are ready to guide you as soon as you start studying.

- Decide when and where you learn.
- Fit study around the rest of your life.
- Fund your studies in a way that suits you.
- Keep on earning while you learn.

Learn from the best

You'll have access to top-quality course materials and be taught by our network of more than 4,500 expert tutors, who are subject specialists. Many combine their teaching work with academic or industry roles, which means you'll receive teaching that's innovative and inspired by the latest insights.

Spark your imagination

See your favourite subjects brought to life with the latest in learning innovation. From textbooks to virtual learning environments, from home experiments to award-winning state-of-the-art remote labs, you'll study using a variety of digital and physical resources. So however you learn best, we'll keep you inspired.

Additional study support

Did you know we support more disabled students than any other UK university? We'll provide access to tools and guidance, and ensure you get the appropriate level of support to make the best of your studies.

Connect with like-minded students

There are lots of ways to connect with our active student community, including online discussion groups and tutorials. You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal social media groups set up by OU students.

When you register, you'll become a member of our Students Association. It's a great way to meet other students, take part in societies and help influence University decisions. See how to get involved at **oustudents.com**.

Get social with us

- @OUstudents
- @OUstudents
- @OUstudentslive

> OU study has changed me as a person. It's made me realise that you can actually do anything you want to.

Misty Crew
OU graduate

How do we compare with other universities?

An OU qualification is just as rigorous and respected as one from a campus-based university and is highly valued by employers. What's different is that the OU gives you the flexibility to study around your job or other commitments.

Bringing university to you, wherever you are

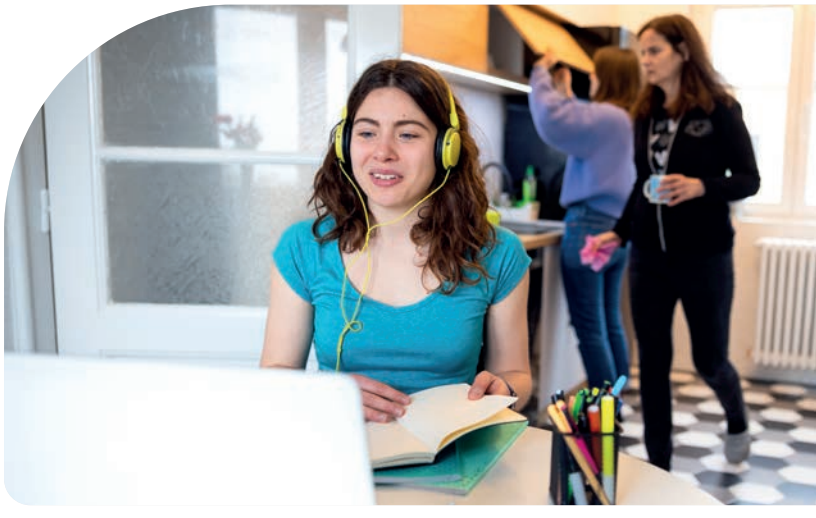
We've continuously developed our teaching methods for over 50 years so that you can fit a high-quality university education around your busy life.

We're dedicated to giving you the very best experience and are proud to be recognised for our teaching – we're the *Daily Mail* University of the Year for Teaching Excellence and were awarded overall Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework.

We're respected by employers

An OU qualification is globally recognised and will give you the skills and confidence employers look for. Research shows that employers rate OU students as being work-ready, adaptable and self-starters – qualities that can help your CV to stand out from the crowd.

You can study around work and put what you learn into practice immediately, helping you to boost your career prospects long before you graduate. Plus, we'll help you to plan ahead with free careers advice, resources and networking opportunities as soon as you become an OU student.



We're open to all

We believe that with the right support, preparation and guidance, many people are capable of succeeding in higher education. That's why there are no formal entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses.

We're a thriving community

You'll be part of one of the most diverse, dynamic and inclusive student communities. Whatever your goals, we're here to help and champion you to fulfil your ambition.

More than 195,000 students study with us each year. Come and join them.

Get to know us

Find out what you can expect as an OU student.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/learning**

Achieve your goals with us

We've been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. Meet some of the incredible OU students and graduates who have used their studies to transform their futures.

There's lots of pressure to follow the same path as everyone else, but it's not the only way. The OU has helped me to achieve my career goals and given me the freedom to make my own decisions.

Eileanoir Blair
OU graduate



As a working mum, I knew that physically attending university wasn't possible – the OU is the perfect solution. I can get on with my life while I complete my studies.

Chido Manyande
OU student



I left school with few qualifications and, thanks to the OU, I'm on course to be a lawyer with a job offer from one of the best law firms in the world!

Thomas Barry
OU student



My career progression has been amazing – OU study equipped me for a successful career; I'd recommend it to anyone. If a CV came across my desk from someone with an OU degree, it would stand out straight away.

James Bransgrove
OU graduate



Chat with OU students

Find out more about the OU study experience by talking to some of our current students.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ask-a-student**

Enhance your career prospects

Open University study can boost your job prospects. Research shows employers value OU students' skills and strengths gained during their studies. 87% of alumni who completed the Employability of Qualifiers Survey 2023 agree their OU study has helped them achieve their career goals.

You'll get support to clarify your goals and needs, build your career confidence and navigate your future. Our 'career readiness' tools, which include AI-powered, structured activity pathways and diagnostics, will guide you to a range of resources such as our:

- OpportunityHub, where hundreds of employers like the BBC, Teach First, IBM and HMRC recruit OU students for virtual internships, work placements, graduate schemes, permanent roles and volunteering
- tools for helping you define your goals and how to achieve them, Your Career Planning Guide, and our networking community
- live careers skills workshops, webinars, employer events, forums, on-demand podcasts and videos, and how to search smarter with labour market information tools
- face-to-face or virtual site visits and experiential learning events with employers
- networking and application skills support, AI-powered online interview practice, CV building and review tools
- FutureYOU personal development planning and tracking tool.

Our professional team across the UK aims to help all OU students succeed in life as well as study. So whatever your diverse needs, background, identity, experience, ethnicity and culture, ability, disability, and difference, we'll help you achieve your personal, study, or career goals.



- 94% of students supported would recommend the OU's Careers and Employability Services.
- Our internships programme for underrepresented students won a Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland Student Engagement Award in 2023.

Our team is available for individual consultations from the moment you start studying up to three years after you've completed your study. For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/careers**.

> Everything fell into place when I discovered the OU. I've come such a long way, I've grown as a person, and I love what I do for a living.

Aoife Sisk
OU graduate

You're on your way

Take the next step by reading more about how you'll study, how long it takes and the support you'll receive.



Qualifications to suit you

With over 200 courses to choose from, whatever your goal, it's possible with The Open University. You can study towards a degree or start with a certificate or diploma and build on your studies as you go.

Certificate of higher education

Get a general grounding or improve your understanding of a subject area.

Diploma of higher education

Expand your knowledge and improve your skill set in a specialised area.

Foundation degree

Focus on a subject related to what you're doing now, in either paid or voluntary work.

Named degree

Complete modules in a specific subject to earn an honours degree and open doors to a new career or interest.

Open degree

Design your own honours degree and include modules from different subject areas to suit your needs and interests.

Integrated masters degree

An integrated masters is an undergraduate degree that combines undergraduate and postgraduate study, giving you a deeper understanding of your subject.

"I can honestly say that without my OU qualification, I wouldn't be where I am today. There's a lot of respect out there for an OU degree, which helps career-wise."

Michael Trott
OU graduate

Discover your ideal course

Find the course to match your ambition.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/course-types**

Building your qualification

You don't need to commit to a full degree. We offer certificates, diplomas and foundation degrees too. Each qualification is valuable in its own right, so you can complete a certificate and stop there or use it as a stepping stone to a diploma or degree.

Here's how it works:

Stages

You'll need to complete:

- one stage for a certificate of higher education
- two stages for a diploma of higher education or foundation degree
- three stages for an honours degree.

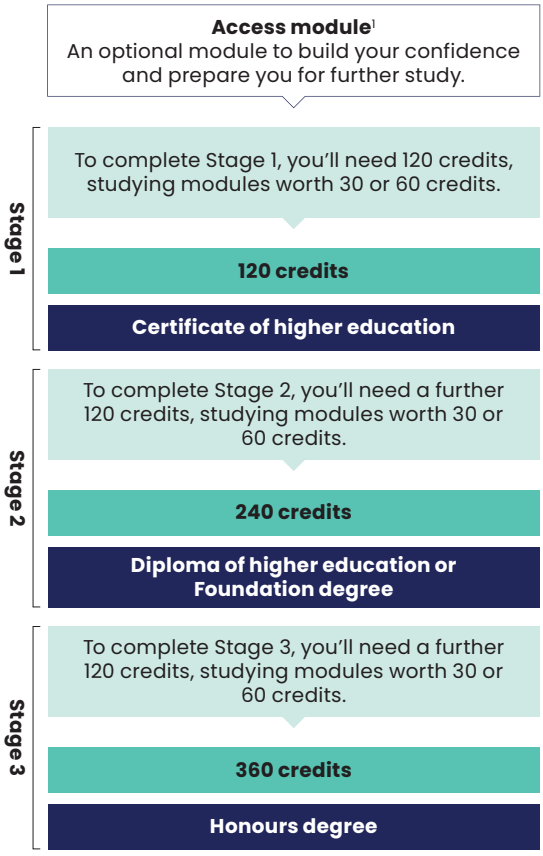
To complete each stage, you must build up a set number of credits.

Credits

- You'll need at least 120 credits to complete each stage.
- You gain credits by passing modules.

Modules

- With each module you pass, you'll earn a set number of credits, usually 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.



[1] Only available in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland.

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you could count this study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the modules you need to study.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer** to find out more.

How does it work?

Watch our quick guide on how credits work and how you can build your undergraduate qualification.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/credits**

Prepare for study with an Access module

No matter your background or study experience, we're here to help you succeed. That's why we offer a choice of starting points depending on how confident you are in your study skills.

You can dive straight into a qualification, or if you want to try out university study or feel you need to learn how to get back into studying again, an Access module could be a great first step. It can also help you find out more about your interests and where you want your learning to take you.

Not sure where to begin? Find the best starting point for you by visiting **openuniversity.co.uk/ready**.

Access modules are only available to residents of the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland.

How Access modules work

Each week you'll work through a mix of online and printed module materials, including online quizzes and written assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

You'll have a dedicated tutor who'll provide academic support via email and one-to-one phone tutorials. Your Student Support Team will be on hand to help with everything else, from study advice to guidance on fees and funding.

Access modules start in February and October and typically require around nine or ten hours of study per week over 30 weeks. In February and May, we also offer a fast-track option which allows you to complete your module in 18 weeks by increasing your weekly study time.

What you need

You'll need a phone and a computer with internet access. You'll get access to your module website, and your books and other printed materials will be posted to you.

Visit our website for more information on what you'll need for your chosen course.

What you can study

Each Access module explores key topics and develops the skills you'll need to successfully complete a qualification.

***Arts and languages Access module* (Y031)**

Gain a broad and diverse introduction to nine subject areas: art history, English language, English literature, creative writing, modern languages, history, religious studies, classical studies, and music.

Also available as *Arts and languages Access module: fast track* (YXFT031).

***Business and law Access module* (Y035)**

Develop an understanding of business and law while gaining confidence in academic writing and building study skills.

Also available as *Business and law Access module: fast track* (YXFT035) from February 2026.

***Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module* (Y034)**

Explore some of our most popular subjects, such as psychology, childhood and youth, early years, health and social wellbeing, sport, education, and social sciences.

Also available as *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module: fast track* (YXFT034).

***Science, technology and maths Access module* (Y033)**

Grow your knowledge in technical subjects, including computing and IT, design, engineering, environment, mathematics and science.

Also available as *Science, technology and maths Access module: fast track* (YXFT033).



You could study for free

Depending on eligibility and availability of places, you could study your Access module for free.

To qualify, you must:

- be resident in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address and
- meet the income threshold criteria, for more information visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access**, and
- have not completed one year or more on any full-time undergraduate programme at FHEQ or CQFW level 4/ SCQF level 7 or above, and not completed 30 credits or more of OU study.

Once you've started the registration process, we'll contact you about your payment options. This will include instructions on applying to study for free if you are eligible and funded places are still available.

How much does an Access module cost?

The cost depends on where you are resident. If you live in:

- England, it's £973
- the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, it's £1,023
- Ireland, it's £917
- Northern Ireland, it's £310
- Scotland, it's £318
- Wales, it's £328.

You can pay upfront by debit or credit card or by bank transfer. You can also spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – there's more about this on page 17.

If you're studying an Access module as part of an OU qualification and you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, you could cover the cost with a student loan – for more information, see page 16.

> If you haven't studied before, do an Access module. It gives you a chance to get a view of the subjects, and it will certainly help going forward.

Steven Sutherland
OU student

Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be successful when they advance to their next course.

Learn more about Access modules

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access**

How long your qualification will take

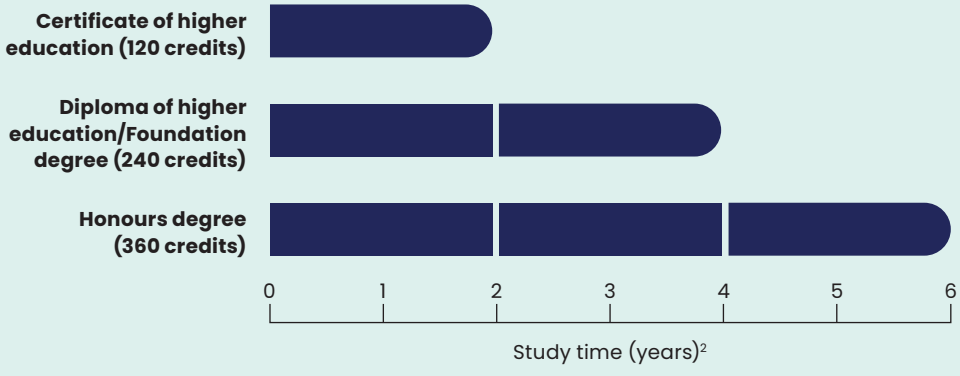
We give you the flexibility to choose the amount of study you want to take on each year. That means you can get the qualification you want in a timeframe that works for you.

How long it will take to gain your qualification depends on the course you've chosen and the amount of credits you study each year. Studying 60 credits a year is half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. To complete your studies at a pace equivalent to full-time, you'll need to gain 120 credits per year.

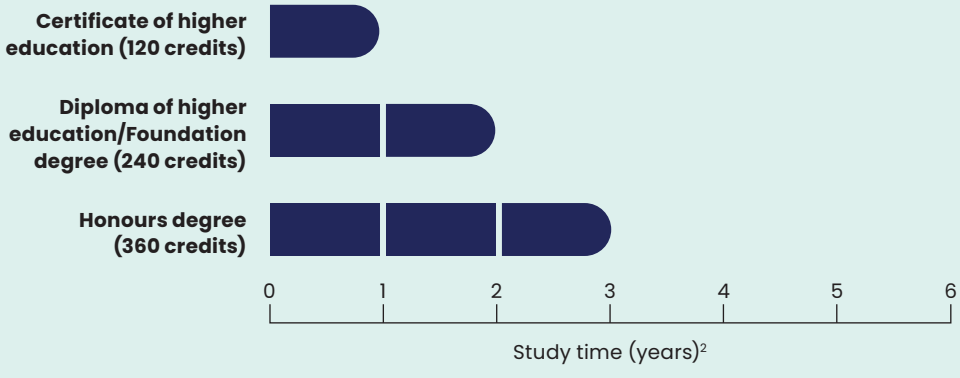
The guide below gives you an idea of how long your qualification could take.[1]

For more information on finding time to study, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/time**

Part-time study | 60 credits a year | 16–18 study hours a week



Full-time study[3] | 120 credits a year | 32–36 study hours a week



[1] Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.
[2] Study time is the period between starting your first module and completing your last module. It doesn't include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award your qualification.
[3] All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you study at a pace that's equivalent to full-time.



Supporting you to succeed

You're never alone when you're studying with The Open University. You'll be part of our global community of students, expert tutors and advisers, all ready to help you get the most out of your journey.

For each module, you'll have a dedicated tutor who'll be your first point of contact for any queries. They'll lead regular tutorials, mark your assignments, provide detailed written feedback, and give study support through email, online, or over the phone. Expert advisers from your Student Support Team can help with any other support needs you experience as an OU student.

Our Students Association, OU Community forums and range of societies and groups mean you're connected to one of the UK's largest student communities.

> There is a community at The Open University. Everyone supports each other. One tutor that really inspired me was Michael. His words of encouragement gave me a confidence boost. My grades just kept on improving and improving.

Joe Acaye
OU student

Your Students Association awaits

The Open University Students Association is a lot like a student union. It's run by students, for students, and can help you make the most of your OU experience. You'll automatically become a member and there's no fee. Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

- Find like-minded students by joining a club, society or support group.
- Meet other students online or at an in-person meet-up near you.
- Take part in our Welcome events where you'll meet other members of the OU community.
- Volunteer or become a student representative to have your say.

Your Association is led by a team of elected students and is supported by hundreds more, all dedicated to creating a wonderful community and representing all OU students.

To find out more, visit **oustudents.com**.

OU Students ASSOCIATION

Join our community

Find out more about how you'll be supported during your studies.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/community**

How you'll learn

With regular tutorials and an online hub to manage your studies, you'll have everything you need to succeed.

Once you've registered, you'll have access to StudentHome where you'll be able to:

- see an overview of your course and the modules you're studying
- submit your assignments
- visit our Help Centre
- access your virtual learning environment
- choose and enrol on your next module.

The virtual learning environment or 'module website' contains all the online study resources you'll need, including:

- a week-by-week study planner
- an assessment section, giving details of your assignments and their due dates
- the tutorial booking system
- your online tutorial room
- module forums where you can discuss topics with other students and complete collaborative work
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

Our assessment methods

Depending on your course, we'll use a blend of written assignments, oral and practical assessments, projects, exams, dissertations and portfolios. For more on assessments, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/assessment**.

What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

- a computer with internet access. If you haven't got access to one right now, you could receive financial support to help buy one
- a basic level of digital skills, such as using a web browser or working with documents and applications. Find out more about the computing skills you'll need, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/computer-skills**
- a good grasp of the English language. We teach our courses in English. If you're not sure whether your English is at the right level, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage** for help and guidance.



Nearly there

Read on to discover more about how we can help you fund your studies and the qualifications you could achieve.



Your fees and funding options

We believe cost shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your potential. That's why our tuition fees are among the most competitive in the UK. Whatever your circumstances, we can help you find a suitable funding method.

How much does it cost?

You'll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, so you won't have to pay for your whole qualification upfront. We've given you an idea of the costs below:

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year[1]
60	£3,892
120	£7,784

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £23,352.

[1] 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. In England, fees are subject to the part-time fee limit, as set out in section 5 of the University's Fee Rules (openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year[2]
60	£1,240
120	£2,480

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,440.

[2] 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year[3]
60	£1,272
120	£2,544

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,632.

[3] 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year[4]
60	£1,312
120	£2,624

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,872.

[4] 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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FOR THOSE LIVING IN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year[5]
60	£3,666
120	£7,332

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £21,996.

[5] 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE THE UK AND IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year[6]
60	£4,092
120	£8,184

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £24,552.

[6] 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Our module fees include your module materials, tuition, assessment, and exams. However, there are some additional costs that aren't included.

- You'll need your own computer and internet access.
- For some modules, you may need to buy additional set books, such as fiction books or a language dictionary.
- A handful of our courses include a residential school. For these, there may be an additional cost. You'll also need to fund the cost of your travel.

Funding your studies

ENGLAND

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan
The best way to fund your undergraduate studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan. In fact, 85% of OU students in England fund their studies this way.

Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything upfront. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £25,000.
- Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- Any balance outstanding will be written off after 40 years.

Here's how your monthly student loan repayments could look:

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment[7]
Up to £25,000	£0
£27,000	£15.00
£30,000	£37.50

[7] Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You'll repay 9% of what you earn over £25,000. For example, if you earn £27,000, you'll repay £180 that year (9% of £2,000). That's just £15.00 per month.

Already have an undergraduate degree?
You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in England or Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Part-Time Tuition Fee Grant
You could be eligible for up to £1,230 a year. The money you receive isn't a loan – you won't need to pay any of it back. The amount you'll be awarded is determined by your household income and the rate at which you study.

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan
If you're not eligible for the grant, or if it doesn't cover the full cost of your tuition fees, you can pay in full or in part using an alternative payment method, such as a Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan.

Course Grant
You may also be eligible for a non-repayable Course Grant of up to a maximum of £265 a year. It's intended to help with course-related costs, such as a computer, internet access or stationery.

SCOTLAND

Part-Time Fee Grant
You could qualify for a Part-Time Fee Grant and top-up funding to cover 100% of your course fees. You'll likely be eligible if your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you're on certain benefits, and you're studying at least 30 credits a year. The fee grant and top-up funding aren't loans, so you won't need to pay any of it back.

WALES

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan
The best way to fund your undergraduate studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan. In fact, 80% of OU students in Wales fund their studies this way.

Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything upfront. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £27,295.
- Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- Any balance outstanding will be written off after 30 years.

Here's how your monthly student loan repayments could look:

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment[8]
Up to £27,295	£0
£29,000	£12.79
£34,000	£50.29

[8] Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You'll repay 9% of what you earn over £27,295. For example, if you earn £29,000, you'll repay £153.45 that year (9% of £1,705). That's just £12.79 per month.

Already have an undergraduate degree?
You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

Maintenance grants
You could be eligible for up to £4,500 a year to help with living costs. The money you receive isn't a loan – you won't need to pay any of it back. The amount you'll be awarded is determined by your household income and the rate at which you study.

Maintenance loans
You'll also be eligible to apply for a non-means-tested maintenance loan, should you need it, to 'top-up' the financial support you've received from grants.

Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for student loan or grant funding, or you live outside the UK, we offer a range of other funding options.

OUSBA loan
Pay your fees in instalments with a loan from Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd. See right for more information.

Card payments
Pay for each module with a debit or credit card in one quick, simple payment.

Mixed payments
Combine your payment options to fund your studies the way you want.

Other support

Care Experienced Scholarship[9]
If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life and are 30 or under, you may be able to study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Carers' Scholarship Fund[9]
If you are, or have recently been, an unpaid carer, you may be able to study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Disabled Students' Allowance[9]
You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund[9]
If you've been injured in, or due to, military service, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full undergraduate qualification.

Employer sponsorship
Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

Sanctuary Scholarship[9]
If you've been displaced from your homeland for political, economic, ethnic, environmental, or human rights pressures, you could be eligible to study for free.

Scholarship for Black Students[9]
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Study-related costs[9]
If you're on a low household income or receive certain benefits, you might be eligible for additional funding for study-related costs, such as travel, internet access and stationery.

[9] UK residents only.

Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

Some students fund their studies through a loan from OUSBA. You'll be offered this option when you register with us, as long as you're resident in the UK, European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, or Vatican City State.

Here's how it works
OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University. You can then choose to repay OUSBA:

- in a single sum before your course starts. There's no interest to pay with this option
- in monthly instalments of up to a year. With this option, interest does apply.

The interest rate is fixed for the duration of the course (representative APR 5.1%).

If you're worried about affordability or a poor credit history, you can apply for a joint loan application with a third party. This could be with a partner, sibling or friend, for example.

As a responsible lender, OUSBA carries out affordability checks as part of the application process.

To find out more about OUSBA, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ousba**.

Find out more

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees**
Call **0300 303 5303**



Find a course

You may be looking for a flexible approach to getting a qualification, in which case you'll find our Open qualifications provide you with a unique way to tailor your study to your needs and interests.

Or, if you'd like to focus on a subject but are unsure of which one, the introductions to the subjects we offer on the following pages may help you decide.

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Open Qualifications

Do you want the freedom to study a range of subjects that interest you? Then our Open qualifications are ideal.

What is an Open qualification?

Put simply, an Open qualification means choice. It allows you the freedom to choose from a variety of modules across subject areas and design a multidisciplinary qualification that reflects your interests and aspirations.

You can:

- tailor your qualification to suit your needs
- create your own unique degree and skill set
- adapt your study plans to match your evolving aspirations
- count previous study towards your qualification.

You can even choose which level of qualification suits your ambitions. Study towards an honours degree, diploma of higher education or certificate of higher education. All with the option to create a bespoke qualification that's individual to you.

If you want to focus on science, technology, engineering or mathematics, we offer a BSc (Hons) Combined STEM that allows you to build your own degree from a wide range of modules and study routes in these specialisms.

Open qualifications and your career

Our Open qualifications equip you with a wide range of expertise, skills and capabilities through multidisciplinary study. These qualities are sought after in today's highly competitive job market. An Open qualification on your CV shows more than your level of knowledge about a subject; employers know that you are flexible and adaptable, potentially having studied across a range of topics. You'll have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:

- self-management and resilience
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.

> The flexibility of the Open degree helped keep things new and exciting. Plus, studying all these different topics means I now have a skill set that's unique to me.

Luke Simmons
BSc (Hons) Open

Degrees

- BA/BSc (Hons) Open degree (QD)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

Diploma of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)

Certificate of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Open Qualifications Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/open**

Arts and Humanities

Explore human culture and history, from ancient civilisations to the twenty-first century. In doing so, gain a deeper insight into the world we live in and how we got here.

Maybe you're intrigued by ideas about human existence or the world's religions, societies and histories. Perhaps you'd like to explore literary and artistic cultures and objects or develop your creative practice as a writer or musician.

Whatever your interests, studying arts and humanities with the OU will give you an adaptable set of skills that can lead to a vast range of career opportunities. That's whether you're developing your current role, retraining, or starting in a new direction.

You'll learn to work independently, think critically and read analytically, organise information, and write clearly and coherently. You'll become an effective communicator, enhancing your career prospects as well as gaining confidence in other areas of your life.

Arts and humanities graduates are particularly good at using creative problem-solving abilities to connect different ideas and concepts.

Such skills are valued by potential employers and can be put to use in virtually any organisation, across many different areas of employment. You could work in the public or private sectors, from administration, local government, the Civil Service, and social services, to arts institutions, education, journalism, publishing or public relations.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities (R14)
- BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities (Art History), (Classical Studies), (Creative Writing), (English Language), (English Literature), (History), (Music), (Philosophy), (Religious Studies), (French), (German) or (Spanish) (R14)
- BA (Hons) Art History and Visual Cultures (R27)
- BA (Hons) Classical Studies (Q85)
- BA (Hons) English Language (R54)
- BA (Hons) English Language and Literature (Q39)
- BA (Hons) English Literature (Q66)
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Creative Writing (Q86)
- BA (Hons) History (Q01)
- BA (Hons) History and French, German or Spanish (R65)
- BA (Hons) History and Politics (Q97)
- BA (Hons) Music (R25)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies (Q43)
- BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Q45)
- BA (Hons) Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (R45)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (W59)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Art History and Visual Cultures (W72)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Classical Studies (W62)
- Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)
- Diploma of Higher Education in English Language (W85)
- Diploma of Higher Education in History (W66)
- Diploma of Higher Education in History and Politics (W64)
- Diploma of Higher Education in History and French, German or Spanish (W96)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Music (W65)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Philosophy and Psychological Studies (W63)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (W79)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
- Certificate of Higher Education in English Language (T44)
- Certificate of Higher Education in History and French, German or Spanish (T55)

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Arts and Humanities Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/arts**

Business and Management

It's easy to see why business and management is such a popular study choice and why hundreds of leading employers sponsor their staff to study with the OU each year.

A competitive global economy means a good grounding in business is becoming more and more useful if you want to get ahead in life. Whether you're running your own company or focusing on a corporate career, get the skills to get ahead. Whatever your starting point or background, The Open University Business School offers high-quality qualifications. Each year, we help thousands of students acquire the capabilities and confidence to achieve business goals in both the private and public/not-for-profit sectors.

You'll learn about the way businesses operate, how they develop strategies, make decisions and manage risk.

You'll also gain valuable insight into key business functions such as finance, human resources, information technology, and sales and marketing.

In acquiring this real-world knowledge, which you can apply immediately in your professional life, you'll also develop a wide range of general business skills like communication, numeracy and presentation, which are valued by employers.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance (R52)
- BA (Hons) Business Management (Q91)
- BA (Hons) Business Management (Accounting), (Economics), (Innovation and Enterprise), (Leadership Practice) or (Marketing) (Q91)
- BA (Hons) Business Management and French, German or Spanish (R55)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Business (Q67)
- BA (Hons) Marketing and Business Management (R84)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Accounting and Finance (W18)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Business Management (W51)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Business Management and French, German or Spanish (W86)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Business (W42)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Marketing and Business Management (W21)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Business Management (T27)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Business Management and French, German or Spanish (T45)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Business (T13)

Accreditation

Our BSc (Hons) Accounting and Finance (R52) is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

The Open University Business School is also one of the elite institutions worldwide that are triple accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS), and the Association of MBAs (AMBA).

AACSB ACCREDITED

ASSOCIATION OF MBAS ACCREDITED

EQUIS ACCREDITED

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Business and Management Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/business-management**

Computing and IT

Much of what we do daily involves computing and IT – online shopping, messaging friends and using household gadgets.

At the heart of digital devices are computers. These can be anything from your mobile phone's embedded processor to ecommerce and internet servers. Most of us take this technology for granted, yet understanding it is fascinating.

Whether you have an enquiring mind or want to improve your career, the OU offers a study option to suit you.

In such a fast-growing field, computing and IT professionals with solid skill sets are in demand. It's not only the IT sector looking to benefit; areas such as retail, finance and manufacturing also value these skills.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (R88)
- BSc (Hons) Computing and IT (Q62)
- BSc (Hons) Computing and IT (Communications and Networking, Communications and Software or Software) (Q62)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and a second subject (Business, Design, Mathematics, Psychology or Statistics) (Q67)
- BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering (R62)
- BSc (Hons) Cyber Security (R60)
- Top-up BSc (Hons) Computing and IT Practice (Q68)
- BSc (Hons) Data Science (R38)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (W25)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT (W36)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and a second subject (Business, Design, Mathematics, Psychology or Statistics) (W42)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing with Electronic Engineering (W92)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Cyber Security Technology (W26)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Data Analysis (W77)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Network Engineering (W19)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Software Development (W20)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Computer Science (T56)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and IT (T12)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and a second subject (Business, Design, Mathematics, Psychology or Statistics) (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and Engineering (T47)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Data Analysis (T42)

Accreditation

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT accredits our computing and IT degree, computing & IT and a second subject degree and top-up computing and IT practice degree.

bcs Accredited Degree

Apprenticeships

We also offer undergraduate computing-related apprenticeships in England and Wales.

Want to study an apprenticeship? You'll need to ask your employer to contact us at **apprenticeships@open.ac.uk**.

Learn more at **openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships**.

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Computing and IT Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/computing**

Design, Engineering and Technology

Design, engineering and technology are creative and challenging subjects; they're stimulating and open up new opportunities.

A qualification in any one of the subject areas we offer can bring real benefits in your professional life, such as:

- exciting employment opportunities in business and industry, as well as in the public and voluntary sectors
- knowledge and expertise valued in the UK, Europe and around the world
- higher than average earnings, particularly if you go on to become a Chartered or Incorporated Engineer
- a skill set that's in high demand.

Employers in many sectors seek people with the numerical skills, creativity, scientific knowledge and teamwork experience that design, engineering and technology graduates have.

Degrees

- Bachelor of Design (Hons) (R63)
- BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation (Q61)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design (Q67)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q65)
- Master of Engineering (M04)[1]
- Top-up Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q78)
- BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering (R62)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

[1] This is an integrated masters, a 480-credit undergraduate degree that combines undergraduate and postgraduate study.

Diplomas of higher education/ Foundation degree

- Diploma of Higher Education in Design (W23)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (W73)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design (W42)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93)
- Foundation Degree in Engineering (X11)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing with Electronic Engineering (W92)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Design (T54)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (T37)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and Engineering (T47)

Accreditation

Our general engineering degrees fulfil the Engineering Council's educational requirements for Incorporated or Chartered Engineer status under UK-SPEC and are accredited by:

- Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
- Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Design, Engineering and Technology Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/design-engineering**



Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport

In today's rapidly changing world, what it means to grow up, learn and start work is changing too. Increase your awareness and appreciation of the factors affecting children, young people and families in modern society.

If you're working with – or plan to work with – children, young people, families or learners, you want to know you'll gain the right qualifications to help you fulfil your ambitions. We offer flexible, varied qualifications, from entry-level certificates to honours degrees, that allow you to study at a pace that suits you.

High-quality content and teaching build directly on our research to give you the best materials to work with throughout your studies.

Along with the new knowledge, skills and confidence you'll gain, OU study opens up many career and personal opportunities. There's a demand for qualified people in education, childcare, sport and fitness, youth and community work, research, the voluntary sector, as well as local, national and international policy development.

Education, childhood, youth and sport are high-profile areas of social policy where radical changes in practice, service provision, and training take place.

Our cutting-edge technology will put you ahead of the crowd and keep you up to date with the latest thinking, ideas, and research.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Childhood and Youth Studies (Q23)
- BA (Hons) Early Childhood (Q89)
- Top-up BA (Hons) Early Childhood (Q90)
- BA (Hons) Education Studies (Primary) (Q94)
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Q76)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Childhood and Youth Studies (W78)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Early Childhood (W50)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Education Studies (Primary) (W54)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Sport and Fitness (W07)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Childhood and Youth Studies (T43)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Early Childhood (T26)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Education Studies (Primary) (T29)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Sport, Fitness and Management (T05)

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/education-youth**



Geography, Environment and Development

Climate change, global trade, energy supply, pollution, cultural conflict, biodiversity loss and poverty are defining societal issues today. These issues all share a common focus on geography, environment and development.

More than ever, governments, organisations and individuals must consider the impact of their actions. By studying with us, you'll explore the trends and developments shaping our world.

On a personal level, you'll become a more enlightened and engaged global citizen who appreciates how the world sees these issues.

On a professional level, you'll gain skills and knowledge valued in environment and development careers within the voluntary, public and private sectors.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Q52)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Environmental Management) (Q52)
- Master of Environmental Science (M05)[1]
- BA (Hons) Environmental Studies (Q99)
- BA (Hons) Geography (R44)
- BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Science (R16)
- BA (Hons) International Relations (R83)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Earth Sciences) (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Environmental Science) (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

[1] This is an integrated masters, a 480-credit undergraduate degree that combines undergraduate and postgraduate study.

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Science (W47)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Studies (W58)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Geography (W81)

Certificate of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)

Accreditation

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) accredit our environmental science qualifications, and the Society for Natural Sciences (SNS) accredits our natural sciences degrees.

CIWEM Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Accredited Course

CIWEM ACCREDITED ies

SOCIETY FOR NATURAL SCIENCES
ACCREDITED DEGREE

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Geography, Environment and Development Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/environment**

Health and Social Care

Health and social care is a vast service sector undergoing radical and rapid change. The focus in frontline health and social care is on giving service users more independence, choice, and control.

This means there's greater demand for well-trained and multi-skilled people across a range of rewarding employment opportunities.

Providing help and care for those in need offers a unique sense of personal and career fulfilment. Through OU study, you can become part of this essential and valuable sector or build on your existing workplace experience and progress your career in a particular area.

Our qualifications cover today's most important issues and topics, such as health pandemics, mental health, children and families, and end-of-life care. They're designed to inspire and challenge you. Some explore broad principles and approaches to caring, while others offer a route to a professional qualification. All draw on the latest research and the experience of practitioners to provide you with valuable insight, skills and knowledge, enabling employment in a range of health, care and integrated settings.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Health and Social Care (R26)
- BSc (Hons) Healthcare and Health Science (Q96)
- BSc (Hons) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (R87)
- BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult), (Children and Young People), (Learning Disabilities) or (Mental Health) (R39)
- BSc (Hons) Public Health and Wellbeing (R64)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (England) (Q32)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Northern Ireland) (R61)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Wales) (Q42)

Diplomas of higher education/ Foundation degree

- Diploma of Higher Education in Health and Social Care (W69)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Biomedical Sciences (W24)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Social Care (Scotland) (W31)
- Foundation Degree in Nursing Associate Practice (X20)

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Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Children and Families (T24)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Health, Wellbeing and Social Care (T52)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare Practice (T01)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare with Health Science (T28)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care (T39)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care (Scotland) (T03)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care Practice (Wales) (T34)

OU certificates

- Certificate in Health and Social Care (S33)
- Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health (S06)

Apprenticeships

We also offer undergraduate nursing and social work apprenticeships in England.

Want to study an apprenticeship? You'll need to ask your employer to contact us at **apprenticeships@open.ac.uk**.

Learn more at **openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships**.

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Health and Social Care Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/health-social-care**

Languages and Applied Linguistics

Language is at the heart of cultures and communication. Whether for general interest or to further your career, learning a new language or learning about the English language is both enjoyable and rewarding.

With step-by-step learning in French, German or Spanish at all levels and Chinese at beginner's level, you can gain a recognised qualification, whether you're starting from the beginning or looking to enhance your existing skills. You can also learn about human communication through a focus on the English language – its history, variation, impact on the world today and its uses – from Shakespeare to social media.

Learning a language and understanding how languages work opens doors to other cultures and communities. Experience a world that goes deeper than any tourist trip ever could. Language learning can also provide opportunities in the global workplace.

You'll have access to expertly designed learning materials, interactive online resources and tutorials with other students. You'll also be supported by a tutor throughout.

Learning languages and about languages will also help you to gather, assess and interpret information, as well as develop your confidence. These skills are highly valued by employers, whatever career you enter.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Language Studies (English and French), (English and German), (English and Spanish), (French and German), (French and Spanish) or (German and Spanish) (Q30)
- BA (Hons) English Language and Literature (Q39)
- BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities (English Language), (French), (German) or (Spanish) (R14)
- BA (Hons) English Language (R54)
- BA (Hons) Business Management and French, German or Spanish (R55)
- BA (Hons) Law and French, German or Spanish (R56)
- BA (Hons) History and French, German or Spanish (R65)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Language Studies (W41)
- Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (W59)
- Diploma of Higher Education in English Language (W85)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Business Management and French, German or Spanish (W86)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Law and French, German or Spanish (W87)
- Diploma of Higher Education in History and French, German or Spanish (W96)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Language Studies (T21)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
- Certificate of Higher Education in English Language (T44)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Business Management and French, German or Spanish (T45)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Law and French, German or Spanish (T46)
- Certificate of Higher Education in History and French, German or Spanish (T55)

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Languages and Applied Linguistics Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/languages**



Law

Law is a foundation stone of society and plays an increasingly important and visible role in all areas of modern life.

It's a subject with a great tradition and a dynamic future. Social and environmental responsibilities, the way businesses operate, and international codes of conduct are all determined and upheld by legal systems. Knowing how laws are made, legal rights and duties, and how the law impacts society will help you to understand society and your own role within it.

Studying law is stimulating in its own right, but it's also a smart career move. A law degree is a good foundation for many legal careers and is a necessary step if you want to practice law as a barrister in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, or as a solicitor in Northern Ireland. It's also an asset for many careers that are not directly related to law. For instance, roles in finance, human resources, local government or general management all benefit from a legal background, whether in corporate business, local and central government, or the voluntary sector.

You can tailor our Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) (R81) and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (graduate entry) (LLB) (R82) according to whether you wish to:

- gain an academic degree
- gain a degree which includes the seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge to become a barrister in England and Wales, or a solicitor or barrister in Northern Ireland, or
- gain a foundation of knowledge to help you prepare for Part 1 of the national Solicitors Qualifying Examination to become a solicitor in England and Wales.

Degrees

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) (R81)
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (graduate entry) (LLB) (R82)
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Law (Q92)
- BA (Hons) Law and French, German or Spanish (R56)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Law (W94)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Law (W52)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Law and French, German or Spanish (W87)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Law (T49)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Law and French, German or Spanish (T46)

OU certificates

- Professional Certificate in Legal Practice: SQE1 (S36)

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Law Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/law**

Mathematics and Statistics

Mathematics and statistics play a part in almost all human endeavours. They help drive advances in science and technology. They're also indispensable for problem-solving and decision-making in many aspects of life.

Global supply chains, weather forecasting, code-breaking, air traffic control, sending rockets into space, weighing up evidence in court, or predicting natural disasters all rely on mathematics or statistics.

Do you:

- need numerical and analytical skills to enhance your job prospects?
- enjoy an intellectual challenge?
- want to study a transferable and practical subject?

Whatever your reasons for studying, the OU offers a great choice.

A qualification in mathematics or statistics will always count in your favour, whatever you want to do in your career. There's strong demand in teaching, finance, IT and data science for people with expertise in these subjects. There's also plenty of scope to use your skills in other sectors, with health, psychology, commerce and marketing being popular options.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Mathematics (Q31)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Statistics (Q36)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and its Learning (Q46)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Mathematics (Q67)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Statistics (Q67)
- BSc (Hons) Data Science (R38)
- BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematical Sciences (Q15)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics (Q77)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Mathematical Sciences (W43)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Mathematics (W42)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Statistics (W42)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Data Analysis (W77)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Mathematics and Physics (W22)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Mathematical Sciences (T14)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Mathematics (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Statistics (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Data Analysis (T42)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Mathematics and Physics (T53)

OU certificates

- Professional Certificate in Practical Statistics (S03)
- Graduate Certificate in Theoretical Statistics and Probability (S04)

Accreditation

The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) accredits our mathematics degrees, the Royal Statistical Society (RSS) accredits our mathematics and statistics degree, and the Institute of Physics (IOP) recognises our mathematics and physics degree.

Institute of mathematics & its applications

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY
DATA | EVIDENCE | DECISIONS

IOP Institute of Physics

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Mathematics and Statistics Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/maths**

Psychology and Counselling

Psychology and counselling involve the study of people, their lives and their behaviour. These subjects help us to understand everyday interactions and experiences, thoughts and feelings.

You'll learn about new developments and research and their applications to contemporary life. You'll analyse and evaluate key theoretical concepts, develop skills in assessing and using different kinds of evidence, learn statistical analysis and research methods, and gain an understanding of how research informs our everyday lives. As applied sciences, psychology and counselling are dynamic academic fields relevant to many social and global issues, many of which you'll encounter throughout your studies.

You'll be able to use the knowledge and skills you develop to take advantage of job opportunities in education, industry, the health professions, management, advertising and marketing, human resources, research, counselling, and social services.

The OU is Europe's largest provider of university-level education in psychology. Our diverse topics are supported by an active research agenda. Our module materials have been written by expert academics whose specialisms include social psychology, counselling psychology, forensic psychology, interdisciplinary and psychosocial studies, developmental psychology, discourse analysis, cognitive psychology and neuropsychology.

Many of our degrees are designed to deliver the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS), providing the recognised foundation for further training to become a professional psychologist.

BPS-accredited psychology degrees

- BSc (Hons) Psychology (Q07)
- BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology (Q82)
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling (Q84)
- BSc (Hons) Social Psychology (Q83)

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Other degrees that include psychology or counselling

- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Psychology (Q67)
- BSc (Hons) Counselling (R86)
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology (Q98)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies (Q43)
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Psychology) (R23)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

Diplomas of higher education/ Foundation degree

- Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology (W45)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Psychology (W42)
- Foundation Degree in Counselling (X09) or Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling (W09)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology (W57)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Philosophy and Psychological Studies (W63)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Social Sciences (W68)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Psychology (T22)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Psychology (T13)

Next steps

Request a copy of our *Psychology and Counselling Prospectus* – see page 37.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/psychology**

Science

Science is about creativity, discovery and problem-solving. Explore this diverse topic and gain the opportunity to improve our world's future.

Insights and discoveries from science drive advances across healthcare, space exploration, industrial manufacture, environmental protection, conservation and many other areas.

Science study with the OU will enhance your understanding of the world and help you develop creative, analytical and investigative skills that employers value.

Over 15,000 students study science with us each year. Whether you're looking for a career in science or want to explore your interests, the variety we offer means there's a science qualification for you.

You'll have access to the highest quality teaching. Our international research programmes in astronomy and planetary science, biology, chemistry, earth sciences, environmental science and physics influence that teaching.

Science knowledge and skills are valuable in many different careers and sectors – environment, energy, technology and healthcare are just a few.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Biology (R58)
- BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences (R87)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Q52)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Environmental Management) (Q52)
- Master of Environmental Science (M05)[1]
- BSc (Hons) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics (Q77)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Astronomy and Planetary Science), (Biology), (Chemistry), (Earth Sciences), (Environmental Science) or (Physics) (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Physics (R51)
- Master of Physics (M06)[1]
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

[1] This is an integrated masters, a 480-credit undergraduate degree that combines undergraduate and postgraduate study.

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Biology (W89)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Biomedical Sciences (W24)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Science (W47)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Natural Sciences (W37)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Physics (W82)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Natural Sciences (T11)

OU certificates

- Certificate in Astronomy and Planetary Science (S10)
- Professional Certificate in Chemistry (S34)
- Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)
- Certificate in Physics (S20)

Accreditation

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) and the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) accredit our environmental science qualifications, the Institute of Physics (IOP) accredits our physics degree and provisionally accredits our Master of Physics, the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) provisionally accredits our biology degree, and the Society for Natural Sciences (SNS) accredits our natural sciences degrees.

CIWEM Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management Accredited Course

IES Accredited

IOP Institute of Physics

Royal Society of Biology Accredited Degree

Society for Natural Sciences Accredited Degree

Next steps

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Social Sciences

Gain fascinating insights into everyday life in communities, families and workplaces with social sciences at the OU.

Study how people, groups, and institutions exercise power and respond to political and economic forces to make sense of our ever-changing world.

Is there a link between poverty and crime? Why do people smoke when they know the risks? Social questions such as these provide invaluable information for making decisions based on the best evidence.

Studying the social sciences equips you with a range of skills that will appeal to potential employers and enhance your career prospects. People with a social sciences background are found in just about every occupation and sector. Education, central and local government, finance, health and social care, law, the media, public services, and research are frequent career choices.

An OU qualification in social sciences could be just the qualification you need to climb the career ladder. However far you decide to take your studies, learning with the OU brings many advantages. You'll benefit from our high-quality teaching; strong employment prospects; and the thriving research culture which shapes study content. In fact, we produce modules that reflect developments at the frontiers of research.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Social Sciences (R23)
- BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Criminology), (Development), (Economics), (Geography), (Philosophy), (Politics), (Psychology), (Religious Studies) or (Sociology) (R23)
- BA (Hons) Criminology (R21)
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Law (Q92)
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology (Q98)
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology (R46)
- BA (Hons) Economics (R30)
- BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematical Sciences (Q15)
- BA (Hons) Environmental Studies (Q99)
- BA (Hons) Geography (R44)
- BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Science (R16)
- BA (Hons) History and Politics (Q97)
- BA (Hons) International Relations (R83)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies (Q43)
- BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Q45)
- BA (Hons) Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (R45)
- BA (Hons) Sociology (R57)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Social Sciences (W68)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology (W67)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Law (W52)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology (W57)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Sociology (W80)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Economics (W71)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Studies (W58)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Geography (W81)
- Diploma of Higher Education in History and Politics (W64)
- Diploma of Higher Education in International Relations (W95)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Philosophy and Psychological Studies (W63)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (W79)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Sociology (W88)

OU diploma

- Diploma in Economics (V13)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Sciences (T06)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Economics and Personal Finance (T36)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)



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Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/social-sciences**



Register for your course

Ready to start your OU journey?
Let's get going. It's as simple as:

1. **Register**
   Go to your chosen qualification webpage, select your start date and click 'Register now'.
2. **Choose your modules(s)**
   Select the module(s) you want to study in your first year. Some may be compulsory, while you may select others from a list of options.
3. **Organise your funding**
   Tell us how you'll be funding your chosen module(s). You'll find all your options here **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees**.
4. **Complete your registration**
   Confirm your funding method.
   That's it – you're ready to start learning.

We recommend registering as early as possible to secure your place. Once you're registered, you'll have access to our learning tools, materials, and student support to help you get started.

Learn more about how to apply at **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-apply**.

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you might be able to count that study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the modules you need to study.

Learn more at **openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer**

Useful information

Study from outside the UK

You could study with the OU wherever you are in the world.

Find out more by visiting **openuniversity.co.uk/international** or call **+44 (0)300 303 0266**.

Students with additional study needs

When you register, we'll ask if you have a physical or mental health disability, health condition, or specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) that could affect your study. If you do, we'll give you more detailed information about how we can help.

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Equality and diversity

We're committed to creating an inclusive university community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

We do this by challenging inequality, celebrating diversity and ensuring everyone has the support needed to achieve their goals.

Find out more by visiting **openuniversity.co.uk/equality**.

Students under the age of 16

Very exceptionally, we accept applications from gifted students under 16.

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Sustainability and the OU

We embed sustainability across all aspects of your learning. Equipping you with science-based knowledge for social and environmental justice, transformational skills and the courage and confidence to be a force for regenerative practices in all areas of your life.

For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/sustainability**.

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Data protection

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Other ways to read this prospectus

You may find it easier to access information from our website at **openuniversity.co.uk**.

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Explore our other prospectuses

Learn more about the qualifications we offer.

Subject-specific prospectuses

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Design, Engineering and Technology
- Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport
- Geography, Environment and Development
- Health and Social Care
- Languages and Applied Linguistics
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology and Counselling
- Science
- Social Sciences

Other prospectuses

- Access Modules
- MBA
- Open Qualifications
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Wales
- Postgraduate Courses

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If you require further information about the circumstances in which we may make changes, please contact us or refer to the Academic Regulations on our website at **openuniversity.co.uk/academic-regulations**.

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- Email us from our website **openuniversity.co.uk/contact**
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **0300 303 5303**

Lines are open (UK time) Monday to Friday: 08:00–17:30

Calls are charged at the local rate when calling from a UK mobile phone or landline.

In Northern Ireland

- Email **northern-ireland@open.ac.uk**
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **028 9032 3722**

In Ireland

- Email **ireland@open.ac.uk**
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **(01) 6785399**

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- Go to **openuniversity.co.uk/contact**
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