



Your 2025/2026

Postgraduate 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 – 82% of the OU's research is ranked as world-leading or internationally excellent according to the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) assessment.
- 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.
- Gain a qualification employers respect – 72% of FTSE 100 companies sponsor their staff to study with us.
- Be inspired – OU postgraduate tutors are subject-specialists, with many of them practicing professionally in their fields.
- Reach your potential – we produce more CEOs and managing directors than any other UK university.
- Boost your career – 87% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.







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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. Step into your future with flexible, career-boosting courses that can help you get ahead.

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 was brilliant for me. It gave me the opportunity to juggle study, full-time work and my family life. I would highly recommend it.

Rachel Blackburn
MBA

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 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.

More information

Find out more about The Open University.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-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 could not have asked for more support throughout my masters. I feel very proud to say that I studied with the OU.

Victoria Kasprowicz
OU graduate



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 for the 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
- 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**.

> Postgraduate study will build the skills you gained at undergraduate level even further, enhancing your value for employers, whether you aim to progress your current career or change direction.

Ellen Cocking
Head of the OU's Careers and Employability Services

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

Whatever inspires or excites you, our tutors will introduce you to world-class research and ideas. We offer three types of postgraduate qualifications.

Postgraduate certificate

Ideal for professional and career development, this is the first step towards a masters degree and a valuable qualification in its own right.

Postgraduate diploma

Work towards a widely recognised qualification that is equivalent to two-thirds of a masters degree.

Masters degree

Study modules towards an internationally respected qualification while gaining specialist academic, professional or technical skills.

Entry requirements

Typically, you'll be expected to have a degree. But you might have professional experience, other qualifications or prior university-level study that'll help set you up for success. What matters is that you're able to:

- find and understand research material written for experts
- critically analyse your findings
- follow academic convention when presenting findings, ideas, bibliographies and references
- reflect on different theories and relate them to your own studies.

Our qualification descriptions will tell you what you need. For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready**.

> OU study has built my confidence, boosted my resilience and taught me to think critically. The OU supports you to do your best, and it's in your hands to make it happen.

Audrey Davies
Masters degree in Education

Discover your ideal course

Find the course to match your ambition.

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

Building your qualification

You gain a postgraduate qualification by building up a set number of credits. Here's how it works:

Credits

- You'll need 60 credits to gain a postgraduate certificate.
- 120 credits to gain a postgraduate diploma.
- 180 credits to gain a masters degree.

Credits are gained by successfully completing modules.

Modules

With each module you pass, you'll earn a set number of credits. Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options. You'll choose the modules you want to study year by year.

Getting started

All you need to do is choose which qualification you want to study and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

60 credits
at postgraduate level.

Postgraduate certificate

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level, totalling **120 credits**.

Postgraduate diploma

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level, totalling **180 credits**.

Masters degree[1]

[1] Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.

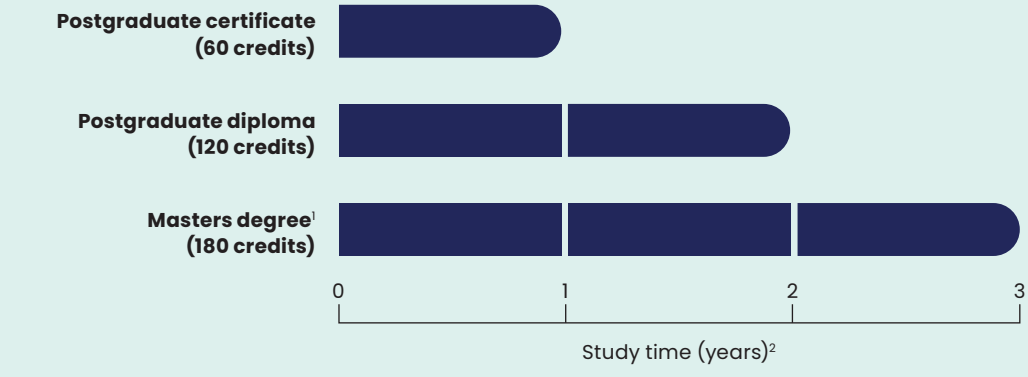




How long does a postgraduate qualification take?

How long it will take to get your qualification depends on which qualification you're working towards. All of our postgraduate courses are offered as part-time study. The typical timescales for completion are shown below.

Part-time study | 60 credits a year | 16–20 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.

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at postgraduate 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/pg-credit**.

More information

Find out more about the time you need to study.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-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/pg-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/pg-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**
- an appropriate level of proficiency in English. You can check your English skills at **openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage**.



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

With The Open University, a highly-respected postgraduate qualification is an investment you can afford. 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, which means you won't have to pay for your whole qualification upfront. To find the total fee for your qualification, visit our website.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Your module materials, tuition, assessment and exams are all included in our module fees.

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 or theory books.
- A handful of our courses include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of your travel.

> The OU impacted my life in ways I never thought possible. They made me realise that I could do anything, be anything and become anything I want to be.

Danielle Haigh-Wood
MA in History

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Funding your studies

ENGLAND AND WALES

Postgraduate loan
You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £12,858 from Student Finance England or up to £19,255 from Student Finance Wales.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money is paid directly to you.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
- Payments are spread across two or three years.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You'll repay 6% of your income over £21,000. So, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- Any balance outstanding after 30 years is written off.

To be eligible you must:

- be resident in England or Wales
- be under 60 years old
- be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years
- not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
- be studying your qualification from the beginning.

NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

Postgraduate loan
You could be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £6,500 from Student Finance Northern Ireland or up to £7,000 from the Student Awards Agency Scotland.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- There's no upper age limit.
- Payments are spread over the duration of your studies.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £24,990 in Northern Ireland and £31,395 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £35,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £324.45 that year (9% of £3,605). That's just £27 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must be:

- resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
- studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.



Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for 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

Creative Writing Scholarship[1]
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could be eligible to study our MA in Creative Writing for free.

Disabled Students' Allowance[1]
You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund[1]
If you've been injured in, or due to, military service, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full postgraduate qualification.

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

Grant funding
We offer access to a database of over 600 non-OU funding bodies offering grants for postgraduate students studying for or looking to study a masters, PGCE, or research degree.

Hayes Postgraduate Scholarship[1]
If you're studying an Engineering or Computing masters degree, you could be eligible to complete it for free.

OU bursaries[1]
If you've already completed an OU undergraduate degree, you could receive a bursary to help lower the cost of your postgraduate study.

Study-related costs[1]
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.

[1] 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 postgraduate fees and funding.

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

Find a course

In this section, you can find information about the specific qualifications that we offer. There's a wide range of fascinating subjects to choose from.

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MA/MSc Open

Do you want the freedom to create a personalised course of study across a range of academic disciplines? Then our innovative MA/MSc Open is ideal.

This programme allows you to create a unique postgraduate qualification suited to your interests.

Why choose the MA/MSc Open?

The MA/MSc Open allows you to choose modules and microcredentials from a wide range of related subject areas to fit your professional needs and personal interests.

You can:

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

The MA/MSc Open equips 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.

Choose modules from one of these study areas:

- Arts, Humanities, Music and Languages
- Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law.

Or combine one of the above with a choice of further professional development modules or microcredentials.



More online

Discover more and register online.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/f81**



Arts and Humanities

The study of human cultures and histories gives us a deeper insight into the world we live in and how we got here. Seek intellectual challenge and invigorate your passion for the arts with OU postgraduate study.

Advanced academic achievement, enhanced career opportunities and personal fulfilment. These are just a few of the rewards you'll get from studying with us.

Join almost 2,000 students currently engaged in our diverse programme, which covers many fascinating aspects of historical and contemporary cultures.

Our masters degrees are designed to stretch your abilities and refine your research and analytical skills. You'll gain credentials both for the world of employment and for higher-level qualifications.

Many of our postgraduates have continued into academic and research careers, going on to complete MPhils and/or PhDs. Some publish books and articles resulting from their dissertation research. Others have used their newly acquired skills to help take their career to a more senior level in areas such as teaching, journalism, media and public sector employment.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Arts and Humanities.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Masters degree
Art History		F33 (MA)
Classical Studies		F59 (MA)
Creative Writing		F71 (MA)
English Literature		F88 (MA)
History		F89 (MA)
Humanities	C20	
Music		F99 (MA)
Philosophy		F30 (MA)

MA in Art History (F33)

With our online MA, you'll deepen your understanding of art, architecture, and visual culture, build your analytical and critical skills, and develop the skills needed for independent study and research. You'll start by exploring the core concepts and recent developments that have shaped art history from Renaissance Italy to the contemporary Caribbean before expanding your understanding of visual and material objects.

MA in Classical Studies (F59)

This masters degree provides you with the opportunity to discover what it means to do Classical Studies in the twenty-first century. You'll investigate a range of ancient and contemporary ideas about the Greek and Roman worlds through encounters with literary texts, languages, historical sources and archaeological remains, and their ongoing significance for later periods, places, cultures and creative practices.

MA in Creative Writing (F71)

This online MA offers an exciting opportunity to develop your skills as a writer in fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and scriptwriting. You'll write in a genre of your choice and experiment with at least one other through practical and inspiring activities. By sharing, reading and critiquing work in progress, your writing practice will be honed as you progress towards producing a substantial piece of your own work to a professional standard.

MA in English Literature (F88)

This MA introduces you to studying literature, poetry, drama and prose in relation to culture. You'll explore genre writing, the bestseller and mass literary production. You'll encounter texts representing revolutionary social or political change, and you'll look at English literature as an international literary form.

MA in History (F89)

This MA provides you with the opportunity to explore society, politics and culture in Britain and Ireland during either the early modern (c.1500–1800) or modern (c.1750–1970) period. You'll also learn how historians have researched and written about politics, immigration, institutions and the environment. Using our world-class collection of online primary source materials, together with documents and artefacts in local and national repositories, you'll produce an independent research project.

MA in Music (F99)

This masters degree introduces you to the diverse topics and methods of music research and equips you with the critical skills to pursue your own research interests in music. You'll develop your ability to analyse and interpret musical sources and practices, to understand and apply theories to develop your own arguments, and to communicate effectively to a variety of different audiences. You'll also encounter musical practices and genres from a wide range of places and time periods and have the opportunity to follow your own musical interests.

MA in Philosophy (F30)

This online MA will hone your ability to think clearly, reason logically, and develop your essay writing, research and analytical skills. You'll put forward and evaluate arguments while exploring current debates and issues in philosophy – engaging with a wide range of fascinating philosophy texts and areas of contemporary enquiry with discussions on environmental aesthetics, consciousness, global justice and political philosophy.

More online

Discover more and register online.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-subjects**



Business and Management

Businesses and organisations are of significant importance in modern life, shaping global economies, politics and cultures.

Delving into the study of these institutions and the people involved can be rewarding in various ways, such as enhancing your intellectual abilities, advancing your career, and contributing to society.

By upgrading your qualifications and broadening your management skills, you can pursue opportunities to transition from a professional, functional or technical role into a more senior or general management position. Whatever your starting point or end goal, you will acquire a competitive edge with a postgraduate qualification from The Open University Business School.

Accreditation

Our Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide that are accredited by the three leading international accrediting bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the Association of MBAs (AMBA), and the European Foundation for Management Development, through its EQUIS programme – hallmarks of quality of teaching, learning materials and qualification impact.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Business and Management.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Business Administration	C66	E80	F61 (MBA)
Finance	K24	E83	F67 (MSc)
Human Resource Management	K41	E87	F93 (MSc)
Technology Management			F69 (MBA)

AACSB ACCREDITED

ASSOCIATION OF MBAS ACCREDITED

EQUIS ACCREDITED

We have more than **28,500** successful MBA graduates in over 100 countries.

Selected highlights

MBA (F61)

Designed for practising senior and middle-level managers, our MBA emphasises strategic analysis, interdisciplinary skills, creativity and innovation. Its strong international emphasis and global reputation make it highly attractive to ambitious executives all over the world.

The emphasis on your learning is directly rooted in management practice. You'll focus on strategic analysis and interdisciplinary skills – building on a solid foundation of core disciplines, including human resource management, organisational behaviour, accounting and finance, marketing and operations.

The OU MBA is accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA) and also offers an option to study modules that allow for Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) recognition.

MBA (Technology Management) (F69)

If you're looking for an MBA with a focus on technology, this is the qualification for you. It's applicable to technology management and technological innovation in a wide variety of contexts and sectors, including information technology/information systems, telecommunications, computing, engineering, manufacturing, transport and logistics, retailing, energy production and supply, defence and security, management and administration, and any form of services, including health, welfare and leisure.

The OU MBA (Technology Management) is accredited by the Association of MBAs (AMBA).

MSc in Finance (F67)

This qualification is designed to support professional development and practice in a wide range of roles in finance – whether you're developing in your career or aspiring to enter the sector. You'll gain a thorough grounding in areas such as corporate finance, financial decision-making, financial reporting and governance. You'll develop competencies in applying statistical and econometric techniques and gain knowledge of the fundamentals of Islamic finance and behavioural finance.

You can choose to specialise either in derivatives and financial risk management or in investment and portfolio management. You'll complete your qualification with a dissertation on a finance topic of your choice that is relevant to your interests or chosen career development.

This qualification has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Affiliation Program.

MSc in Human Resource Management (F93)

This MSc combines an in-depth understanding of human resource (HR) management with a broader exploration of its organisational and management context. Whether you're at the start of your career in HR, aspiring to enter the HR profession or a line manager, it will give you up-to-date knowledge of organisational theory and behaviour and the specialist skills essential to practitioners.

You'll learn about the HR professional's role, professionalism, and approaches to addressing ethical dilemmas, EDI (Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion), working inclusively, and sustainable HR management. You'll also develop the people management skills essential for HR work, such as selection and appraisal interviewing, delivering training, managing performance, organisational development, and people analytics.

Completing the MSc provides a route to professional membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

More online

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Childhood and Youth Studies

Our interdisciplinary approach to postgraduate study in the field of childhood and youth draws upon aspects from education, childhood and youth studies, sociology, health and social care, and psychology.

Our teaching approach encourages students to link theory to practical application and policy. You'll improve your knowledge, critical reflection and insight into working with children and young people in each module.

This subject may be particularly relevant if you're a graduate working in (or, in some cases, aspiring to work in) early-years provision, education, social work, nursing, psychology, healthcare, youth-work settings, youth justice or the voluntary sector. You can build up your study from the certificate towards the masters degree. Achievement of these advanced qualifications will significantly enhance your career prospects.

Subject	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Childhood and Youth Studies	K32	E93	F55 (MA)

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Childhood and Youth Studies.

MA in Childhood and Youth (F55)

This postgraduate degree delivers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of childhood and youth, covering aspects of theory, policy and practice. It is ideal if you are a graduate professional working with children and young people and seek to advance academically and professionally. It's also suitable if you're not currently working with children or young people but are looking to move into this professional field. The degree deepens understanding and develops practice through a wide range of case studies within a global context that links theory to practice. It explores the many different contexts of children's and young people's lives, analysing policy and organisational changes and exploring what it means to be a critical, reflective practitioner.

Postgraduate Diploma in Childhood and Youth Studies (E93)

This postgraduate diploma deepens your understanding of children and young people's worlds while developing your critical analysis skills and comprises the first and second stages of a study programme that progresses to the MA in Childhood and Youth.

Postgraduate Certificate in Childhood and Youth Studies (K32)

Explore different perspectives on childhood and youth and strategies designed to promote their welfare. This postgraduate certificate is the first stage of a study programme that progresses to the MA in Childhood and Youth.

You may also be interested in our **qualifications in Education** (see page 24)

Computing and IT

Stay at the forefront of computing and IT with OU postgraduate study. Professionals with a robust skill set and advanced knowledge are in demand.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Computing	K22	E81	F66 (MSc)
Cyber Security		E96	F87 (MSc)

We work with employers and sector-skills councils to offer industry-relevant qualifications. We map our study to sector-skills frameworks to ensure you'll have the skills employers need.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Computing and IT.

Selected highlights

MSc in Computing (F66)

This qualification covers various topics, incorporating transferable skills applicable to professional development, including cyber security, software development and IT management, plus options in innovation management and systems thinking. A flexible, broad route lets you select modules to suit your needs or choose one of the BCS-accredited software engineering or information security and forensics routes to develop in-depth specialist knowledge. Finally, finish with an independent project on a topic of your choice.

bcs Accredited Degree

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, accredits the Information Security and Forensics and Software Engineering routes of our MSc in Computing.

Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (E81)

This flexible diploma enables computing practitioners to pursue their career goals, choosing from cyber security, software development and IT management, plus options in innovation management and systems thinking. You'll gain advanced knowledge, skills and techniques and develop a professional approach to studying and applying computing. You can opt for a flexible, broad route and pick modules to meet your requirements or focus on software engineering or information security and forensics.

MSc in Cyber Security (F87)

Cyber security is a growing concern – there's a significant skills gap and global demand for cyber security professionals. Our MSc, provisionally certified by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ, develops the skills you need to pursue a career in the industry. The course covers various topics, including digital forensics, and information, network and systems security. It also incorporates transferable skills applicable to professional development and finishes with a substantial independent project.

Certified Degree
in association with National Cyber Security Centre

Our MSc in Cyber Security is provisionally certified by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ.

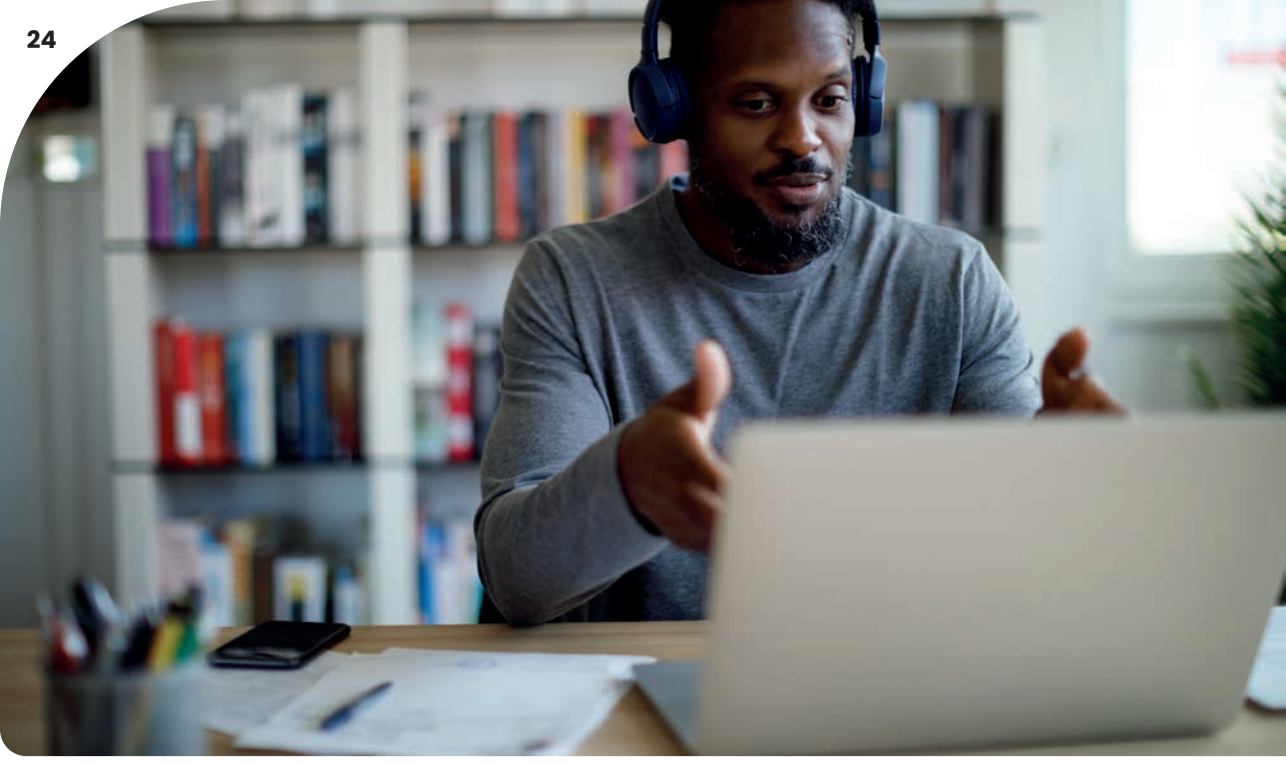
Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Security (E96)

This industry-relevant qualification gives a rigorous approach to studying and applying cyber security. It covers various topics, including digital forensics, information security, network security and systems security and incorporates transferable skills applicable to professional development. It's also the first two-thirds of our MSc in Cyber Security.

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Education

There are few other sectors that have the potential to make such a difference to people's lives as education and teaching. Study this challenging but immensely rewarding subject with the pioneers in distance learning.

Whether you're an experienced practitioner or looking to move into an education-related role, our qualifications offer flexibility for your professional development and the opportunity to gain career credentials to help you establish yourself as a leader in your field. No matter what you decide to study, your postgraduate study will develop your capacity to reflect critically and constructively with others in a learning community, engage with the ideas and frameworks presented in the modules and apply them to your practice. You'll also acquire skills and experience in tackling and solving problems.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Education.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Education	K27	E88	F70 (MA/MEd)
Online Teaching	K43		F98 (MA)
Initial Teacher Education (Wales)	K36		

Masters degree in Education (F70)

This flexible masters degree is suitable for education professionals who wish to acquire qualities and transferable skills that employers highly prize. You'll have the choice of three specialist routes – learning and teaching, leadership and management or inclusive practice. You'll also have the option to change your specialism after Stage 1, giving you the opportunity to study two specialisms within one qualification. Your final dissertation module gives you the choice of a small-scale inquiry on a topic of your choice, or you can complete an extended literature review and research proposal relevant to your educational professional interests and practice.

Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Studies in Education (E88)

The postgraduate diploma lets you explore in-depth the field of education within a chosen specialism and comprises the first and second stages of a study programme that progresses to the Masters degree in Education.

Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Studies in Education (K27)

Explore a choice of specialism from the field of education. You'll be encouraged to draw on your own experiences and apply your learning to your professional context. This certificate also forms Stage 1 of the Masters degree in Education.

MA in Online Teaching (F98)

This Masters in Online Teaching is available globally. It offers you the unique opportunity to study the theory and practice of online and blended teaching through modules created by experts from The Open University's Institute of Educational Technology who are pioneering in the design and delivery of digital teaching, learning and assessment. You'll study how new media, innovative pedagogies and cutting-edge educational technologies can be used effectively and equitably across multiple sectors to engage diverse learners and meet their needs.

Postgraduate Certificate in Online Teaching (K43)

This postgraduate certificate comprehensively introduces the theory and practice of online and blended teaching and learning. While it can be completed as a standalone qualification, it is also the first part of our MA in Online Teaching. You'll look at the innovative and equitable use of new media and cutting-edge technologies, which are relevant for both learning professionals and non-practitioners interested in online teaching and will reflect on their relevance to your practice.

Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Wales (K36)

This PGCE allows those living or working in Wales to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in just two years. We offer salaried and part-time routes. You can choose from teaching primary or secondary level in a range of subjects, combining online academic study with essential practical experience in schools. You can also choose whether to study in English or Welsh.

You may also be interested in our **MA in Translation** (page 31) or **MA in Childhood and Youth** (page 22)

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Engineering and Technology Management

According to Engineering UK, qualified engineers and technologists rank among the highest-paid professionals. This innovative sector is at the forefront of environmental and technological advancements.

Engineering

By studying a postgraduate engineering qualification, you'll acquire and develop the skills and knowledge professional engineers need to create innovative solutions to challenging problems.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Engineering.

Accreditation

Our MSc in Engineering fulfils the Engineering Council's educational requirements for Chartered Engineer (CEng) status under UK-SPEC, when combined with an accredited honours degree like our own Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q65), and is accredited by:

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

Selected highlight

MSc in Engineering (F46)

The MSc is a milestone to becoming a Chartered Engineer (CEng). You'll develop a professional approach to your work and extend your engineering skills. You'll also develop transferable skills, such as creative problem-solving, effective communication, project management and concept realisation. Choose option modules from applied mathematics, environmental management, innovation management and systems thinking. And, as part of a small project team and during a UK-based residential school, design and present a solution to a real-world engineering problem and conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.

Subject	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Engineering	E22	F46 (MSc)

Subject	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Technology Management	C49	E08	F36 (MSc)

Technology management

Imagination and the ability to effectively manage technological innovation are in great demand throughout public and voluntary sectors, private business and industry. Our technology management qualifications develop the technology innovation management knowledge and skills needed to accelerate your career and improve organisational performance.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Technology Management.

Selected highlights

MSc in Technology Management (F36)

This MSc provides the knowledge and skills to shape technology strategy, innovation and management decisions to make a real difference to your organisation. First, you'll focus on the operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change, then explore a range of capabilities essential to technological innovation, strategic development and management. You'll choose option modules from business management, computing and IT, engineering, environmental management and systems thinking. Finally, you'll conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.

Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)

This postgraduate diploma will help you manage technology and innovation more effectively and realise its potential benefits. You'll focus on the strategic and operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change and engage with a range of capabilities key to developing and delivering technological innovation – applying your learning as you study. Choose option modules from business management, computing and IT, engineering, environmental management and systems thinking. You can achieve the MSc in Technology Management with a further 60 credits.

"OU study has definitely benefited me. I look at problems and issues differently now than when I started. I see the bigger picture. If you're thinking of signing up to study with the OU, I'd say go for it."

David Crowe
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management

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Environmental Management and Global Development

We live in an age dominated by concerns about the environment, sustainable development and global prosperity.

This shift has made finding sustainable solutions to these concerns even more critical. Individuals, organisations and governments increasingly face the challenge of thinking more proactively about their actions' local and global environmental and societal impact.

CIWEM Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management
Accredited Course

IEMA Transforming the world to sustainability – UNIVERSITY PARTNER –

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Environmental Management.

Subject	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Environmental Management	K19	E79	F65 (MSc)

Environmental Management

Complying with environmental legislation, improving business sustainability, and addressing the global challenges of climate change and energy conservation are some of the environmental management problems becoming increasingly important to everyone.

Our postgraduate qualifications are for you if you're interested in designing, managing and participating in effective environmental management. Our student body is diverse and experienced – drawn from local government, consultancies, industry, commerce, non-governmental organisations and communities.

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit our MSc and Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management:

- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
- Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA).

Selected highlight

MSc in Environmental Management (F65)

This MSc expands your knowledge and skills needed for effective, informed and creative environmental management. You'll examine current local and global concerns in areas such as environmental protection, legislation and policy, natural resource management and sustainability, developing your skills in analysing the issues and improving environmental performance in all sectors. You'll choose option modules from project management, environmental science, innovation management and systems thinking. Finally, you'll conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.



The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Global Development.

Subject	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Global Development	K37	E86	F86 (MSc)

Global Development

Global development becomes increasingly complex as more agencies become involved. The right of 'beneficiaries' to participate in their own development is increasingly asserted. New goals emerge, complementing and confronting existing ones. The global development agenda is currently dominated by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals — 17 targets that UN member states have committed to achieving by 2030. These include reducing poverty and taking action on climate change.

Our global development curriculum will allow you to address these complexities. Doing so will strengthen your policy development and project management skills, enhancing your capacity to build the organisational relationships needed for truly sustainable development.

Selected highlights

MSc in Global Development (F86)

This masters degree focuses on alternative approaches, policies and actions to address global development challenges and promote sustainable futures.

You'll improve your understanding of modern development challenges by exploring historical and contemporary contexts. Through critical reflection, you'll learn to better understand the theories behind current approaches and build the skills needed to negotiate development effectively. You'll relate these skills to your current work, enabling you to grow professionally and bring about sustainable development.

Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development (K37)

On this postgraduate certificate, you'll explore the historical and contemporary theories about development and its impact. You'll use real-world case studies to engage with these theories in challenging contexts and understand which approaches are most appropriate.

While developed as a standalone qualification, the credits gained on this qualification could be used towards the Postgraduate Diploma and MSc in Global Development.

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Languages and Linguistics

With an increasing global demand for linguistics experts and translators, our postgraduate qualifications provide the knowledge and skills for careers in translation, teaching, marketing, publishing, and other roles requiring language or linguistics expertise.

Choose from our range of postgraduate programmes in translation and linguistics. Our translation qualifications encompass a wide and growing range of areas, including audiovisual translation, advertising and website localisation and also cover semi-specialised and specialised translation.

For those interested in studying language, our linguistics programme offers the opportunity to engage with different linguistic approaches and analyse language's building blocks. Specialist routes allow you to explore English language learning/teaching or the relationship between language and changing global technologies.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Languages and Linguistics.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Linguistics	C29	E99	F97 (MA)
Translation	K30	E92	F79 (MA)

MA in Translation (F79)

This qualification offers an exciting opportunity to develop your skills as a professional translator, equipping you to work in the fast-growing translation services industry.

You'll experiment with different genres through practical, inspiring translation activities and hone your practice through peer review. You'll gain hands-on experience using tools necessary to operate in this rapidly evolving area (e.g. audiovisual or cloud-based translation tools). You'll underpin your work with an understanding of translation theories and debates.

The languages offered for this qualification are French, German, Italian or Spanish, in combination with English.

Postgraduate Diploma in Translation (E92)

The postgraduate diploma comprises the first two modules of the MA. The diploma builds on the work covered in the postgraduate certificate and progresses your translation practice through hands-on experience in translation technology. You'll also take part in online open translation projects, giving you options to choose what you translate and connect with established translation communities.

Postgraduate Certificate in Translation (K30)

The postgraduate certificate comprises the first module of the MA. The certificate enables you to start developing your professional skills as a translator. You'll engage in authentic translation tasks to develop useful employability skills, explore different approaches to translation and develop an understanding of the links between theory and practice. Focusing on recent research and technologies, you'll develop an awareness of wider cultural, ethical and professional contexts.

MA in Linguistics (F97)

This flexible masters degree is suitable for anyone interested in the role(s) that language plays in society across a range of personal and professional contexts.

You'll begin with the core components of linguistic study by engaging with different approaches to language and looking at how its building blocks are used to create meaning. You'll also try various methods of language analysis. You'll then have the choice of two specialist routes. You can explore the English language, literacy and learning and teaching in a range of professional contexts with the applied linguistics route or look at the relationship between language use and changing global technologies with the artificial intelligence route.

You'll complete your masters with a small-scale research study of a topic relevant to your professional practices or interests.

Postgraduate Diploma in Linguistics (E99)

The postgraduate diploma comprises the first two modules of the MA. You'll have a choice of a second module depending on your strengths and interests. You can either study applied linguistics and the English language or look at the relationship between language use and changing global technologies. Completing the diploma will allow you to develop essential skills in synthesising information, critical evaluation and effective communication.

Postgraduate Certificate in Linguistics (C29)

The postgraduate certificate comprises the first module of the MA. The certificate introduces you to the core components of linguistic study by engaging with different approaches to language and meaning-making. You'll focus on contemporary debates in linguistics by critically engaging with the work of a broad range of scholars, and you'll have the opportunity to try a range of methods of language analysis for yourself.

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Mathematics

Mathematics is at the heart of advances in science, engineering and technology. It's an indispensable problem-solving and decision-making tool in many areas of life.

Explore pure and applied mathematics with our intellectually stimulating curriculum. Whether you want to advance your career or study what interests you, our mathematics programme has much to offer.

You'll gain access to important and fascinating areas of mathematics, such as coding theory and analytic number theory.

While extending your knowledge, your studies will refine your ability to process information accurately and critically analyse and communicate complex ideas.

This enhanced skill set and study experience will offer clear advantages in progressing your career as a professional mathematician. But, equally, they can help you climb the ranks in diverse fields like computer science, economics, engineering and finance. Advanced numerical and analytical skills are always in high demand.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Mathematics.

Subject	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Mathematics	C90	E23	F04 (MSc)

MSc in Mathematics (F04)

Advance your career with a high-level qualification. Delve deep into the aspects of pure and applied mathematics that interest you, such as fractal geometry, coding theory or even quantum physics. Choose from a wide range of modules; there are topics for not only mathematicians but also mathematically inclined engineers and scientists. To conclude, you'll complete an independent study, exploring a topic in detail and submitting a dissertation.

Postgraduate Diploma in Mathematics (E23)

This diploma comprises four 30-credit modules from a wide choice, extending your understanding of areas of mathematics applicable to science, engineering and technology. Topics include analytic number theory, Galois theory and nonlinear ordinary differential equations. It's also the first two stages of our postgraduate mathematics programme – you can achieve the MSc in Mathematics by taking a further 30-credit module and the dissertation.

Postgraduate Certificate in Mathematics (C90)

This certificate comprises two 30-credit modules from a wide choice, including analytic number theory and calculus of variations. Tailor your study to areas that suit you and develop problem-solving and decision-making skills relevant in business, commerce and industry. It's also the first stage of our postgraduate mathematics programme – you can progress to the postgraduate diploma and MSc in Mathematics.

Entry requirements

You should typically have a minimum of either:

- a 2:2 honours degree in mathematics or
- a 2:1 honours degree in a subject with high mathematical content.

Check you're ready at **openuniversity.co.uk/mscquiz**.

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Science

Scientific research is advancing rapidly, so the demand for skilled science graduates is growing.

Personally and professionally rewarding, science is as diverse as it is challenging. As a professional scientist, you could be instrumental in researching health sciences or as part of a team advancing space exploration.

A postgraduate qualification in science will widen your opportunities, with the potential to rise to the top of your profession and significantly increase your lifetime earnings.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Science.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Mental Health Science		E91	F78 (MSc)
Space Science	K28	E90	F77 (MSc)

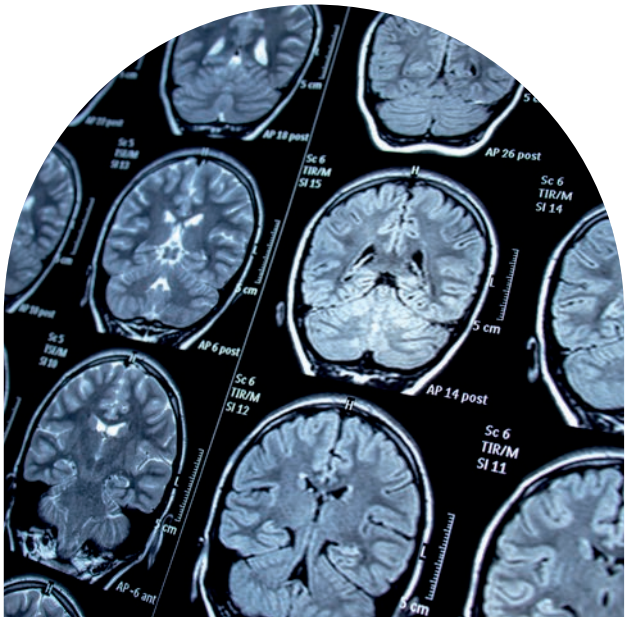
Selected highlights

MSc in Mental Health Science (F78)

This MSc looks at the biological and psychological underpinnings of mental health science. Examine anxiety, depression, psychosis and dementia from a biopsychosocial perspective. You'll gain advanced knowledge and understanding of contemporary topics in mental health science, acquiring the skills to evaluate literature critically, discuss issues and communicate your understanding. In addition, you'll plan and carry out an academically rigorous research project, plus develop skills and knowledge relevant to further research, employment and professional practice.

MSc in Space Science and Technology (F77)

This qualification looks at space science and the technology that underpins it. Developed in consultation with the UK Space Agency and the space industry, it's suitable for developing a career in the space sector. It will equip you with the skills to conduct individual and team scientific investigations using space-based instrumentation, use a programming language for space science applications and develop skills relevant to further research or employment in the space sector. You'll choose option modules from applied mathematics, computing and IT, engineering, environmental management, project management and systems thinking, plus conduct an in-depth research project in space science or technology.



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Social Sciences and Psychology

Explore in-depth psychology and social sciences, subjects used in many professional and everyday contexts, including counselling, criminal justice, international relations, social policy, and social research.

Subjects	Postgraduate certificate	Masters degree
Crime and Justice		F75 (MA)
Forensic Psychological Studies		F73 (MSc)
International Relations		F94 (MA)
Psychology		F74 (MSc)
Psychology (Conversion)		F92 (MSc)
Social and Psychological Inquiry	K26	

Use your passion for social and psychological questions and debates to develop your critical thinking, research skills, and knowledge. With postgraduate study, you can advance your personal interests and unlock new career opportunities.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Social Sciences and Psychology.

MA in Crime and Justice (F75)

This MA explores new perspectives and approaches to crime, harm and justice. It is concerned with examining problematic areas of social life, transgression, crime, social harm and justice in an increasingly global world.

You'll consider the significance of power, social structure, and economic and social inequalities in understanding crime, processes of criminalisation, and ideas about justice. The qualification will enhance your ability to construct clear, logical and theoretically informed arguments about problems of criminological interest.

MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies (F73)

This MSc enables you to gain an advanced understanding of the fascinating area of forensic psychology while enhancing your analytical and communication skills, as well as your research literacy. You'll learn about a broad range of topics relevant to forensic psychology, including cybercrime, investigative interviewing and profiling, and develop an understanding of the reciprocal relationship this field of research has with UK law, policing practice, policy, and the wider public. The qualification also considers international research and practice.

MA in International Relations (F94)

This MA will equip you with the tools to analyse key global challenges. These include how the world responds to international division, rising powers, national and global security threats, the rise of populism, and global ethical dilemmas. You'll gain a comprehensive grounding in core conceptual, empirical and theoretical debates in international relations. You'll also develop your knowledge of research methods as you progress, culminating in an extended, independently researched dissertation.

MSc in Psychology (F74)

This MSc provides a valuable opportunity to gain an advanced understanding of a range of research areas in psychology, including cognitive, social, forensic and counselling psychology. It aims to develop critical appraisal skills in psychological research and practice by showcasing contemporary research carried out by OU academics. You'll also gain an understanding of the reciprocal relationship psychological research has with medicine, public policy, public opinion and the media.

MSc in Psychology (Conversion) (F92)

This MSc enables you to gain Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (BPS) upon successful completion. By studying this degree, you'll develop a comprehensive and critical understanding of the key concepts, theories, methods and debates in psychology. This will include critically examining how psychological theories and research methodologies are applied in real-world settings and assessing different kinds of evidence from quantitative and qualitative data. You'll also gain an awareness of the importance of ethical issues in the practice of psychology.

the british psychological society
accredited

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)

If your work makes considerable use of social or psychological research or you are fascinated by research into social behaviour and issues, this certificate will equip you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to appraise research and communicate your ideas to academic and non-academic audiences.

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Social Work

Our social work programme is interdisciplinary and consists of a qualifying diploma and a masters degree. You'll explore the subject and practice of social work through subject matter derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Social Work.

Subject	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Social Work	E85	F80 (MA)

MA in Social Work (F80)

This course will enhance your knowledge of social work theory and legislation, allow you to apply your learning to practice, and develop your critical and analytical skills as a qualified practitioner. The subject matter is interdisciplinary and derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law, and social work studies. It includes an embedded, professionally qualifying Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work, which has been approved as a qualifying award for social workers in England by Social Work England (SWE) and in Scotland by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (E85)

This is a professional social work qualification combining academic and practice-based learning. It will enable you to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with the relevant regulatory body for your nation. The subject matter is interdisciplinary, derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies. You may claim the diploma as a separate qualification or as an embedded award within the MA in Social Work.

Apprenticeships

We also offer a postgraduate social work apprenticeship in England.

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

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

You may also be interested in our **MA in Childhood and Youth** (see page 22)

Systems Thinking

Relevant to a multitude of professional sectors, systems thinking will change how you approach situations in practice.

Subject	Postgraduate certificate	Postgraduate diploma	Masters degree
Systems Thinking in Practice	C72	E28	F47 (MSc)

Systems thinking is about looking holistically at situations. The programme provides a fresh way of thinking and dealing with complex problems, enabling you to 'get the bigger picture' and effect genuine 'joined-up practice'. You'll learn to apply systems thinking tools for social and organisational problem situations relevant to your practice area, challenging you to think about how you can bring about improvement. Alongside developing your reflective and critical thinking skills, you'll learn to deal with the complexities of contemporary living, working and being resilient.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Systems Thinking.

MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice (F47)

This MSc has the development of holistic thinking skills and appreciation of multiple perspectives at its core. Systems thinking skills are relevant in many areas, such as business, development, engineering, environment, health, IT, and organisational change. You'll gain insights into how other people think about situations and learn to apply concepts, tools and techniques developed by systems thinkers. You'll choose option modules from business management, development management, engineering, environmental management and innovation management. The final project extends your ways of thinking and acting in practice to improve a complex situation of interest to you.

Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28)

This diploma develops your ability to approach and tackle complex, messy problem situations. It provides practical tools that bring new perspectives and approaches to problem-solving; it may change your thinking about a task or wider situation of interest. You'll consider other people's roles, reflect on your own and others' practice and assess how the different components are related. The course develops holistic thinking and collaborative working skills, helping you move towards effective solutions and avoid systemic failures.

Postgraduate Certificate in Systems Thinking in Practice (C72)

This certificate changes how you think about situations, introducing you to appreciating multiple perspectives and working collaboratively on problem situations. It teaches you to think holistically and understand stakeholders' roles while considering the interconnectedness of the situational components. You'll discover how to relate the ideas of systems thinkers to your practice and learn to recognise that each person brings a perspective.

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Register for your course

To work towards a postgraduate qualification, you first need to choose and register for a module that counts towards that qualification.

1. **Choose your qualification**
   Once you've decided on a qualification, go to our website for the full course details and entry criteria you'll need to meet.
2. **Register on your first module(s)**
   Modules within postgraduate qualifications have more detailed entry requirements, so make sure you've read these before registering.
3. **Arrange your funding**
   You'll find all your options at **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees**.
4. **Send us evidence that confirms you meet the entry requirements**
   Once we've assessed and approved your evidence, your registration is complete.

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

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at postgraduate 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.

For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/disability** or call **0300 303 5303**.

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.

Call **0300 303 5303** if you'd like to apply.

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