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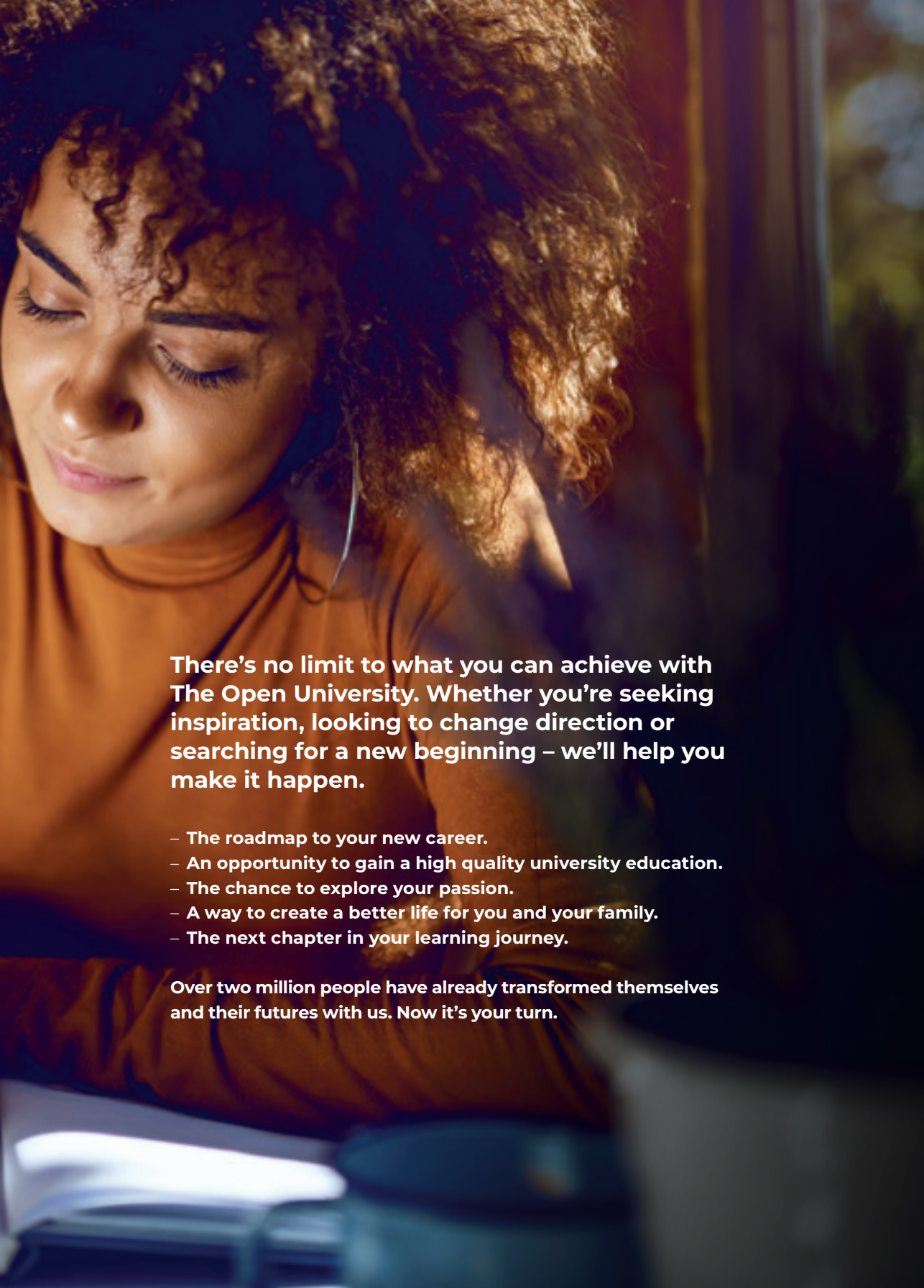
Your

UNDERGRADUATE

Prospectus





A close-up photograph of a woman with voluminous, curly hair, looking down with a thoughtful expression. She is wearing a dark orange turtleneck sweater. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on her hair and face, and deep shadows elsewhere. The background is dark and out of focus.

There's no limit to what you can achieve with The Open University. Whether you're seeking inspiration, looking to change direction or searching for a new beginning – we'll help you make it happen.

- The roadmap to your new career.
- An opportunity to gain a high quality university education.
- The chance to explore your passion.
- A way to create a better life for you and your family.
- The next chapter in your learning journey.

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



START ACHIEVING YOUR GOALS HERE AND NOW

This prospectus is the start of your journey and will cover:

- what you can study
- how long it'll take
- how distance learning works
- your funding options
- how to register.

Welcome to The Open University

We've pioneered supported distance learning for over 50 years. This pioneering spirit is why we are experts in delivering distance education, both in the UK and across 157 countries worldwide, and why we lead the way for innovative teaching and research.

Every day, we support our students to achieve their goals around other important things in their lives. It's what we do.

The Open University was established by Royal Charter on 23 April 1969. We've come a long way since then, constantly innovating at every step to make sure that our founding mission – enabling access to education for all – remains as relevant now as it did 50 years ago.

- An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 75% of FTSE 100 companies sponsoring staff to study with us.
- More CEOs and Managing Directors of UK companies have studied with us than any other UK university.
- 84% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- 70% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- We are the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Throughout our 48-year partnership with the BBC, we've co-produced numerous TV and radio series – like Sir David Attenborough's *The Green Planet* and *A Perfect Planet*.

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UNIVERSITY THAT WORKS FOR YOU

The Open University is proud to be unconventional. We don't believe there's a right order to do things in life, only what's right for you. We'll do everything we can to help you get where you want to be.

Learn on your terms

Learning with us is flexible and supportive, guided by expert tutors every step of the way.

We'll give you all the essential course resources and materials you need. Plus, our dedicated Student Support Team is always there to help you if you need advice.

- You decide when and where you learn.
- You can keep on earning while you learn.
- You can fit study around other life commitments.
- You can fund your studies in a way that suits you.

Learn from the best

Our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors deliver innovative, insightful teaching and many combine their work as tutors with academic or industry roles.

Spark your imagination

From online tutorials, to books, to the virtual learning environment, you'll study using a variety of digital and physical resources. So, however you learn best, we'll keep you inspired.

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.

Additional study support




Did you know that 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

Module discussion groups are there for you to talk about your subject, coursework or to share study methods. You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal social media groups set up by your fellow students.

When you register, you'll become a member of our students' association. This community gives you the chance to meet fellow students and help influence University decisions. For more information, visit oustudents.com.

Get social with us

-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudentslive



There's been a lot on in the last few years; we had my son, I moved jobs, and I moved house again. The OU's flexibility certainly does make things easier, it really complements that kind of lifestyle.



Jack Brooke
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 our unique approach to learning, which means you don't have to put your life on hold.

Bringing university to you, wherever you are

We've continuously developed our supported distance learning method for over 50 years. Our resources are designed so that you can fit a high-quality university education around your busy life.

With the OU you can study whenever and wherever you like.

We're respected

A combination of education and experience is highly sought after and can greatly enhance your employment prospects. An OU qualification allows you to put what you learn into practice immediately. You'll be able to show you're dedicated, driven and committed – personal qualities that are valued in any workplace.

We're flexible

Studying with the OU allows you to work as you learn and apply your new skills and knowledge in the real world.

There's no such thing as a typical OU student. You'll decide how and when you want to study. Our tutors and Student Support Teams are used to helping students balance study with other commitments.



We're a thriving community

You'll be joining 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 170,000 students study with us each year. Come and join them.

We're open to all

We believe that your ability isn't only based on your previous qualifications. That's why there are no formal academic entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses.

MORE INFORMATION

Find out more about The Open University.



Visit openuniversity.co.uk/learning

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH US

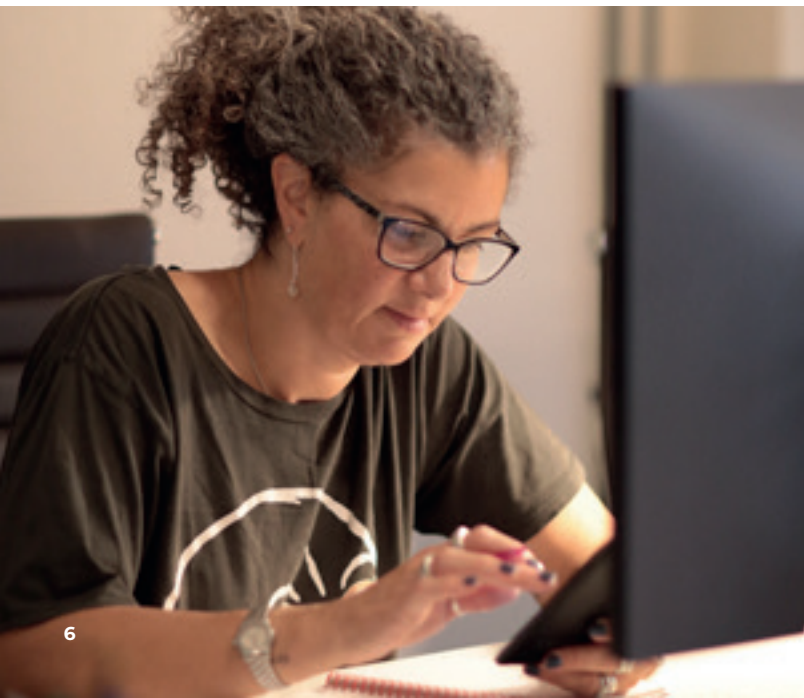
We've been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. Now over two million and counting. We've made it happen with a unique, flexible, student-centred approach.

••• We will:

- help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- provide a flexible learning experience that works with you and your life
- use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- support you every step of the way.

••• You can expect:

- materials that are designed with you in mind
- continuous innovation and accessible learning, whatever your circumstances
- access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- qualifications that are respected by employers around the world.



Student stories.

Get a fascinating and inspirational insight into our students' ambitions and their experience of studying with the OU.

Dip into the Stories of Ambition videos and discover what it's like to take that life-changing step.



Visit
**openuniversity.
co.uk/stories**

ENHANCE YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

Where you start in life doesn't dictate where you go. Research shows that employers highly value Open University students for the skills, strengths, and knowledge gained during their studies. 84% of alumni that completed the Employability of Qualifiers Survey 2021 agree that their OU study has helped them achieve their career goals. Our qualifications really do boost your job prospects.

You'll discover opportunities you might not have realised were possible. You'll get exclusive access to our online platform, OpportunityHub, where hundreds of employers like the BBC, Teach First, IBM and HMRC come to recruit OU students for virtual internships, work placements, graduate schemes and permanent roles.

On starting your first module, you'll get access to support to build your confidence and navigate your future. Our artificial intelligence-powered 'career readiness' diagnostic will direct you to a range of tools tailored to your needs, for example:

- Discover where your OU qualification might take you with idea-generating software, live workshops, Your Career Planning Guide, and our networking community.
- Explore pathways to your chosen career with live and recorded workshops and webinars, networking events, downloadable guides, forums, bite-sized on-demand podcasts and videos, and current labour market information.
- Achieve your goals by connecting to employers via OpportunityHub and panel events, virtual site

visits and OU Online Talent Connect careers fairs. Hone your application skills with networking workshops, online interview practice, CV building and review tools with built-in artificial intelligence.

- Progress your personal development using FutureYou and apply your developing skills to volunteering or connecting with charity organisations.

Our professional team across the UK provides support to all OU students with differing needs and backgrounds, identities, experiences, cultures, abilities and disabilities. We'll help you achieve your personal, study and career goals.

- 96% of students supported would recommend the OU's Careers and Employability Services.
- We were Highly Commended in 'Best University Careers Service' in the National Undergraduate Employability Awards 2021.

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.

“

My OU study has opened doors for me. The careers service has greatly assisted me in progressing my career, helping me to move into a new role.

”

Nalini Gohil
OU graduate

You're on your way.

That's step one done. Now take the next by reading about how OU study works, before finding out more about the qualifications we offer.



QUALIFICATIONS TO SUIT YOU

With over 200 qualifications 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, either workwise or voluntarily.

Named degree

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

Open degree

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



Studying was such a refreshing change from work. I was learning new things all the time and challenging myself to think more carefully and in a more structured way.



Matt Georges
OU graduate

FIND OUT MORE

Find the course to match your ambition.



Visit
[openuniversity.co.uk/
course-types](https://openuniversity.co.uk/course-types)

BUILDING YOUR QUALIFICATION

You'll need to build up a certain number of credits to gain your qualification. Here's how it works:

The different stages

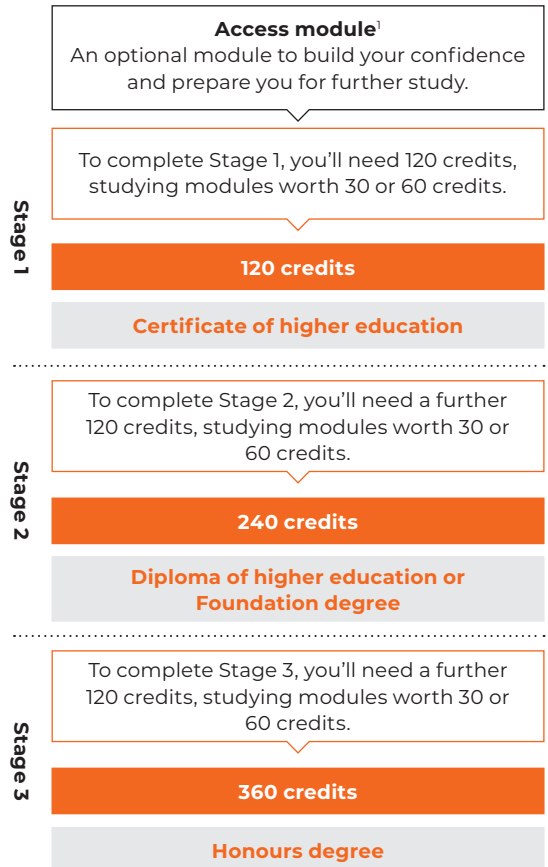
- Complete one stage for a certificate of higher education, two stages for a diploma of higher education or foundation degree, and three stages to gain an honours degree.
- To complete each stage, you must build up a set number of credits.

The credits you need

- You'll need 120 credits to complete each stage. This means you'll need 360 credits in total to earn an honours degree.
- Credits are gained by successfully completing modules.

The modules available

- With each module you successfully complete, you'll earn a set number of credits, usually either 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 Republic of 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 number of modules you need to study. For more on credit transfer, visit openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer.

READ MORE

Find out more about credits and modules and how you work towards a qualification.



Visit
openuniversity.
co.uk/credits

PREPARE FOR STUDY WITH AN ACCESS MODULE

We're different to other universities because we're open to people based on their potential rather than their prior qualifications. Our students come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds, so we offer a choice of starting points depending on how confident you are in your study skills.

You can choose to dive straight into your qualification at Stage 1 or you can get started with an optional Access module. If you aren't sure where to start, you can find more information on the best starting point for you on our website, visit openuniversity.co.uk/ready.

An Access module is a great place to start if you want a gentle introduction to Open University study. It can also help you find out more about your interests and where you want your learning to take you.

Access modules are currently only available for students resident in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland.

How Access modules work

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, including

fees and funding, administrative support, and study-related guidance. Your Access module materials are a blend of printed and online resources. You'll engage with the materials to complete tasks such as online quizzes and tutor-marked assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

Access modules start in February, May and October and usually last for 30 weeks. Each week requires around nine or ten hours of study. If your module has the fast-track option, you can increase your study time and complete your Access module in just 18 weeks.

What you need

You'll get access to your module website and your books and other printed materials will be posted out to you. All you need is:

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

What you can study

Each Access module covers relevant 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. Study art history; English language; English literature; creative writing; modern languages; history; religious studies; classical studies; and music. This fascinating module is ideal if you're looking to explore your creative side and hone your study skills.

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

People, work and society Access module (Y032)

Get compelling insights into a wide range of areas, including childhood and youth studies; social science; psychology; health; business; and law. This module will help you to improve your subject knowledge in those areas particularly, but also prepare you for further study on a wide variety of OU qualifications.

Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)

Grow your knowledge in a range of technical subjects, including science; engineering and design; environment; mathematics; and computing and IT. As the foundation for further studies in these fields, this module will help build your confidence and prepare you for more OU study.

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



Do you qualify for a free Access module?

You can study an Access module for **free** if you:

- live in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address
- have a personal income of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits
- have completed less than one year of a 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.

How much does an Access module cost?

If you don't qualify to study for free, the cost depends on where you live.

- In England, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland it's £807.
- In Northern Ireland and Scotland it's £269.
- In Wales it's £327.

You can pay up front by debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – for more, see 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, see page 16.

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I chose an Access module to get me back into education. I'm now working towards an honours degree. This wouldn't have been possible without the OU.

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Michelle Brennan
OU student

MORE INFORMATION

Find out more about our Access modules.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access

Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be

SUCCESSFUL

when they advance to OU Stage 1 study.

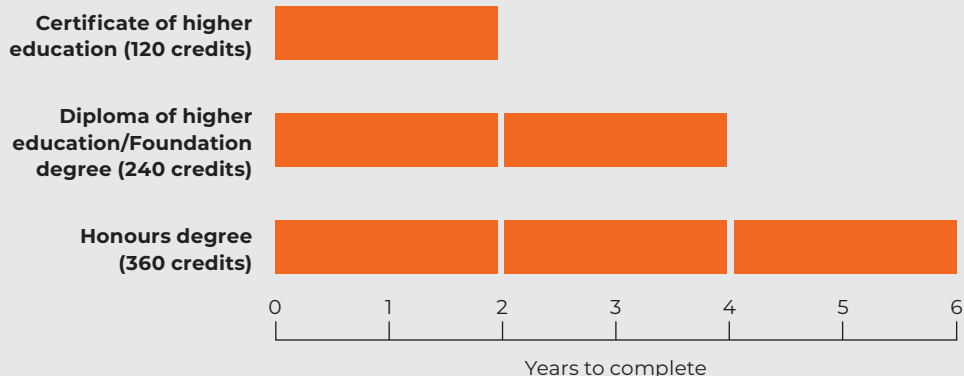
HOW LONG YOUR QUALIFICATION WILL TAKE

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.

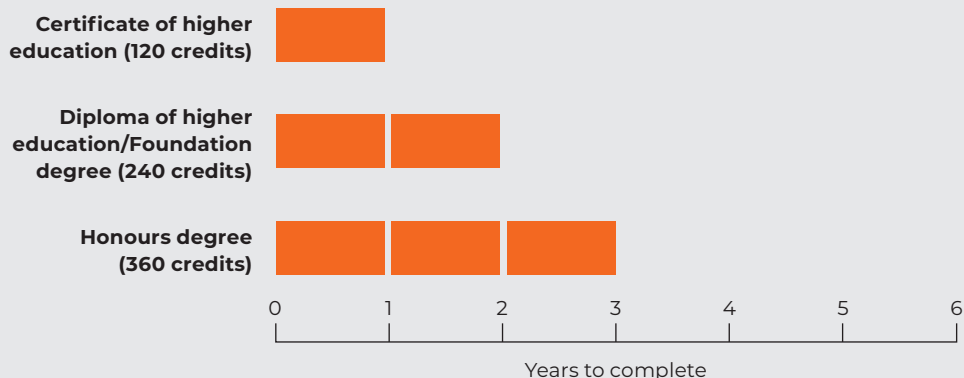
Most of our students study part time, gaining 60 credits a year. That's like studying at half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. If you want to complete your study at full-time equivalent intensity, you'll need to gain 120 credits per year.

For more information on finding time to study, and to use our time planner tool, visit openuniversity.co.uk/time.

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



Full time | 120 credits a year | 32–36 study hours a week



Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information. All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you choose to study at a full-time equivalent intensity.

SUPPORTING YOU TO SUCCEED

You're never alone when you're studying with The Open University. Your community of expert tutors and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

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 support over the phone, through email, or online.

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.

Your Students Association awaits

The Open University Students Association is a lot like a student union. Run by students, for students, it gives you access to our services and opportunities. You're automatically a member, and there's no fee.

It exists to help you make the most of your time studying, promote your interests and ensure the OU is more than just a place of learning – it's a student community.

Led by a team of elected students, and supported by hundreds more, the Association:

- offers student support services

- creates opportunities to engage in a vibrant and inclusive student community
- is a strong, effective and accountable representative body for all OU students
- works in partnership with the OU to enhance the student experience.

Whether you're looking for like-minded students, a club, society or support group, you'll discover something for you.

To find out more, visit oustudents.com.



“

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

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READ MORE

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
- choose and enrol on your next module
- visit our online Help Centre
- access your virtual learning environment.

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 and your tutor's contact details
- module forums where you can discuss topics with other students and complete collaborative work online
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

- a computer with internet access. Don't worry if you haven't got access to one right now – you could receive financial support to help you buy one
- 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 earn.

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're here to help you find a way of funding your studies that suits your circumstances.

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 up front. We've given you an idea of costs below:

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND AND OUTSIDE THE UK

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
60	£3,228
120	£6,456

In England and outside the UK, the total cost for a 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £19,368. In England, that's two-thirds the cost of an equivalent qualification offered at a campus-based university – a saving of over 30%.²

¹ 2022/23 prices; fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

² Based on maximum chargeable fees for the 2022/23 academic year.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year ³
60	£1,308
120	£2,616

In Wales, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £7,848.

³ 2022/23 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁴
60	£1,074
120	£2,148

In Northern Ireland and Scotland, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £6,444.

⁴ 2022/23 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

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 books or a language dictionary.
- You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.
- A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue. There may also be additional costs for meals and accommodation.

Funding your studies

ENGLAND AND WALES

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

If you live in England or Wales 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 England and Wales fund their studies this way.

Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything up front. 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 after 30 years will be written off.

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

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment ⁵
Up to £27,295	£0
£29,000	£12.79
£34,000	£50.29

⁵ 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 England or Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

WALES

If you live in Wales, you can also apply for maintenance grants and, if you need one, a top-up maintenance loan, to help with living costs.

Maintenance grants

You could be eligible for up to £4,500 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.

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.

NORTHERN IRELAND

If you live in Northern Ireland, you could be eligible for a fee grant and/or loan to help towards the cost of your tuition fees.

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, stationery or travel to tutorials.

SCOTLAND

Part-Time Fee Grant

If you live in Scotland, 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.

Other support

Carers' Bursary⁶

If you provide unpaid care for a friend or family member who cannot cope without your support, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

Care Experienced Bursary⁶

If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

Carers' Scholarship Fund⁶

If you are, or have recently been, an unpaid carer, you may be able to study a full OU qualification for free.

Disabled Students' Allowance⁶

You could access financial support towards study costs incurred as a result of your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund⁶

If you've been injured in, or due to, military service, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full Open University qualification.

Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

Open Futures Bursaries⁶

If you identify as being from a Black, Asian or other minority ethnic background, you could get £500 towards study or living costs.

Study related costs⁶

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, childcare and internet access.

⁶ UK residents only.

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.

OUSBAs 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.

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BUDGET ACCOUNT (OUSBA)

When you enrol with us, if you are resident in the UK, European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino or Vatican City State, you'll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.

Here's how it works

OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University and then you can 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](https://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 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.

And, 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

The BA/BSc (Hons) 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.

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)

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The fact that the OU has the option of choosing an Open degree is fabulous. So many people I have spoken to wish that they'd had this option at university rather than going down one route.

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Carol Dow
BA (Hons) Open

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openuniversity.co.uk/qd

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 their histories. Perhaps you'd like to explore literary and artistic cultures and objects. It might be you want to develop your creative practice as a writer or musician.

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 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 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)

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BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

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

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 over 25,000 students across 86 countries 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. 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)

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)

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)

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business-management](https://openuniversity.co.uk/business-management)

COMPUTING AND IT

Virtually everything we do involves computing and IT – online shopping, messaging friends, even using household gadgets.

At the heart of digital devices are computers, these can be anything from the small, embedded processor in your mobile phone, 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 are looking to improve your career, the OU offers a wide choice of study options to suit you.

In such a fast-growing field, computing and IT professionals with a strong skill set are very much 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) Computing and IT (Q62)
- BSc (Hons) Computing and IT (Communications and Networking); (Communications and Software); or (Software) (Q62)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and 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/ Foundation degree

- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT (W36)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Business; Design; Mathematics; Psychology; or Statistics (W42)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT Practice (W15) or Foundation Degree in Computing and IT Practice (X15)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing with Electronic Engineering (W92)
- 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 Computing and IT (T12)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and 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

Many of our computing and IT degrees have accreditation from BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT.



Apprenticeships

The OU is listed on the Education and Skills Funding Agency's register of approved apprenticeship providers. We currently offer degree and graduate digital apprenticeships in England, Wales and Scotland. Employers who want to find out more should contact us by email at apprenticeships@open.ac.uk.

Please note: apprenticeships are only available via employers; students cannot register directly with the OU. For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships.

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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 that allow you to study at a pace that suits you. From entry-level certificates through to honours degrees.

High-quality content and teaching build directly on our research to give you the best materials to work with through 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, bringing 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)

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education-youth](https://openuniversity.co.uk/education-youth)

ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Engineering, design 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 team-working experience that engineering, technology and design graduates have.

Explore how to design, engineer and manage situations where technology and people interact.

You'll benefit from the highest quality teaching, supported by our active research in design, technology and structural integrity.

Degrees

- 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) Computing & IT and Design (Q67)
- BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation (Q61)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

¹ This is an integrated masters, which starts with undergraduate study before progressing to postgraduate.

Diplomas of higher education/ Foundation degree

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

Certificates of higher education

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

Accreditation

Our BEng (Q65) and MEng (M04) fulfil the Engineering Council's educational requirements for Incorporated Engineer (IEEng) and Chartered Engineer (CEng) status, respectively, under UK-SPEC and are accredited by:

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

Our BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation (Q61) is accredited by:

- Institution of Engineering Designers (IED).



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ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

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

More than ever, governments, organisations and individuals are being challenged to think about the impact of their actions. Through studying with us, you'll have the opportunity to explore the trends and developments shaping our world.

On a personal level, you'll become a more enlightened and engaged global citizen – with a clear appreciation of how these issues are seen around the world.

On a professional level, you'll gain skills and knowledge that are increasingly valued in environment and development careers. These can be 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)
- BSc (Hons) Geology (R53)
- BA (Hons) International Studies (Q11)
- 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, which starts with undergraduate study before progressing to postgraduate.

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)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Geology (W84)

Certificate of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)

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environment](https://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 more independence, choice and control to service users.

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

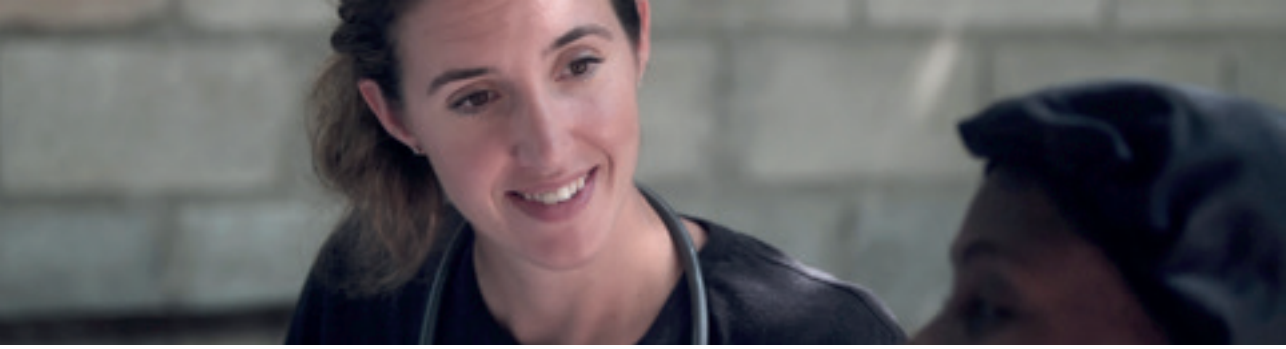
- BA (Hons) Health and Social Care (R26)
- BSc (Hons) Healthcare and Health Science (Q96)
- BSc (Hons) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult); (Children and Young People); (Learning Disabilities); or (Mental Health) (R39)
- BSc (Hons) Public Health and Wellbeing (R64)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (England) (Q32)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Wales) (Q42)
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Q76)

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 Social Care (Scotland) (W31)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Sport and Fitness (W07)
- Foundation Degree in Nursing Associate Practice (X20)

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Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Adult Health and Social Care (T23)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Children and Families (T24)
- 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)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Sport, Fitness and Management (T05)

OU certificates

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

Apprenticeships

The OU is listed on the Education and Skills Funding Agency's register of approved apprenticeship providers. We currently offer apprenticeships for registered nurses, nursing associates and social workers. Employers who want to find out more should contact us by email at apprenticeships@open.ac.uk.

Please note: apprenticeships are only available in England via employers; students cannot register directly with the OU. For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/hsc-apprenticeships.

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[openuniversity.co.uk/
health-social-care](https://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 about the English language is both enjoyable and rewarding.

With step-by-step learning in French, German or Spanish, whether you're a beginner or want to develop your existing skills, you'll gain a recognised qualification. You can also learn about human communication focusing on the English language – its history, variation, impact on the world today and its uses – from Shakespeare to social media.

Learning a language, and 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 expertly designed printed materials, interactive online resources and tutorials with other students.

Studying 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)

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)

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)

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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 law impacts upon 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 practise 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
- progress to take 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)

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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, forecasting the weather, breaking codes, air traffic control, sending rockets into space, weighing up evidence in court, or predicting natural disasters. They all rely on mathematics and/or statistics.

Do you:

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

Whatever your reasons for studying, the OU offers a great choice. We're the UK's largest provider of higher education teaching in mathematics and statistics.

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, ICT 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) 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 (Q31)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and its Learning (Q46)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics (Q77)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Statistics (Q36)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

Diplomas of higher education

- 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 Mathematical Sciences (W43)

Certificates of higher education

- 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 Mathematical Sciences (T14)

OU certificates

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

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PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

Psychology is the study of people, their lives and their behaviour. It helps us to understand everyday interactions and experiences, thoughts and feelings.

As a psychology student, you'll learn about new developments and new research and their applications to contemporary life. You'll analyse and evaluate psychological concepts; develop skills in assessing and using different kinds of evidence, learn statistical analysis and research methods, and gain an understanding of how psychological research informs our everyday life. It's an applied science and a dynamic academic field 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)

Other degrees that include psychology

- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Psychology (Q67)
- 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

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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 develop creative, analytical and investigative skills. Skills that employers value.

Over 15,000 students study science with us each year. Whether you're looking for a career in science or you 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 across 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 health care are just a few.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Biology (R58)
- BSc (Hons) Chemistry (R59)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Q52)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Environmental Management) (Q52)

- Master of Environmental Science (M05)¹
- BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Science (R16)
- BSc (Hons) Geology (R53)
- 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, which starts with undergraduate study before progressing to postgraduate.

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Biology (W89)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Chemistry (W90)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Science (W47)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Geology (W84)
- 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)

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SOCIAL SCIENCES



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

Make sense of our ever-changing world by studying how people, groups and institutions exercise power and respond to political and economic forces. 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 science 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 science 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); (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 Studies (Q11)
- BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Q45)
- BA (Hons) Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (R45)

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)

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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 social-sciences](https://openuniversity.co.uk/social-sciences)



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Let's get going.

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1. Register

Go to your chosen qualification webpage, select your preferred start date and click 'Register now'.

2. Choose your modules

Select the module(s) you want to study in your first year. Some may be compulsory while others may be selected 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.

Completing your registration is a significant step as you'll be part of the OU community and get access to our learning tools, materials and the student support that'll help you get going. Now you can truly begin achieving your goals.

For more on the registration process, visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-apply.

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 number of modules you need to study.



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Students with additional study needs

When you register, we'll ask whether 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 challenge inequality and anticipate and respond positively to different needs so that everyone can fulfil their ambition.

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

Students under the age of 16

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Contact us on **0300 303 5303** if you'd like to apply.

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.

We can also supply this prospectus as a PDF and in other formats. Please call **0300 303 5303**, or email us from our website at openuniversity.co.uk/contact.

Our other prospectuses

Learn more about our qualifications in our other prospectuses.

Subject-specific prospectuses

- Arts and Humanities
 - Business and Management
 - Computing and IT
 - Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport
 - Engineering, Design and Technology
 - Environment and Development
 - Health and Social Care
 - Languages and Applied Linguistics
 - Law
 - Mathematics and Statistics
 - Psychology and Counselling
 - Science
 - Social Sciences
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- Access Modules
 - Open Qualifications
 - Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Wales
 - Postgraduate Courses

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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: 08:00–20:00
Saturday: 09:00–17:00

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

In Northern Ireland

- Email northernireland@open.ac.uk
- Call our Belfast office on **028 9032 3722**

In the Republic of Ireland

- Email ireland@open.ac.uk
- Call our Enquiry and Advice Centre in Dublin on **(01) 6785399** or our Belfast office on **+44 (0)28 9032 3722**

All other countries

- Go to openuniversity.co.uk/contact
- Call us on **+44 (0)300 303 0266**

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