OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDY ENHANCES EMPLOYABILITY

Students in Scotland are gaining skills and increasing their employability through OU study.

91% of students in Scotland say studying with the OU helped them achieve their career goals

97% say OU study helped them develop their communication and literacy skills

96% say their course was worth the investment of time

90% say OU study has helped them develop their problem solving skills

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There are 16,465 OU STUDENTS IN SCOTLAND. The median age of our undergraduate entrants is 27 YEARS OLD.

Our students are between SCHOOL AGE AND 92 YEARS OLD.

We offer over 450 MODULES.

AT A GLANCE...

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 40% of our students study Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths subjects.

74% of our students are in full or part-time work.

We have 64 students studying in 14 secure facilities.

We have around 500 Associate Lecturers working across Scotland.

We are the only Scottish university rated top 3 for student satisfaction in every year of the National Student Survey (National Student Survey 2007-2018).

Over 70,000 OU qualifications have been awarded to students in Scotland since 1971.

Over half of all part-time undergraduates in Scotland study with the OU.

17% of new undergraduates live in Scotland’s 20% most disadvantaged areas.

Top modules studied in 2017-18 include:

- **Business and Law**: 2845
- **Arts and Social Sciences**: 5510
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths**: 8545
- **Wellbeing, Education and Languages**: 4270

49% of Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) students are female.

Around 130 academic, support and other staff are based at our Edinburgh office.

22% of OU in Scotland students have declared a disability.

65% of our students receive a Part-Time Fee Grant.

18% of undergraduate entrants joined without standard university entry level qualifications.

18% of undergraduate entrants have a college HNC/D.

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Most OU students also work and can apply their new skills and knowledge straight away.