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We offer 442 courses.

The median age of undergraduate entrants is 27 years old.

Our graduates are aged between 22 and 80.

We have around 450 associate lecturers working across Scotland.

Over 120 academic, academic-related and support staff are based at our office in Edinburgh.

There are 15,000 OU students in Scotland.

- Business and Law: 2500 modules studied.
- Arts and Social Sciences: 5040 modules studied.
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths: 7545 modules studied.
- Wellbeing, Education and Languages: 3750 modules studied.

- Over 40% of study science, technology, engineering & maths subjects.
- 46% of these are female.

- 20% of OU in Scotland students have declared a disability.
- 60% of our students receive a Part Time Fee Grant.
- 19% of undergraduate entrants joined without standard university entry level qualifications.
- 16% of undergraduate entrants have a college HNC/D.

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Open University study widens access to higher education for people in work, with families, living in rural or remote areas, with disabilities, on low incomes, or living in Scotland’s most disadvantaged communities.
Most OU students also work and can apply their new skills and knowledge straight away.

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**In Scotland:**

- Over 67,000 students have been awarded an OU qualification since 1971
- We have 78 students studying in 17 secure facilities
- Over half of all part time undergraduates are OU students
- 17% of undergraduate entrants live in the 20% most disadvantaged areas

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**David**

**Social worker**

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“...The OU is designed for people with busy lives and busy jobs...”

So what’s next for me? I always like to challenge myself so I’ll be looking for new opportunities to develop professionally.”

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