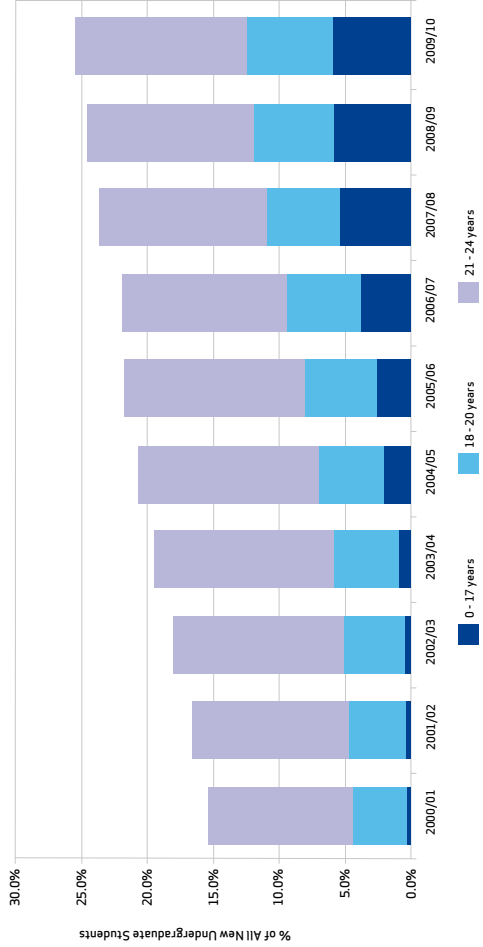
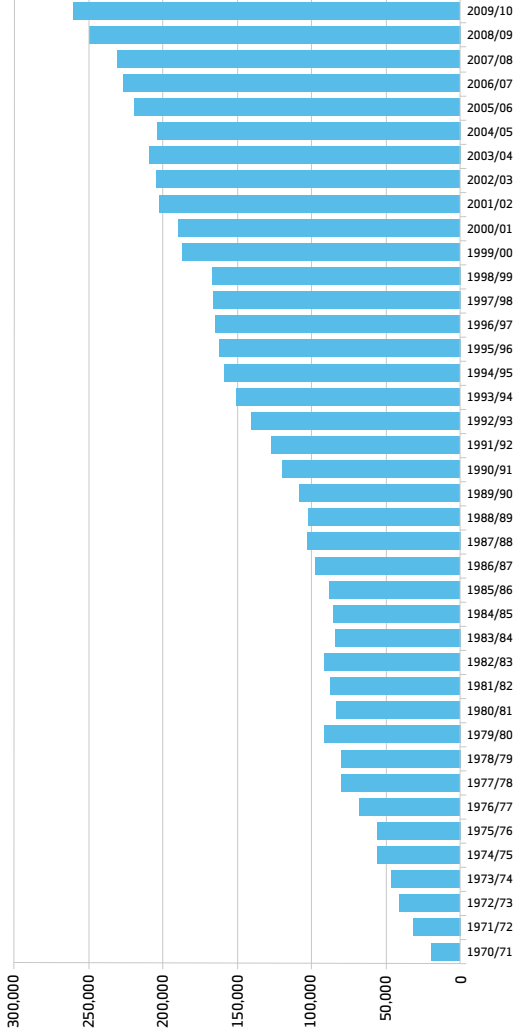


Age on Entry of New Undergraduate Open University Students



Open University Students – 1970/71 to 2009/10



About The Open University

- The OU is the largest academic institution in the UK and a world leader in flexible distance learning. Since it began in 1969, the OU has taught more than 1.5 million students.
- The OU teaches over one-third of all part-time undergraduate students at UK higher education institutions each year.
- The OU has been one of the top three UK universities for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey every year since the survey began in 2005.
- The OU's academic provision is regularly reviewed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. The 2009 Institutional Audit resulted in judgements of confidence in the soundness of the University's management of both academic standards and quality of learning opportunities.
- Over 70% of OU students are in full-time or part-time employment, and four out of five FTSE 100 companies have sponsored staff to take OU courses.
- Nearly 20% of OU undergraduates in the UK live in the 25% most deprived areas.
- 15% of new OU undergraduates in 2009/10 were aged under 25.
- The OU supports a vibrant research portfolio, conducted in the UK and in partner institutions around the world. In the UK's latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008), the University climbed 23 places to 43rd, making the OU one of the UK's fastest-rising research universities.
- Research funding from grants increased by more than 10% between 2008/09 and 2009/10, from £15.4 million to £17.0 million.
- In 2008, the OU was the first UK university to join iTunes U and has since become the first university to reach 30 million downloads of its material.
- The OU is the largest European provider of content on YouTube Edu, and the OU's OpenLearn web site is the UK's largest source of free university learning materials, with over 14 million unique visitors since 2006.
- The Open University's Teacher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa (TESSA) programme has successfully contributed to training 430,000 primary school teachers in 13 countries.
- In 2010 the OU became one of The Sunday Times' Best Places to Work in the Public Sector.



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Facts & Figures

2009/2010

Student and customer statistics*	2008/09	2009/10
Undergraduate-level students	177,015	190,272
Postgraduate-level students		
taught	14,596	14,986
research part-time	676	664
research full-time	627	650
Initial Teacher Training	375	517
Overseas special scheme students	8,789	6,797
Students on validated programmes	46,138	39,189
Total students	248,216	253,075
Study packs and materials sold	2,415	2,273
Total students and customers	250,631	255,348

* All student statistics are student headcount unless stated otherwise

Student distribution	2008/09	2009/10
UK students		
England	155,419	166,936
Scotland	14,800	15,744
Wales	7,627	8,443
Northern Ireland	3,902	4,255
Total UK students	181,748	195,378
Republic of Ireland	3,627	3,385
Other EU	9,209	8,794
Non-EU	7,494	6,329
Students on validated programmes	46,138	39,189
Total	248,216	253,075

Qualifications awarded	2009/10	Cumulative 1971-2009/10
Foundation degrees	399	1,018
First degrees	10,133	320,644
Higher degrees	2,728	50,314
Undergraduate certificates and diplomas	17,978	280,431
Postgraduate certificates and diplomas	2,968	59,520
Validated qualifications (under/post-graduate)	10,016	107,637

Students by subject area (FTEs)*	2008/09	2009/10
Subjects allied to medicine	2,518	3,101
Biological and Physical Sciences	11,288	12,357
Mathematical Sciences	4,524	4,883
Computer Science	3,132	3,704
Engineering and Technology	5,376	6,487
Social Studies	15,943	16,381
Law	2,475	2,641
Business and Administrative Studies	8,245	8,381
Mass Communications and Documentation	124	123
Languages	6,306	7,678
Historical & Philosophical Studies	8,410	8,686
Creative Arts & Design	2,447	2,528
Education	6,293	7,250
Total	77,079	84,198

* Excludes non-credit-bearing modules, study materials and packs, and students on validated programmes

Features of Open University students	2009/10	
	Undergraduate Level	Postgraduate Level
Male: female ratio	39:61	50:50
Age profile		
17 and under	3%	0%
18-21	6%	0%
22-24	8%	4%
25-34	29%	31%
35-44	28%	36%
45-54	16%	21%
55-64	7%	6%
65 and over	3%	2%
Median age of new undergraduate level students		31

Ethnic origin of new undergraduate students*	2009/10
White	89%
Asian and Black	8%
Mixed and Other	3%

* where ethnicity was disclosed

Qualifications on entry of undergraduate level students	2009/10
No formal qualifications	3%
A Levels - amount not specified	9%
1 A level or lower	40%
2 A levels or equivalent	9%
HE qualification	23%
Postgraduate qualification	9%
Not known	8%

Other student information	2009/10
Number of students receiving help with fees	61,787
Number of students with disabilities	12,758
Number of credit transfer awards for prior study	14,899

Modules information	2009/10
Number of standard modules offered	
Undergraduate level	556
Postgraduate level	161
Overseas versions	40

UK fees	2009/10
Undergraduate module (60 credit points)	£475 to £2,425
Undergraduate residential school	£450 to £745
Postgraduate module (60 credit points)	£370 to £1,750
Research degree	
full-time	£3,390
part-time	£1,650
Study packs and materials	£6.50 to £42.55

Cost of study to UK students	2009/10
Typical total fees for BA/BSc (Hons) undergraduate degree (360 credit points)	£3,780 - £5,130

Finance	2008/09	2009/10
	(£ millions)	(£ millions)
Income		
Funding body grants	233.7	244.0
Tuition fees and education contracts	141.6	156.7
Research grants and contracts	15.4	17.0
Other income	24.3	29.1
Endowment and investment income	6.0	3.3
Total income	421.0	450.1

Expenditure	2008/09	2009/10
Staff costs	262.8	275.2
Depreciation	11.2	11.8
Other operating expenses	134.0	137.6
Interest payable	3.4	0.0
Total expenditure	411.4	424.6

Staff statistics	2008/09	2009/10
Salaried academic staff	1,236	1,286
Academic-related staff	1,867	1,931
Support staff (secretaries, clerks, technicians, etc)	1,895	1,902
Associate lecturers	7,849	7,743

Most popular undergraduate modules	2009/10
	No. of students
DD101 Introducing the Social Sciences	7,512
AA100 The Arts Past and Present	6,833
B120 An Introduction to Business Studies	5,335
K101 An Introduction to Health and Social Care	5,070
Y163 Starting with Psychology	4,966