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Whatever your ambition – whether you’re looking to expand your horizons, take your career to the next level, or start a completely new one – we’re here to help make it happen.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS
WITH THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

We’re pioneers in distance learning. Since we were founded, we’ve helped more than two million people realise their potential. Our unique approach to learning means you don’t have to put your life on hold to get the qualification you want.

We will:
- help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- provide you with the teaching and learning resources you’ll need
- offer a flexible learning experience based around you and your life
- use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- be there to support you every step of the way.

You can expect:
- materials that are designed with you in mind
- continuous innovation – we’ve been leading the way in distance learning for over 50 years, ensuring education is accessible, whatever your circumstances
- access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- qualifications that are respected by employers the world over.

78% of FTSE 100 companies have sponsored employees on OU courses.
FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE US

1. We’re open to you. We make learning available to all, regardless of background, age or additional learning needs.

2. You can study around your existing commitments. We’re experts in helping people fit their studies around their busy lives.

3. We guarantee outstanding value and a high-quality education at a competitive price.

4. Our qualifications enable you to put what you learn into practice immediately.

5. You get more than a highly respected qualification. You’ll be able to show you’re dedicated and committed – personal qualities that are valued in the workplace.
What you need to get started

Where you start in life shouldn’t limit where you go. If you’re determined to succeed and prepared to work hard, we can help you get started.

The next few pages will tell you more about how studying with The Open University works, the courses you can study, the funding available to you, and how long your qualification will take.

You can do it
The main reason we’re called The Open University is that we’re open to everyone. Every year, we help thousands of people achieve extraordinary things.

- There are no formal academic entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses. For some qualifications, you may need to be in relevant employment.
- We helped over 24,000 students with disabilities and additional needs last year alone.
- Our students are diverse. Of our new undergraduate students, 34% are under 25. Our oldest students are in their nineties.

What you need
There are just a couple of things that you’ll need to be able to study with us.

- A computer with internet access. But 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.

Have you studied before?
If you’ve studied at higher education level before, you might be able to count it towards your OU qualification. This can cut down the modules you’ll need to study, saving you time and money.

If you tell us what you’ve done, we’ll do the rest.
Go to openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

We offer over 200 highly respected qualifications to help you reach your goals. You can study towards a degree or start with a certificate or diploma and build on your studies as you go.

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 an honours degree from across a mix of subjects to suit your needs and interests.

Diploma of higher education
Expand your knowledge and improve your skillset in a specialised area.

Foundation degree
Focus on a subject related to what you’re doing now, in either a work or voluntary setting.

Certificate of higher education
Get a general grounding or improve your understanding of a subject area.

We’ll give you:
– the flexibility to fit study around your other commitments
– the opportunity to improve your career
– freedom to follow your passions in depth.

To find out more about how you build your qualification and how long it takes, see pages 10–11.

Find the course to match your ambition
If you don’t know which type of course is right for you, discover more about the qualifications we offer on our website. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/course-types.
LEARN IN A WAY THAT SUITS YOU

You’ll have the flexibility to fit study around the other things going on in your life, whatever they may be.

Distance learning with the OU
We’ve designed our learning experience to combine flexibility and regular contact. We’ll give you the help you need to learn in the best possible way. You’ll get regular support from tutors and access to all the materials and resources essential to your course.
You’ll also have access to student support teams, who’ll be there to help you on your learning journey.

How you’ll be assessed
You could be assessed in a variety of different ways depending on your choice of course. We use a combination of written assignments, oral or practical assessments, projects, examinations, dissertations and portfolios.
Your assessments will occur at set points during your course. For more information on how you’ll be assessed, go to openuniversity.co.uk/assessment.

Pioneering technology
We’ve been using innovative technology to connect with our students since we first started. Examples include our online tutorials and module forums. We’ll make sure that you always have what you need, and feel connected.

Connect with other students
You can use our module discussion groups to talk about subjects, course work or study methods.
You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal Facebook groups set up by students.

Students association
You’ll become a member of our active students association when you register. You can help influence University decisions, meet fellow students and develop new skills.
Find out more at openuniversity.co.uk/ousa.
Or join the conversation on Facebook.com/OUstudents Twitter.com/OUstudents Instagram.com/OUstudentslive.

Do you have additional study needs?
We’re committed to helping students with disabilities and additional needs. We’ll give you the tools to help overcome obstacles that could stand in the way of your learning – whatever your needs may be.

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) – UK residents only
A DSA can help you with study costs that result directly from your disability or specific learning difficulty. They’re not means-tested and can go towards specialist equipment (such as an adapted computer), non-medical study support (e.g. a dyslexia support worker) or other related expenses. You can also apply for help with study-related travel costs that result directly from your disability.
For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/disability or call us on 0300 303 5303.

What’s it like to study with The Open University?
To find out more about distance learning, the OU study experience and how we’ll support you throughout your studies, go to openuniversity.co.uk/learning.
BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE
WITH AN ACCESS MODULE

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.

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 either dive straight in with an OU level 1 module, or you might prefer a gentler start with some extra preparation, in which case, an Access module is ideal.

How it works
You’ll have a dedicated tutor, who’ll provide academic support via email and regular one-to-one telephone tutorials. Your Student Support Team will be on hand to help with everything else, including careers advice, 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 every February and October and last for 30 weeks. Each week requires around nine or ten hours of study and it’s up to you how you organise that time, giving you the flexibility to fit study around your life.

What you need
We’ll set you up with access to your module website and make sure your books and other printed materials are posted out to you. All you need is:

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

What you can study
Access modules are designed as a gentle start to our qualifications. Each one covers relevant topics and includes the skills you’ll need as you continue your chosen 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.

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.
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

‒ are studying the module as part of an OU qualification (this doesn’t apply if you live in Scotland)

‒ have a household income (or, in Scotland, 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/SCOF 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 and the Isle of Man it’s £774.

‒ In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales it’s £258.

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 – see page 13 for more information.

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 – see page 12 for more information.

Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be SUCCESSFUL when they advance to OU level 1 study.

The Access module really helped equip me with the skills and confidence I needed to go on and study at degree level.

Tim Walker, Bachelor of Laws (Hons) LLB

NEXT STEPS

Order an Access Modules Prospectus or speak to our Student Recruitment team

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access

Call 0300 303 0069
HOW YOU BUILD YOUR QUALIFICATION

As an undergraduate student, you’ll need to build up a set number of credits to gain your qualification. Here’s how it works.

**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**.

**Credits**
- You need 120 credits to complete each stage.
- You need a set number of credits to gain your chosen qualification e.g. you need 360 credits to gain an honours degree.
- You gain credits by successfully completing **modules**.

**Modules**
- With each module you successfully complete, you’ll earn a set number of credits, either 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or selected from a choice of options.
- You choose the modules you want to study, year by year.

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**Stage 1**

**Access module**
An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.

To complete Stage 1, you’ll need 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

**120 credits**
Certificate of higher education

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**Stage 2**

To complete Stage 2, you’ll need a further 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

**240 credits**
Diploma of higher education or foundation degree

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**Stage 3**

To complete Stage 3, you’ll need a further 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

**360 credits**
Honours degree
How long your qualification will take

We give you the flexibility to choose the amount you want to study each year. This way, you can get the qualification you want in a timeframe that’s right for you.

Most of our students study part time, taking 60 credits a year. That’s like studying at half the rate of a full-time course at a traditional university. If you want to complete your study at a full-time rate, you’ll need to study 120 credits per year.

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

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Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. For course-specific information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/ug and view your chosen qualification.
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. And we’ll always help you find a way of paying that suits your circumstances.

How much does it cost?
You’ll pay on a module-by-module basis, rather than for your whole qualification up front. See below to get an idea of costs.

### LIVING IN ENGLAND

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¹2020/21 prices; fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University’s strategic approach to fees.

In England, the cost for a 360-credit honours degree based on today’s prices is £18,576.

### LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND, SCOTLAND OR WALES

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²2020/21 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University’s strategic approach to fees.

In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today’s prices is £6,192.

### Funding – England and Wales

If you live in England or Wales, the best way to fund your studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan from Student Finance England or Student Finance Wales. It’s the most popular way to pay.

#### Key facts
- Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold (£26,575 from April 2020).
- 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.

### EXAMPLE REPAYMENT AMOUNTS

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³Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You’ll repay 9% of what you earn over £26,575. For example, if you earn £28,000, you’ll repay £128.25 that year (9% of £1,425). That’s just over £10 per month.

### Maintenance support – Wales

New students in Wales studying part time towards a qualification can also apply for maintenance grants, worth up to £4,500 a year, to help with living costs.
Funding – Northern Ireland
If you live in Northern Ireland, you could be eligible for a Part-Time Fee Grant of up to £1,230 a year to help towards your fees. The amount depends on your household income and the rate at which you study. 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.

Funding – Scotland
If you live in Scotland and your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you’re on certain benefits, and you’re studying at least 30 credits, you could qualify for a Part-Time Fee Grant and top-up funding to cover 100% of your course fees. It isn’t a loan and you won’t need to pay any of it back.

Study support and discretionary funds
If your annual income is less than £25,000, you might be eligible for additional means-tested funding for study-related costs, such as travel, childcare and internet access.

Self-funded study
You can pay using a debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – see below for more information.

Get sponsored
See whether your employer would help you learn and develop. It’s always worth asking.

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about fees and funding
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees
Call 0300 303 5303

Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd (OUSBA)
When you enrol with us, you’ll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.
OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University, and you repay OUSBA either in a single sum before your course starts – in this case there’s no interest – or in monthly instalments of up to a year – in this case, 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 e.g. partner, sibling, friend, etc.
Find out more about OUSBA at openuniversity.co.uk/ousba.
As a responsible lender, OUSBA carries out affordability checks as part of the application process.
BOOST YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

An OU qualification can really boost your prospects and career confidence. Employers the world over will respect and value the skills, strengths and knowledge you’ve gained through juggling OU study, work and family life.

There’s no better way to show you can seize opportunity and are up for fresh challenges. The BBC, GSK, the Local Government Association, Teach First, Environment Agency and the HMRC are just some of the organisations that seek recruits from the OU.

You’ll be working hard. And we’ll be working hard for you

Our relationships with employers help us understand what they’re looking for. Our educational materials are often designed by leading industry experts. And we check them with skills councils, businesses and professional bodies to make sure they’re current and relevant.

That’s why so many employers are happy to sponsor their staff to study with the OU.

Careers guidance. Right from day one

We’ll help you start, change or develop your career, regardless of your background. And you’ll discover opportunities you might otherwise never encounter.

Once you’re registered, you’ll get access to:

- online forums, webinars, and Facebook live chats
- a wealth of downloadable guides and Your Career Planning Guide
- online interactive career planning and CV building tools
- our LinkedIn networking group
- one-to-one guidance from experienced careers consultants.

You’ll get EXCLUSIVE ACCESS to OpportunityHub, the online platform connecting OU students and graduates with employers.

MORE ONLINE

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/careers

Balancing OU study with other commitments gives students flexibility and time management skills particularly valued by employers and can really prepare students for life beyond higher education.

Andrew Bargery, PwC
Halima has been studying towards a BA (Hons) International Studies with The Open University since she completed her A levels. At first, Halima didn't consider distance learning, but after researching her options, she decided the OU suited her lifestyle better than redbrick universities. She's not looked back since.

The OU suited my lifestyle. I wanted to establish myself financially – and study. Once my friend introduced me to the OU, it was life changing. It felt so natural. I’m glad I didn’t follow what others thought would be best for me, as now I’ll get a degree and no debt.

Running a business isn’t easy, so going to a redbrick university would have been too much. The OU fit my lifestyle without me having to sacrifice anything. I’m able to control the pace of my learning. I’ve also learnt a lot of life skills that others my age won’t experience until they’re in the workplace.

What drove me to study was my passion for learning. I’ve always loved geography, especially human geography. I love travelling, exploring different cultures and meeting people from different backgrounds. With my degree, not only do I learn about different people, there’s history and a range of modules that I can choose from.

The quality of the teaching material is great. Text books are informative and link well with the online material. You have access to a dedicated tutor. It helps knowing they’re always there, even when I’m travelling. They’re just a phone call or email away. Even if I don’t get a response straight away, I’ll get a response within two days.

I had tutorials in local centres. So, not only did I get to meet my tutors, I got to meet other students. At home in front of a computer screen, you might seem quite alone but at tutorials you feel really welcomed.

I’ve become a lot more confident. I have more self-belief, motivation, independence and self-esteem. I’ve learnt you can do anything, no matter what standards society sets for you. All doors are open to me, I just need to choose one!

Halima Younis, currently studying towards BA (Hons) International Studies
FIND AN UNDERGRADUATE 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 may help you decide.

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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 qualification that reflects your interests and aspirations.

You can:
- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Choose modules from a wide range of subject areas.
- Study to fit your evolving career ambitions or personal interests.
- Open up your career prospects.
- Count previous study towards your qualification.

You can even choose which level of qualification suits your ambitions. Study towards a degree with a BA/BSc (Hons) Open; Diploma of Higher Education Open; or Certificate of Higher Education Open. 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**

Achieving an Open qualification demonstrates your exposure to different subjects and disciplines, and the rich world-view you’ve developed in the process. You’ll also have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:
- adaptability
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.

Research shows almost 86% of graduate job vacancies are open to graduates of any subject (Institute of Student Employers, 2019). Employers value the personal qualities needed to achieve a degree through distance learning.

**Degrees**
- BA/BSc (Hons) Open (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)

**NEXT STEPS**

Request a copy of our Open Qualifications Prospectus – see page 32.

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/qd](http://openuniversity.co.uk/qd)

Call 0300 303 5303
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. It shows that you can 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 giving you more 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)

**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
- 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)

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)

Diplomas of higher education
- 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)

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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.

Get where you want to be with an OU qualification. Whether that’s in development or operations, technical support or consultancy. And, if you’re already working in a computing or IT role, OU study ensures you remain at the cutting edge, a vital competitive advantage to progress your career.

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) 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 Data Analysis (W77)

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 Data Analysis (T42)

Apprenticeships
The Open University 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.

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NEXT STEPS
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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 today’s 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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Request a copy of our *Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport Prospectus* – see page 32.
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Creative and challenging – engineering, design and technology is not only stimulating, but can 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)
- Top-up Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q78)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design (Q67)
- BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation (Q61)
- Master of Engineering (M04)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

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 (W11) or Foundation Degree in Engineering (X11)
- 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 Computing & IT and Design (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (T37)

**NEXT STEPS**
Request a copy of our Engineering, Design and Technology Prospectus – see page 32.

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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. And have 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)
- BA (Hons) International Studies (Q11)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

¹This 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)

**Certificate of higher education**
- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)

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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.

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 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.

Our students are a mix of those employed in a wide range of settings and levels across the sector. They’re also service users, and friends and families involved in their care.

Degrees
- BA (Hons) Health and Social Care (R26)
- BSc (Hons) Healthcare and Health Science (Q96)
- BSc (Hons) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Nursing (R39)\(^1\)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (England) (Q32)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Northern Ireland) (R61)\(^2\)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Wales) (Q42)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (graduate entry) (Q50)
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Q76)

Diplomas of higher education
- 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)

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)

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\(^1\), nursing associates\(^1\) 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 via employers, students cannot register directly with the OU.

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\(^1\) Subject to reapproval by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) for 2020/2021
\(^2\) Subject to approval by the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC)

NEXT STEPS
Request a copy of our Health and Social Care Prospectus – see page 32.

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Language is at the heart of cultures and community. 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 the English language – its history, impact on the world today and role in communication – 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. And you’ll develop proficiency in four key language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Studying 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 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.

Studying law is stimulating in its own right, but it’s also a smart career move. A law degree is a first and necessary step if you want to practise law professionally. 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.

If your goal is to work as a professional lawyer, then studying our Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) is a great starting point. Completion within six years (or five years for graduates) counts as a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD) in England and Wales, which satisfies the professional bodies’ first stage of training as a solicitor or barrister.

**Degrees**
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) (Q79)
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (graduate entry) (LLB) (Q80)
- 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 (W56)
- 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 (T31)
- 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.

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)

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)

NEXT STEPS
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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 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 expertise 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.

**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)

### 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)

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Creativity, discovery and problem solving. That’s what science is about. 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 employers value.

Over 15,000 students study science with us each year. So, 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, influenced by our activity in international research programmes. Research across astronomy and planetary science; biology; chemistry; earth sciences; environmental science; and physics.

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) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Geography and Environmental Science (R16)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics (Q77)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Astronomy and Planetary Science); (Biological); (Chemistry); (Earth Sciences); (Environmental Science); or (Physics) (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Physics (R51)
- BSc (Hons) Combined STEM (R28)

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)

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 Health Sciences (W44)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Natural Sciences (W37)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Physics (W82)

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

**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)

**NEXT STEPS**
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For a number of years, Finlay struggled with anxiety and developed issues with alcohol and drugs. But at the age of 37, Finlay turned his life around. He went into recovery, and began a degree with the OU.

From as young as I can remember, I just didn't feel right. I was constantly anxious and didn't know why. As I grew up my anxiety got worse and I started drinking and taking drugs to numb my feelings.

In recovery, I finally realised that I wasn’t the daft, useless person I had thought I was. I could see a future for myself and I started looking at what the OU had to offer. I spoke to several advisors to ensure it was right for me. I was worried about the workload as I hadn't studied for a while, but thankfully they held taster sessions for potential students to see if they could manage the course. This definitely encouraged me to sign up for a full degree.

I spoke with my tutors about my mental health problems and the fact that I was a little concerned about studying. I then came out as transgender, which meant that I would need flexibility with my studies to attend appointments. The OU have been incredible, whenever I have a hospital appointment, I just let them know and I never feel questioned or judged.

The confidence I have is amazing now – my OU journey has really helped in my transition and allowed me to rewrite all of the negative things I’ve told myself over the years. I really enjoy the new things I am learning every day and my experience with the OU so far has been wonderful.

Finlay Games, currently studying towards BA/BSc (Hons) Open
OTHER 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.edu or call +44 (0)300 303 0266.

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 achieve their potential.
Find out more by visiting openuniversity.co.uk/equality.

Students under the age of 16
Very exceptionally, we accept applications from gifted students under the age of 16. Contact us on 0300 303 5303 if you’d like to apply.

Data protection
We record your personal information when you contact us. We use this to manage enquiries, registration, study, examination and other services. Calls may be recorded to help us improve our service to you. When you contact us, we’ll tell you more about how we treat your personal information.
For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/privacy.

Students with additional study needs
When you register, we’ll ask you 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.

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) – UK residents only
A DSA can help you with study costs that result directly from your disability or specific learning difficulty. DSAs are not means-tested. They can go towards specialist equipment (such as an adapted computer), non-medical study support (e.g. a dyslexia support worker) or other related expenses. You can also apply for help with study-related travel costs that result directly from your disability.
For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/disability or call us on 0300 303 5303.

Our other prospectuses
Want to know more about a specific subject or our Open qualifications?
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- Health and Social Care
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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.

We have made all reasonable efforts to ensure that the information in this prospectus is accurate at the time of publication. However, we shall be entitled, if we consider it reasonably necessary (including in order to manage resources and improve student experience) to make changes, including to the availability of modules and qualifications, to qualification structure and to our regulations, policies and procedures. For current information, please refer to our online prospectus at openuniversity.co.uk/courses. If you require further information about the circumstances in which we may make changes, please contact us or refer to the Academic Regulations on our website at openuniversity.co.uk/academic-regulations.
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Covid-19 – Contacting The Open University in the current situation

We want to reassure you that online registration remains open as normal. Our registration deadline for October 2020 courses is 10 September 2020, which means there’s plenty of time to secure your place to study.

Please note that our current opening times are 09:00–17:30, Monday – Friday.

While we aren’t currently accepting incoming calls, if you have any queries about our courses or registration, you can email us by visiting openuniversity.co.uk/contact. It will take us longer than usual to respond to your emails, so we thank you for your patience at this time.

Covid-19 - Cysylltu â'r Brifysgol Agored yn ystod y sefyllfa bresennol

Rydym eisiau eich sicrhau bod y broses gofrestru ar-lein ar agor fel arfer. Ein ddyddiad cau i gofrestru ar gyfer cyrsiau Hydref 2020 yw 10 Medi 2020, sy'n golygu bod digon am amser i gadarnhau eich lle i astudio.

Noder mai ein horiau agor ar hyn o bryd yw 09:00–17:30, Llun-Gwener.

Er nad ydym yn derbyn galwadau ar hyn o bryd, os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau ynghylch ein cyrsiau neu gofrestru, gallwch anfon e-bost atom drwy fynd i openuniversity.co.uk/contact.

Bydd yn cymryd mwy o amser na'r arfer i ni ymateb i'ch e-byst, fel y rydym yn diolch i chi am eich amynedd yn ystod y cyfnod hwn.