Your 2023/2024 Engineering, Design and Technology Prospectus
The future is open

There’s no limit to what you can achieve with The Open University. Unlock a world of possibilities – wherever you are and wherever you want to go.

- Get a step closer to your dream career.
- Gain a globally recognised, high-quality university education.
- Explore your passion and what you’re capable of.
- Create a better life for you and your family.
- Start the next chapter in your learning journey.

Over two million people have already transformed their futures with us. Now it’s your turn.
Start achieving your goals here and now

Welcome to The Open University

We bring university to you. We’ve pioneered supported distance learning for over 50 years and are the world leaders in high-quality distance education.

Our flexible approach to learning means you can study from home around your job, family and life. So you can gain a recognised qualification without putting your life on hold. Plus, you’ll receive expert tutor support every step of the way and join our community of learners in the UK and across 157 countries worldwide.

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

• An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 80% 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.

• 87% 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 49-year partnership with the BBC, we’ve co-produced numerous TV and radio series – like Sir David Attenborough’s The Green Planet and Frozen Planet II.

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.
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’re here 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
With our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors, you’ll receive innovative, insightful teaching from subject specialists, many of whom combine their teaching work 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
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@OUstudents
@OUstudentslive

The OU has given me a confidence in myself that I never thought I would have. I believe in myself completely now and know I can achieve anything I want.

Gina Guerriero
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 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 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 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.

Find out what you’ll need to study our postgraduate courses at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready.

More information

Find out more about The Open University.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/learning
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.

**Undergraduate**

**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.

**Integrated masters degree**
Add value to undergraduate study by combining it with work at postgraduate level.

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

**Postgraduate**

**Postgraduate certificate**
Ideal for professional and career development, this is the first step towards a masters degree as well as being a valuable qualification in its own right.

**Postgraduate diploma**
Work towards a widely recognised qualification that is equivalent to two-thirds of a masters degree.

**Masters degree**
Study modules towards an internationally respected qualification while gaining specialist academic, professional, or technical skills.

Discover your ideal course
Find the course to match your ambition.

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/course-types](http://openuniversity.co.uk/course-types)
Achieve your goals with us

We’ve been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. 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 for you and your life
› use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
› support you every step of the way.

You will:
› learn from high-quality materials that are designed with you in mind
› benefit from continuous innovation and accessible learning, whatever your circumstances
› have access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
› gain a qualification that is respected by employers around the world.

Student stories
Every year, thousands of students take the life-changing step of studying with us.

Hear directly from some of our inspirational students and discover how being an OU student is helping them to achieve their ambitions.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/stories
Welcome to Engineering, Design and Technology

We positively impact individuals, organisations, and communities that design, develop, build, and manage complex systems involving technologies of all kinds. Our STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Faculty teaches over 40,000 students on more than 180 modules. You could join them, benefitting from our broad, multidisciplinary approach to teaching and research.

Studying Engineering, Design or Technology with us will allow you to:

- access our OpenSTEM Labs, remotely operate research-grade equipment, gather and analyse your own data
- gain a broad range of engineering skills and technical expertise, including hands-on practical engineering experience
- equip yourself with the knowledge and professional skills to work in STEM-focused careers.

Undergraduate

We offer a range of engineering qualifications:

- Master of Engineering (MEng)
- Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) (Hons)
- Top-up Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) (Hons)
- Foundation Degree in Engineering
- Certificate and Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering
- BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering

In addition, we’re also a major distance-learning higher education provider of design courses in the UK.

Our undergraduate design qualifications:

- BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation
- Certificate and Diploma of Higher Education in Design and Innovation
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design
- Diploma and Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design

Our general engineering degrees fulfil the Engineering Council’s educational requirements for Incorporated or Chartered Engineer status under UK-SPEC. See individual descriptions for details.

Postgraduate

Our MSc in Engineering will help you further develop a professional approach to your work and extend your engineering skills. You’ll also acquire a range of transferable skills that will enable you to take the next step towards becoming a Chartered Engineer.

Other postgraduate qualifications:

- MSc in Environmental Management
- MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice
- MSc in Technology Management
- MBA (Technology Management)

1 This is an integrated masters, which starts with undergraduate study before progressing to postgraduate.
My OU degree has certainly benefitted me. On a personal level, my self-confidence has increased. In the workplace, the knowledge I’ve gained has been essential for my role, and I’ve had more opportunities career-wise. I believe that having the degree places me ahead of other candidates when applying for posts. Studying has also instilled in me a sense of dedication.

Suzanne Smith
MSc in Engineering

Committed to equality
AdvanceHE’s Athena Swan Charter framework supports and transforms gender equality within higher education and research. They recognise the OU’s gender equity efforts with their departmental Athena Swan Bronze Award granted to our School of Engineering and Innovation.

Additionally, the School works closely with the Women’s Engineering Society (WES) as an Education Partner, giving our female students free membership. Membership allows access to a network of professional women engineers, scientists and technologists offering inspiration, support and professional development.

Professional accreditation
Our engineering degrees (MEng, BEng, top-up BEng, foundation degree and MSc) 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).

The Institution of Engineering Designers (IED) also accredits our BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation.

Our MSc and Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management are accredited by:

- Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM).

Boost your career prospects
Advances in new technologies, such as renewable energy, sustainability and nanotechnology have led to a growing demand for Engineering, Design and Technology graduates equipped with problem-solving and collaboration skills.

The scope of career options with the skills you will build with these qualifications is extensive. Graduates of our Engineering, Design and Technology courses find employment across various industries, such as food, materials, construction, transport and medical.

Robotics, AI development and digital applications are other areas where the skills and approaches gained from an OU Engineering, Design and Technology qualification are highly valued.

Award-winning teaching, world-leading research
The Open University has one of the UK’s top materials engineering research centres, which has helped improve the economy, public safety, and society. You’ll benefit from the most relevant and up-to-date teaching materials created by the academics responsible for this groundbreaking research.

By joining one of our engineering courses, you’ll get a taste of engineering research by accessing our OpenSTEM Labs, remotely operating research-grade equipment, gathering and analysing data, and carrying out team research projects.

To find out more about our research, go to openuniversity.co.uk/ourresearch.

You’re on your way
That’s step one done. Now take the next by reading more about our Engineering, Design and Technology qualifications, before registering for your chosen course.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/courses
Building your qualification

Undergraduate
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 at least 120 credits to complete each stage. This means that to earn an honours degree, 360 credits are required in total.
• 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.

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

120 credits
Certificate of higher education

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

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

360 credits
Honours degree

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

1 Only available in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland.
Our integrated masters degree has four stages. See page 24 for further details.

Read more
Find out more about how you work towards an undergraduate qualification.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-qual
Postgraduate

Postgraduate qualifications are made up of a set number of credits. You build up credits by successfully completing modules.

You’ll need:
- 60 credits to gain a postgraduate certificate
- 120 credits to gain a postgraduate diploma
- 180 credits to gain a masters degree.

Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.

Getting started

All you need to do is choose which qualification you want to study and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

60 credits at postgraduate level.

Postgraduate certificate

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level, totalling 120 credits.

Postgraduate diploma

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level, totalling 180 credits.

Masters degree

Read more

Find out more about how you work towards a postgraduate qualification. Visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual
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 as you continue your chosen qualification.

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).

We offer three other Access modules, which are more relevant to other subject areas:

• Arts and languages Access module (Y031) – also available as Arts and languages Access module: fast track (YXFT031)
• Business and law Access module (Y035)
• Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module (Y034)
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, and
- have a personal income of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits, and
- 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 and the Isle of Man it’s £866.
- In Northern Ireland it’s £276.
- In the Republic of Ireland it’s £831.
- In Scotland it’s £282.
- In Wales it’s £328.

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 information, see page 21.

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 information, see pages 18–19.

The Access module really helped equip me with the necessary skills, which in turn gave me the confidence to go on and study at degree level.

Tim Walker
OU student

More information

Find out more about our Access modules.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access
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.

Undergraduate qualifications

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.

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.
Postgraduate qualifications

How long it will take to get your qualification depends on how it’s structured and the number of credits required. All of our postgraduate courses are offered as part-time study and the usual timescales for individual module completion are shown below.

• 15–30 credit module – typically five months.
• 60 credit module – typically nine months.

The guide below gives you an idea of how long it could take you to gain your qualification.

Part time | 60 credits a year | 16–20 study hours a week

Postgraduate certificate
(60 credits)

Postgraduate diploma
(120 credits)

Masters degree
(180 credits)

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Years to complete

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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.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer to find out more.

More information

Find out more and use our time planner tool.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/time
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.

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

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:

• 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.

Join our community

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
• 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/englishtests 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.
Undergraduate fees and funding options

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 upfront. We’ve given you an idea of the costs below:

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND AND OUTSIDE THE UK (EXCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £20,772. In England, that’s three-quarters the cost of an equivalent qualification offered at a campus-based university – a saving of 25%.1

1 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £19,944.

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £6,768.

* 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £7,872.

* 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan
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 fund their studies this way.

Key facts

• You don’t have to pay anything upfront. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £25,000.
• Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
• You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
• Any balance outstanding will be written off after 40 years.

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

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7 Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You’ll repay 9% of what you earn over £25,000. For example, if you earn £27,000, you’ll repay £180 that year (9% of £2,000). That’s just £15.00 per month.
Any balance outstanding will be written off after 30 years.

You can pay off the loan early – 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 £285 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**

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.

**WALESD**

**Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan**

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 Wales fund their studies this way.

Key facts

- You don’t have to pay anything upfront. 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 will be written off after 30 years.

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* 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.

**Maintenance grants**

You could be eligible for up to £4,500 a year to help with living costs. 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.

**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.

**OUSBA loan**

Pay your fees in instalments with a loan from Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd. See page 21 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.

**Other support**

**Bursary for Black Students**

If you identify as being from a Black background, you could receive a £500 bursary to help with your study costs.

**Carers’ Bursary**

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 Bursary**

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 Fund**

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

**Disabled Students’ Allowance**

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

**Disabled Veterans’ Scholarships Fund**

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

**Employer sponsorship**

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

**Sanctuary Scholarship**

If you’ve been displaced from your homeland for political, economic, ethnic, environmental, or human rights pressures, you could be eligible to study for free.

**Scholarship for Black Students**

If you identify as being from a Black background, you could study a full OU qualification for free.

**Study-related costs**

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.

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Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees
Call 0300 303 5303
Postgraduate fees and funding options

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 upfront. To find the total fee for your qualification, visit our website.

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 or theory books.
• 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.

Funding your studies

ENGLAND

Postgraduate loan
You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £12,167 from Student Finance England.
• Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn’t based on your income.
• The money is paid directly to you.
• You’ll get your first instalment after you’ve paid for your first module and started studying.
• Payments are spread across two or three years.
• Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
• You’ll repay 6% of your income over £21,000. So, for example, if you earn £25,000, you’ll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That’s just £20 a month.
• Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
• Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.

To be eligible, you must:
• be a resident in England
• be under 60 years old
• be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years
• not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
• be studying your qualification from the beginning.

WALES

Learning grant and maintenance loan
• You could access up to £18,770 of maintenance grants and loans.
• You’ll automatically get a £1,000 non-repayable grant, rising to £6,885, depending on your income.
• Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn’t based on your income.
• The money is paid directly to you.
• Payments are made in instalments, spread however long you’re studying.
• You’ll get your first instalment after you’ve paid for your first module and started studying.
• Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
• You’ll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you’ll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That’s just £20 a month.

To be eligible, you must:
• be a resident in Wales
• be studying for a masters degree (and not already hold a masters degree or higher qualification)
• be under 60 years old.

Wales STEMM bursary
If you study towards an eligible Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or Medicine (STEMM) masters, you might also be eligible for an additional £2,000 to help with study or living costs.

Wales 60+ bursary
If you’re aged 60 or over at the start of your masters’ seasonal academic year, you could receive a non-repayable bursary of up to £4,000 towards study or living costs.
Postgraduate loan
You could be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £6,500 from Student Finance Northern Ireland or up to £7,000 from the Student Awards Agency Scotland.

• Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn’t based on your income.
• There’s no upper age limit.
• Payments are spread over either two or three years, depending on your chosen qualification.
• Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £19,895 in Northern Ireland and £25,375 in Scotland).
• You’ll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £27,000 and live in Scotland, you’ll repay only £146.25 that year (9% of £1,625). That’s just £12 a month.
• Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must:
• be resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
• be studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.

Self-funded study
If you’re not eligible for loan or grant funding or you live outside the UK, we offer a range of other funding options.

OUSBA loan
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Card payments
Pay for each module with a debit or credit card in one quick, simple payment.

Mixed payments
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Other support

Carers’ Bursary
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 Bursary
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.

Creative Writing Scholarship
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could be eligible to study our MA in Creative Writing for free.

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

Employer sponsorship
Your employer could partially or fully pay for your module fees.

Grant funding
We offer access to a database of over 600 non-OU funding bodies offering grants for postgraduate students studying or looking to study, a masters, PGCE or research degree.

OU bursaries
Available only to OU honours graduates, our bursaries could help lower the cost of your postgraduate study.

Study-related costs
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.

1 UK residents only.
Find your undergraduate course

You can register for the 2023/2024 academic year for undergraduate qualifications from 15 March 2023.

We’ve based the qualification start dates on the first module(s) you can study as part of your qualification.

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Master of Engineering

Our MEng is an integrated masters degree that combines undergraduate and postgraduate study, fulfilling the educational requirements for Chartered Engineer status.

Engineering is a creative and analytical subject. You’ll develop the skills, techniques, and knowledge that professional engineers need and learn the underpinning science and mathematics. The course has a common core with a choice of routes to suit your area of interest. You’ll work on real-life projects to create innovative solutions to challenging problems, teaming up with other students and working on your own projects.

Why this qualification?
- Gain the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng).
- Take part in individual and team-based projects, practical activities and remote access experiments.
- Move to a different engineering qualification if your aspirations change, even after you’ve started.
- Choose from a broad engineering route and six specialist routes.
- Develop your employability skills, including personal and professional development planning.

Accreditation
The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:
- Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
- Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)

Are you ready?
Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93) openuniversity.co.uk/w93
Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48) openuniversity.co.uk/t48
Qualification structure

Our MEng has a broad engineering route and six specialist routes – you’ll choose one:

- broad engineering
- energy and sustainability
- engineering management
- environmental technologies
- materials and design
- mechanical engineering
- modelling and applications.

Stage 1 – 120 credits

- Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)
- Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)
- Engineering: mathematics, modelling, applications (T194) (30 credits)
- Engineering: professions, practice and skills 1 (T176) (30 credits)

Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

- Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)
- Core engineering B (T272) (30 credits)

You’ll study 30 credits from your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/m04

- Engineering: professions, practice and skills 2 (T276) (30 credits)

Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You’ll study 90 credits from your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/m04

- Technology and innovation management (TB801) (30 credits)
  OR
- Strategic capabilities for technological innovation (T849) (30 credits)

Stage 4 – 120 credits

- The MEng individual project (T460) (30 credits)

You’ll study 60 credits from your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/m04

- Team engineering (T885) (30 credits)

Master of Engineering

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

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More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/m04
Call 0300 303 5303
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

This general engineering qualification fulfils the educational requirements for Incorporated Engineer status. In addition, the combination of this degree and an accredited MSc meets the requirements for Chartered Engineer status.

Engineering is a creative and analytical subject. You’ll develop the skills, techniques, and knowledge that professional engineers need and learn the underpinning science and mathematics. The course has a common core with a choice of routes to suit your area of interest. You’ll work on real-life projects to create innovative solutions to challenging problems, teaming up with other students and working on your own projects.

Why this qualification?

- Gain the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills for registration as an Incorporated Engineer (IEng).
- Take part in individual and team-based projects, practical activities and remote access experiments.
- Move to a different engineering qualification if your aspirations change, even after you’ve started.
- Choose from a broad engineering route and six specialist routes.
- Develop your employability skills, including personal and professional development planning.

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

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

Accredited Programme

Are you ready?

Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93) openuniversity.co.uk/w93

Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48) openuniversity.co.uk/t48
Qualification structure

Our BEng (Hons) has a broad engineering route and six specialist routes – you’ll choose one:

- broad engineering
- electronics
- energy and sustainability
- engineering design
- environmental technologies
- mathematical methods
- mechanical engineering.

Stage 1 – 120 credits

- Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)
- Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)
- Engineering: mathematics, modelling, applications (T194) (30 credits)
- Engineering: professions, practice and skills 1 (T176) (30 credits)

Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

- Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)
- Core engineering B (T272) (30 credits)

You’ll study 30 credits related to your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/q65

- Engineering: professions, practice and skills 2 (T276) (30 credits)

Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You’ll study 90 credits related to your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/q65

- The engineering project (T452) (30 credits)

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

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| Assessment | Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations |
| Study duration | Part time: 6 years |
| Mode of study | The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online
Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
Online forum
Compulsory
Collaborative work
Compulsory |

More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q65
Call 0300 303 5303
Foundation Degree in Engineering

This foundation degree combines academic skills with the needs of your workplace. Boost your career if you’re working in an engineering-related job at a technical level.

Build on your existing skills and experience to support your professional development plans. You’ll apply the study of engineering fundamentals to the solution of real-life problems. Topics include design, electronics, energy, manufacturing, materials, mechanics and structural analysis. It also develops your maths skills, which are crucial to successful engineering studies.

Why this qualification?
• Tackle real problems by applying your study of engineering fundamentals.
• Develop your mathematics skills – key to successfully studying engineering.
• Build on your existing skills and experience with two work-related modules.
• Gain a solid foundation for further study, with the option to top up to an accredited honours degree (see pages 30–31).

Accreditation
The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:
• Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
• Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
• Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
• Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)

Are you ready?
Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

Meet our academics
Aerospace, automotive and nuclear industries all have components that cannot be allowed to fail. Dr Foroogh Hosseinzadeh, Senior Lecturer works with these industries to ensure that critical components are as safe as possible.
Find out more about Foroogh’s work at openuniversity.co.uk/fh.
Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)
Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)
Engineering: mathematics, modelling, applications (T194) (30 credits)
Engineering at work (T198) (30 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)
Core engineering B (T272) (30 credits)
You’ll choose 30 credits from a selection of modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/x11
Change, strategy and projects at work (T227) (30 credits)

Foundation Degree in Engineering

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

At a glance

Course code X11
Total credits 240
Start dates
Oct 2023
Register by 7 Sep 2023
Apr 2024
Register by 7 Mar 2024
Entry requirements
You must be in engineering-related employment
Assessment
Based on a mix of:
• Tutor-marked assignments
• Interactive computer-marked assignments
• End-of-module assessments
• Examinations
Study duration
Part time: 4 years
Mode of study
The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online
Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
Online forum
Compulsory
Collaborative work
Optional

More online
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/x11
Call 0300 303 5303
Top-up Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Top up your existing qualification to an honours degree. You can add to your OU Foundation Degree in Engineering or equivalent qualification from somewhere else.

Tailor your studies to suit your background and previous study. Develop your knowledge and skills and open up further career opportunities. Study choices include communications, design, electronics, environmental management, mathematics, mechanical modelling, nanoengineering, renewable energy, and structural integrity. You’ll also complete an engineering project.

Why this qualification?

• Progress from your vocational qualification (e.g. HND) to an honours degree.
• Choose modules to fit with your previous study.
• Develop your analytical skills – key to successfully studying engineering.
• Prepare for further engineering study at postgraduate level.

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

• Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
• Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
• Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
• Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)
Qualification structure
This qualification begins at Stage 3; your existing qualification will make up Stages 1 and 2.

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You’ll choose 90 credits from:
- Computational applied mathematics (MST374) (30 credits)
- Electronics: signal processing, control and communications (T312) (30 credits)
- Environmental management 2 (T319) (30 credits)
- Innovation: designing for change (T317) (60 credits)
- Mechanical engineering: computer-aided engineering (T329) (30 credits)
- Nanoscale engineering (T366) (30 credits)
- Renewable energy (T313) (30 credits)
- Structural integrity: predicting and assessing performance (T367) (30 credits)
- Communications technology (TM355) (30 credits)
- Deterministic and stochastic dynamics (MS327) (30 credits)
- Graphs, games and designs (MST368) (30 credits)
- Mathematical methods and fluid mechanics (MST326) (30 credits)

The engineering project (T452) (30 credits)

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

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Entry requirements
Our Foundation Degree in Engineering (X11) or an equivalent qualification (approved by us and completed within the last eight years)

Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations

Study duration
Part time: 2 years

Mode of study
The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)

Online forum Compulsory

Collaborative work Compulsory

More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q78
Call 0300 303 5303
BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering

Smart devices are now omnipresent; computing, electronics and telecommunications are integral to our everyday lives. This combined degree develops your understanding of computing and electronic engineering, emphasising practical knowledge and skills required by industry. It considers digital technologies, programming, networking, manufacturing methods related to product design, environmental sustainability, and the legal requirements to promote good practice.

Gain a sound grasp of the principles of hardware-based, software-based, or systems-based technologies. Developing computing skills alongside knowledge of electronics opens up exciting career opportunities. You’ll be able to apply your knowledge and skills in various industries and organisations. It also incorporates transferable skills applicable to professional development in the field.

**Why this qualification?**
- Practice electronics using our award-winning OpenSTEM Labs.
- Develop your programming and other computing skills.
- Choose from four focus options within the computing strand.
- Develop transferable skills applicable to both computing and engineering professions.

**Are you ready?**
Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

**Related qualifications**
Diploma of Higher Education in Computing with Electronic Engineering (W92) openuniversity.co.uk/w92
Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and Engineering (T47) openuniversity.co.uk/t47
Qualification structure

You’ll choose one computing focus area:

- computer science
- communications and networking
- software development
- web development.

The example shows communications and networking; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r62 for details.

Example route

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BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.
BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation

This general design degree focuses on developing creative thinking and practical work to address many problems, not just those in the creative industries.

The design modules feature online design studios, social networking and inspiring study materials alongside a significant practical component. As well as design, you’ll study modules in complementary subjects, gaining skills and knowledge in an area that fits your needs and interests.

Why this qualification?
- Build a portfolio of design work to show your ideas and skills.
- Learn about several different design specialisms.
- Focus on the process and application of design and innovation in real-world contexts.

Routes through this qualification
There’s a Bachelor of Arts (BA) route and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) route. For each, we’ve identified themes to help you plan your study; for details, go to openuniversity.co.uk/q61.

BA (Bachelor of Arts)
- Culture and aesthetics
- Health and wellbeing
- Management
- Society
- Sustainability

BSc (Bachelor of Science)
- Energy
- Engineering
- Environment
- Interfaces and interaction

Accreditation
The Institute of Engineering Designers (IED) accredits the BSc route under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council.

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (W73) openuniversity.co.uk/w73
Certificate of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (T37) openuniversity.co.uk/t37
Qualification structure

**Stage 1 – 120 credits**

*Design thinking: creativity for the 21st century (U101) (60 credits)*

You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/q61

**Certificate of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (T37)**

**Stage 2 – 120 credits**

*Design essentials (T217) (60 credits)*

You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/q61

**Diploma of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (W73)**

**Stage 3 – 120 credits**

*Innovation: designing for change (T317) (60 credits)*

You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/q61

**BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation**

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

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**More online**

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/q61](http://openuniversity.co.uk/q61)

Call 0300 303 5303
BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design

Computing & IT studied with design can open career opportunities in various sectors.

Develop creative design thinking to address computer-based technology problems, preparing you to contribute to the design of the digital applications of the future. We’ll introduce user-centred design, sustainable design, and the design process, complementing the computing & IT skills and knowledge you’ll develop.

Why this qualification?
- Combine complementary subjects – design and computing & IT.
- Choose from four focus options within the computing & IT strand.
- Build a portfolio of design work to show your ideas and skills.
- Use online design studios as part of your practical design work.

Accreditation
Accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT:
- meeting the academic requirement for Chartered IT Professional,
- and for the award of Euro-Inf Bachelor Quality Label on behalf of EQANIE.

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design (W42)
openuniversity.co.uk/w42

Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design (T13)
openuniversity.co.uk/t13
Qualification structure

You'll choose one computing & IT focus area:

- computer science
- communications and networking
- software development
- web development.

The example route shows computer science; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q67 for details.

Example route

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BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design

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- Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
- Online forum Compulsory
- Collaborative work Compulsory

More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q67
Call 0300 303 5303
BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

This flexible degree combines science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Build your degree from a variety of STEM modules and study routes to create a unique qualification.

Our BSc (Hons) Combined STEM allows you to study more than just one STEM subject – to fit your personal and professional needs, interests and aspirations. The flexibility of this degree makes it relevant to a wide range of jobs and industries – many of which require proficiency in a range of STEM-based skills. It can help you develop your existing career or start a new one.

Why this qualification?
• Choose modules from across STEM subjects or focus on one or two areas.
• Switch direction if your needs or interests change.
• Count university-level credits you’ve gained from elsewhere.

Study routes if you want to focus on a subject related to engineering, design or technology
• Design
• Engineering
• Environmental technology

Degree holders in England and Wales
Even if you already have a degree, you could be eligible for a student loan to fund the BSc (Hons) Combined STEM.

For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/quals.

Are you ready?
Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.
How to focus your combined STEM degree on engineering

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on engineering. It’s just one example of the many combinations you can study; you’re not restricted to this route.

Example route

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BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

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Entry requirements
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Assessment
Depending on the modules you choose to study, you may be assessed in any or all of the following ways:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations

Study duration
Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years

Mode of study
As the BSc (Hons) Combined STEM can be made up of a range of modules, the learning materials provided, use of online forums and inclusion of collaborative work will depend on the modules you choose

More online
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/r28
Call 0300 303 5303
Do you want the freedom to study a range of subjects that interest you? Then our Open qualifications are ideal.

Some of the key questions in the world today require expertise from a range of subjects. Multidisciplinary study has always been at the heart of The Open University and our Open qualifications allow you to bring together different areas of study in a completely flexible way to develop knowledge and skills.

The BA/BSc (Hons) Open allows you to choose modules from a wide range of subject areas so you can, for example, combine design modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or the humanities. It is a degree with a difference. Free from the restriction of a subject-specific specialism, you’re in control of the direction of your learning.

Why this qualification?
- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Create your own unique multidisciplinary degree and skill set.
- Adapt your study plans to match your evolving aspirations.
- Count previous university study towards your qualification.

Open qualifications and your career
Our Open qualifications equip 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.

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.

Carol Dow
BA (Hons) Open

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34) openuniversity.co.uk/w34
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09) openuniversity.co.uk/t09
How you can focus your Open degree on design

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on design in combination with other subjects that are of particular interest to you.

However, this is just one example of the many combinations you can study, and you’re not restricted to this route.

Example route

### Stage 1 – 120 credits

**Design thinking: creativity for the 21st century (U101) (60 credits)**

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 1 modules

**Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)**

### Stage 2 – 120 credits

**Design essentials (T217) (60 credits)**

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 2 modules

**Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)**

### Stage 3 – 120 credits

**Innovation: designing for change (T317) (60 credits)**

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 3 modules

**BA/BSc (Hons) Open**

1 Whether you qualify for a BA or BSc (Hons) Open will be determined by the number of credits you have from modules suitable for a BA or for a BSc.

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• Examinations |
| Study duration | Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years |
| Mode of study | As the BA/BSc (Hons) Open can be made up of a range of different modules, the learning materials provided, use of online forums and inclusion of collaborative work will depend on the modules you choose to study |

More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

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

Call 0300 303 5303
Find your postgraduate course

To work towards a postgraduate qualification, you first need to choose and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

**Engineering**
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**Technology management**
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- MBA (Technology Management) (F69) 48

**Systems thinking in practice**
- MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice (F47) 50

**Environmental management**
- MSc in Environmental Management (F65) 52

**Open masters**
- MA/MSc Open (F81) 54
MSc in Engineering

Combine modules from engineering analysis and technology. Shape a qualification that suits your career aspirations.

You’ll develop a range of transferable skills, such as creative problem solving, effective communication, project management and concept realisation. You’ll also develop a professional approach to your work and extend your engineering skills. Through the project module and as part of a small project team, you’ll design and present a solution to a real-world engineering need.

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

- Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
- Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE)
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| Calculus of variations and advanced  | 30      | M820 |
| calculus                             |         |      |
| Environmental monitoring and         | 30      | T868 |
| protection                           |         |      |
| Finite element analysis: basic       | 30      | T804 |
| principles and applications          |         |      |
| Making environmental decisions       | 30      | T891 |
| Making strategy with systems         | 30      | T8871|
| thinking in practice                 |         |      |
| Managing change with systems         | 30      | T8872|
| thinking in practice                 |         |      |
| Manufacture materials design         | 30      | T805 |
| Project management                   | 30      | M815 |
| Strategic capabilities for technological innovation | 30 | T849 |

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**Entry requirements**
- UK honours degree (or equivalent) with high mathematics content, or
- appropriate experience

**Study duration**
- Part time: 4 years

### Related qualification

Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering (E22)
[openuniversity.co.uk/e22](http://openuniversity.co.uk/e22)

### More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/f46](http://openuniversity.co.uk/f46)
Call 0300 303 5303
MSc in Technology Management

This MSc provides the knowledge and skills to make technology strategy, innovation and management decisions that can make a real difference to your organisation.

First, you’ll focus on the operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change, then explore a range of capabilities key to technology innovation, strategic development and management. Finally, you’ll conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.

Meet our academics

Dr Sally Caird was invited by New Cities Foundation, with partners Cisco, to write on the complex challenges facing cities in the 21st century.

"With the increase of smart city programmes around the world, it’s become important to measure the impacts of smart city developments and prove their value. My research focused on identifying suitable measurement, evaluation and reporting to demonstrate that these developments are delivering the future cities we want."

Find out more about Sally’s research at openuniversity.co.uk/sc.
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You’ll choose 60 credits from:

- Making strategy with systems thinking in practice 30 TB871
- Managing change with systems thinking in practice 30 TB872
- Information security 30 M811
- Digital forensics 30 M812
- Software development 30 M813
- Software engineering 30 M814
- Project management 30 M815
- Data management 30 M816
- Network security 30 T828
- Advanced networking (CCNP Enterprise) 60 T829
- Manufacture materials design 30 T805
- Making environmental decisions 30 T891
- Sustainable creative management 15 BB842
- Entrepreneurship in context 15 BB851

### Leadership and management of public services
15 BB852

### Contemporary issues in organisations
15 BB853

### Managing in a changing world
30 B870

### Creating and sustaining value
30 B872

### Continuing professional development in practice
30 U810

### Advance your independent learning
30 YXM830

**Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)**

You’ll choose 60 credits from either the Research route or the Professional route:

**Research Route**

- Research project 60 T802

**Professional Route**

- MSc project researching in context 30 T803

And you’ll choose another 30 credits from any of the option modules

### MSc in Technology Management

- Compulsory modules
- Option modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

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## At a glance

**Course code**
F36

**Total credits**
180

**Start dates**
- Nov 2023
  Register by 5 Oct 2023
- May 2024
  Register by 4 Apr 2024

**Entry requirements**
There are no formal entry requirements. However, we recommend you have:
- a UK honours degree or equivalent, or
- management experience in a technology-related field

**Study duration**
Part time: 3 years

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## Related qualifications

- Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)
  openuniversity.co.uk/e08
- Postgraduate Certificate in Technology Management (C49)
  openuniversity.co.uk/c49

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## More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/f36

Call 0300 303 5303
MBA (Technology Management)

If you’re looking for an MBA with a focus on technology, this is the qualification for you.

It is applicable to technology management and technological innovation in a wide variety of contexts and sectors, including IT/IS; telecommunications; computing; engineering; manufacturing; transport and logistics; retailing; energy production and supply; defence and security; management and administration; and any form of services, including health, welfare and leisure.

You will focus on strategic analysis and intellectual stimulation whilst gaining interdisciplinary skills and independent judgement – exploring the processes that underpin technological innovation and the challenges of technology from a strategic perspective, with your learning firmly rooted in management practice throughout.

Accreditation

Only 1% of all business schools are triple accredited. With accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, the OU Business School is one of them.
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### Sustainable creative management 15 BB842
### Making environmental decisions 30 T891
### Making strategy with systems thinking in practice 30 TB871
### Managing change with systems thinking in practice 30 TB872
### Project management 30 MB15
### Management of Change: Organisation Development and Design 15 BZFM802
### Management of Uncertainty: Leadership, Decisions and Action 15 BZFM801

Plus 30 credits from the following compulsory module:

| MBA project: leaders of change | 30 | BB75 |

#### MBA (Technology Management)

- **Compulsory modules**
- **Elective modules**
- **Awarded qualification**

Module availability is subject to change.

1 Microcredentials. These are 10–12 week professional development courses presented on our partner platform, FutureLearn. For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/counting-microcredentials.

### At a glance

- **Course code**: F69
- **Total credits**: 180
- **Start dates**
  - Nov 2023: Register by 12 Oct 2023
  - May 2024: Register by 11 Apr 2024
- **Entry requirements**
  - See openuniversity.co.uk/f69 for details
- **Study duration**
  - Part time: 3 years

### Related qualifications

- Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08) openuniversity.co.uk/e08
- Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration (C66) openuniversity.co.uk/c66

### More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/f69
Call 0300 303 5303
MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice

This MSc has the development of holistic thinking skills and the appreciation of multiple perspectives at its core.

Systems thinking skills are relevant in many different areas, for example, business, engineering, environment, development, health, IT management, and organisation change.

You’ll gain insights into how other people think about situations and learn how to apply concepts, tools and techniques developed by systems thinkers. The course will extend your ways of thinking and acting in practice to improve complex situations.

Meet our academics

Water security is increasingly affected by climate change and population growth. Dr Natalie Foster, Lecturer in Systems, is using a systems approach to tackle this urgent problem. Her research leads to a better understanding of how we can govern this precious resource.

Discover more about this compelling topic with our free OpenLearn courses that apply systems thinking to a range of subjects, and explore systems as a subject in its own right at openuniversity.co.uk/systems-thinking.
### Qualification structure

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You’ll choose 60 credits from:

- Manufacture materials design: 30 credits (TB805)
- Strategic capabilities for technological innovation: 30 credits (TB849)
- Technology and innovation management: 30 credits (TB801)
- Making environmental decisions: 30 credits (TB891)
- Information security: 30 credits (M811)
- Digital forensics: 30 credits (M812)
- Software development: 30 credits (M813)
- Software engineering: 30 credits (M814)
- Project management: 30 credits (M815)
- Data management: 30 credits (M816)
- Network security: 30 credits (M816)
- Advanced networking (CCNP Enterprise): 60 credits (T829)
- Principles of social and psychological inquiry: 60 credits (DD801)
- Global development in practice: 60 credits (D890)
- Understanding global development: 60 credits (DD870)

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### Related qualifications

- Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28) openuniversity.co.uk/e28
- Postgraduate Certificate in Systems Thinking in Practice (C72) openuniversity.co.uk/c72

### More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

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MSc in Environmental Management

Expand your knowledge and skills needed for effective, informed and creative environmental management.

You’ll examine current local and global concerns in areas such as environmental protection, legislation and policy, and natural resource management. Develop your skills in analysing the issues and improving environmental performance in all sectors.

**Accreditation**
- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM)
- Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA).

**Meet our academics**
Professor Toni Gladding describes herself as a ‘dirty microbiologist’. Hear how her research into the health and safety of waste management informs Environment Agency policy at openuniversity.co.uk/environmental-management.
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Advance your independent learning 30 YXM830

Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management (E79)

You’ll choose 60 credits from either the Research route or the Professional route:

Research Route

Research project 60 T802

Professional Route

MSc project researching in context 30 T803

And you’ll choose 30 credits from any of the option modules

MSc in Environmental Management

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Option modules
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

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Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management (E79)
openuniversity.co.uk/e79

Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management (K19)
openuniversity.co.uk/K19

More online

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/f65
Call 0300 303 5303
MA/MSc Open

Do you want the freedom to create a personalised course of study across a range of academic disciplines? Then our MA/MSc Open is ideal.

Put simply, the MA/MSc Open gives you choice. It allows you the freedom to tailor your qualification to suit you. Choose modules and microcredentials from a wide range of related subject areas to fit your professional needs and personal interests.

Qualification structure

To gain this qualification, you need 180 credits. There are two routes through this qualification:

**Route 1**: You can study 180 credits and specialise within one of the following broadly related study areas:
- Arts, humanities, music and language
- Education, psychology, health science and healthcare
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Business, finance, human resources and law.

**Route 2**: You can choose to study a minimum 120 credits within one study area (chosen as your area of specialism) and take up to 60 credits from any other study area, including:
- Further professional development.

Module and microcredential availability are subject to change.

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### Education, psychology, health science and healthcare

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¹ Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Science, technology, engineering and mathematics

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## Postgraduate courses

### Business, finance, human resources and law

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### Developing educational leadership in practice

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.
2. Microcredential hosted on FutureLearn.

### Online teaching: creating courses for adult learners

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Online teaching: evaluating and improving courses

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Mental health: working with children and young people

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Project management

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Strategic capabilities for technological innovation

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Sustainable organisations: theory and practice

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Technology and innovation management

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Making strategy with systems thinking

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Managing change with systems thinking

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Agile leadership and management

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Continuing professional development in practice

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

### Advance your independent learning

1. Module hosted on FutureLearn.

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### What are microcredentials?

10–12 week professional development courses from The Open University hosted on our partner platform, FutureLearn. For more information, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/counting-microcredentials](https://openuniversity.co.uk/counting-microcredentials).

### More online

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Call 0300 303 5303
Registering is easy

Undergraduate study

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

2. Choose your module(s)
   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. 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.

We recommend registering as early as possible. Once you’re registered, you’ll get access to our learning tools, materials and the student support that’ll help you get going.

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Postgraduate study

To work towards a postgraduate qualification, register on a module that counts towards it.

1. Choose your qualification
   Once you’ve decided on a qualification, go to our website for the full course details and entry criteria you’ll need to meet.

2. Register on your first module(s)
   Modules within postgraduate qualifications have more detailed entry requirements, so make sure you’ve read these before registering.

3. Arrange your funding
   You’ll find all your options at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees.

4. Send us evidence that confirms you meet the entry requirements
   Once your evidence has been assessed and approved, your registration will be complete.

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Have you studied before?

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Visit openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer
Useful information

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- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport
- Environment and Development
- Health and Social Care
- Languages and Applied Linguistics
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology and Counselling
- Science
- Social Sciences

Other prospectuses
- Access Modules
- Open Qualifications
- Postgraduate Courses
- Undergraduate Courses

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Get in touch

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- Call our Student Recruitment team on 0300 303 5303
Lines are open (UK time) Monday to Friday: 08:00–17:30
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- Email northernireland@open.ac.uk
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