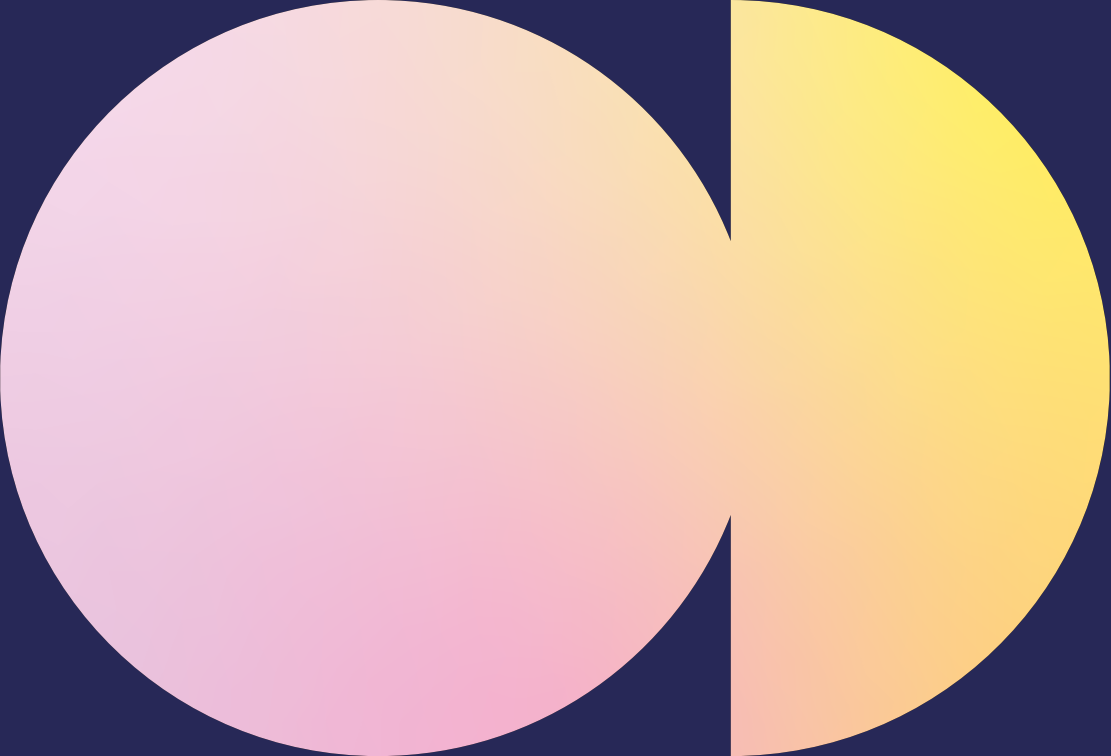


Your 2025/2026

Languages and Applied Linguistics Prospectus



The future is
open



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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.

- Gain a globally recognised, high-quality university education.
- Develop the skills and confidence employers are looking for.
- Get a step closer to your dream career.
- Explore your passion and what you're capable of.
- Start the next chapter in your learning journey.

Over two million people have already transformed their futures with us. Now it's your turn.



Welcome to the home of distance and online learning

Achieve a career-boosting qualification with the experts in bringing university to you. For over 50 years, we've pioneered a more flexible way to learn and are a world leader in high-quality distance education.

Studying with the OU means you have the freedom to achieve a respected university qualification on your terms. You can learn whenever suits you, fitting study around your job, family, and social life. Plus, you'll get expert support from a dedicated tutor at every step, free careers advice, and be part of the UK's biggest student community.

When it comes to course quality, you'll be learning from the best. Named 'University of the Year for Teaching Excellence 2025' (Daily Mail University Guide), we're proud to be globally recognised for our teaching and part of an elite group of universities to achieve overall Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework. So whatever your goals, we're here to help you make them a reality.

Reasons to choose the OU

- Tried and trusted – join the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Boost your career – 87% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- Reach your potential – we produce more CEOs and managing directors than any other UK university.
- Invest in your future – we're rated as one of the top three universities for employability and can support you with careers guidance, networking and more.
- Learn and earn – 69% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- Gain a qualification employers respect – 72% of FTSE 100 companies have sponsored their staff to study with us.
- Be inspired – our amazing academics power the latest co-productions with the BBC – including *The Secret Genius of Modern Life* and Sir David Attenborough's iconic nature series *Planet Earth*.

Rated **Gold** in the
Teaching Excellence
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Top 3 in the UK
for employability



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University that works for you

Our courses are designed to flex around your life, so you can study in a way that suits you best. It's just one of the reasons why we're the most popular university for undergraduate students in the UK.

Learn on your terms

OU study is truly flexible. You can access your course materials 24/7 and study anytime, anywhere you like.

You'll also have the support of a dedicated tutor, plus our student support and careers teams are ready to guide you as soon as you start studying.

- Decide when and where you learn.
- Fit study around the rest of your life.
- Fund your studies in a way that suits you.
- Keep on earning while you learn.

Learn from the best

You'll have access to top-quality course materials and be taught by our network of more than 4,500 expert tutors, who are subject specialists. Many combine their teaching work with academic or industry roles, which means you'll receive teaching that's innovative and inspired by the latest insights.



OU study has changed me as a person. It's made me realise that you can actually do anything you want to.

Misty Crew
OU graduate



Spark your imagination

See your favourite subjects brought to life with the latest in learning innovation. From textbooks to virtual learning environments, from home experiments to award-winning state-of-the-art remote labs, you'll study using a variety of digital and physical resources. So however you learn best, we'll keep you inspired.

Additional study support




Did you know 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

There are lots of ways to connect with our active student community, including online discussion groups and tutorials. You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal social media groups set up by OU students.

When you register, you'll become a member of our Students Association. It's a great way to meet other students, take part in societies and help influence University decisions. See how to get involved at [oustudents.com](https://www.oustudents.com).

Get social with us

-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudentslive

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 that the OU gives you the flexibility to study around your job or other commitments.

Bringing university to you, wherever you are

We've continuously developed our teaching methods for over 50 years so that you can fit a high-quality university education around your busy life.

We're dedicated to giving you the very best experience and are proud to be recognised for our teaching – we're the *Daily Mail* University of the Year for Teaching Excellence and were awarded overall Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework.

We're respected by employers

An OU qualification is globally recognised and will give you the skills and confidence employers look for. Research shows that employers rate OU students as being work-ready, adaptable and self-starters – qualities that can help your CV to stand out from the crowd.

You can study around work and put what you learn into practice immediately, helping you to boost your career prospects long before you graduate. Plus, we'll help you to plan ahead with free careers advice, resources and networking opportunities as soon as you become an OU student.



We're open to all

We believe that with the right support, preparation and guidance, many people are capable of succeeding in higher education. That's why there are no formal entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses.

Looking for postgraduate study? Find out the entry requirements at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready.

We're a thriving community

You'll be part of 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 195,000 students study with us each year. Come and join them.

Get to know us

Find out what you can expect as an OU student.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/learning



Qualifications to suit you

With over 200 courses 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.

Named degree

Complete modules in a specific subject to earn an honours degree and open doors to a new career or interest.

Open degree

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

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 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

Achieve your goals with us

We've been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. Meet some of the incredible OU students and graduates who have used their studies to transform their futures.

There's lots of pressure to follow the same path as everyone else, but it's not the only way. The OU has helped me to achieve my career goals and given me the freedom to make my own decisions.

Eileanoir Blair
OU graduate



As a working mum, I knew that physically attending university wasn't possible – the OU is the perfect solution. I can get on with my life while I complete my studies.

Chido Manyande
OU student



I left school with few qualifications and, thanks to the OU, I'm on course to be a lawyer with a job offer from one of the best law firms in the world!

Thomas Barry
OU student



My career progression has been amazing – OU study equipped me for a successful career; I'd recommend it to anyone. If a CV came across my desk from someone with an OU degree, it would stand out straight away.

James Bransgrove
OU graduate



Chat with OU students

Find out more about the OU study experience by talking to some of our current students.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ask-a-student



Welcome to Languages and Applied Linguistics

The study of modern Languages and Applied Linguistics opens the door to new cultures and opportunities, and it could be your key to the global workplace. Whether you're a complete beginner or wish to develop your existing skills, join our diverse community of over 12,000 language students, academics and support staff.

Studying Languages and Applied Linguistics with us will allow you to:

- ▶ **become a proficient user (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level C1) of at least one modern language**
- ▶ **benefit from intercultural encounters to help you develop language proficiency and cultural understanding**
- ▶ **develop advanced knowledge of the cultures that use your chosen languages**
- ▶ **learn about the English language: its history, impact on the world today and its role in communication.**

You'll benefit from outstanding teaching founded on world-class research in English language studies, modern languages and applied linguistics. Our subjects include Chinese, French, German and Spanish, as well as English for academic and business purposes, English language studies and applied linguistics.

Undergraduate

We have a wide range of language qualifications that allow you to combine studying two modern languages, choosing from French, German or Spanish. Alternatively, you can combine one of those languages alongside English language studies, Business Management, History or Law.

We also offer a certificate and diploma of higher education in these areas.

To find out how you can study the 30-credit Beginners' Chinese module as an option for some of the above qualifications, go to page 24.

Short courses

If you're short on time, you may be interested to study our flexible online short courses in languages, cultures, and communication, designed to fit your schedule and pace. With support from our specialist Learning Advisers, you can study for 6 to 18 months, dedicating as much time as you like. You can choose from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Chinese Business Culture Essentials, Spanish Cinema, Artificial Intelligence, Intercultural Competence, Languages of Crises, European Crime Fiction and Effective Communication Strategies and Skills.

Visit our website at openuniversity.co.uk/language-short-courses or see page 40 for more details on these short courses.



The OU seemed ideal – I could study from home and get a job at the same time to support myself. I will always have the OU to thank for helping to get me up and running in my chosen career.



Donna James
OU languages graduate

Postgraduate

At postgraduate level we have a masters in translation and a masters in linguistics.

As a postgraduate linguistics student, you have the choice of two routes through the qualification studying either English language, literacy and learning and teaching in a range of professional contexts, or the relationship between language use and changing global technologies.

As a postgraduate translation student, you'll develop your professional skills as a translator by looking at translation theory and practice. You'll also get to familiarise yourself with the latest online translation technologies.

Boost your career prospects

With increasing demand for language skills in education and more broadly across the economy, the ability to communicate in more than one language could be your passport to a new career or new life abroad.

The breadth of skills and qualities you'll develop while studying an Open University Language qualification, including communication, problem solving and global citizenship, can be applied to a wide range of career areas, further vocational training or postgraduate study in:

- translating or interpreting
- teaching modern languages or English as a foreign language in the UK or overseas

- multilingual roles in other fields, such as games testing, SEO, sales, marketing and customer services and IT support roles with international organisations
- areas where your Language and/or Applied Linguistics skills could also be useful include lexicography, publishing, copy-editing and proof-reading, speech and language therapy, digital copywriting and information management
- areas where your aptitude and ability to learn languages may be useful include the GCHQ linguist and RAF intelligence analysis (linguist) roles.

You're on your way

Take the next step by reading more about how you'll study, how long it takes and the support you'll receive.



Building your qualification

Undergraduate

You don't need to commit to a full degree. We offer certificates and diplomas too. Each qualification is valuable in its own right, so you can complete a certificate and stop there or use it as a stepping stone to a diploma or degree.

You'll need to build up credits to gain your qualification. Here's how it works:

Stages

You'll need to complete:

- one stage for a certificate of higher education
- two stages for a diploma of higher education
- three stages for an honours degree.

To complete each stage, you must build up a set number of credits.

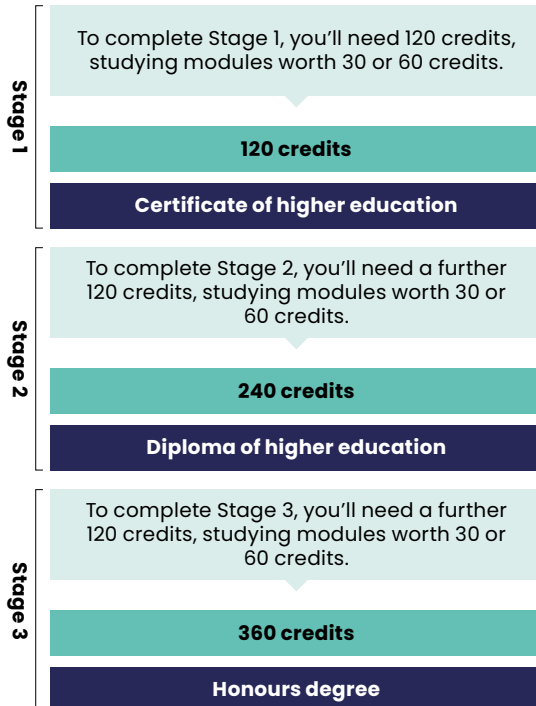
Credits

- You'll need at least 120 credits to complete each stage.
- You gain credits by passing modules.

Modules

- With each module you pass, you'll earn a set number of credits, usually 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.

Access module¹
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 Ireland.

How does it work?

Watch our quick guide on how credits work and how you can build your undergraduate qualification.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ug-qual

Postgraduate

Postgraduate qualifications are made up of credits.

You'll need:

- 60 credits to gain a postgraduate certificate
- 120 credits to gain a postgraduate diploma
- 180 credits to gain a masters degree.

You build up credits by passing modules. These are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.

Getting started

All you need to do is choose your qualification and register for 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



Learn more

Find out more about postgraduate study at the OU.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual

Prepare for study with an Access module

No matter your background or study experience, we're here to help you succeed. That's why we offer a choice of starting points depending on how confident you are in your study skills.

You can dive straight into a qualification, or if you want to try out university study or feel you need to learn how to get back into studying again, an Access module could be a great first step. It can also help you find out more about your interests and where you want your learning to take you.

Not sure where to begin? Find the best starting point for you by visiting [openuniversity.co.uk/ready](https://www.openuniversity.co.uk/ready).

Access modules are only available to residents of the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland.

How Access modules work

Each week you'll work through a mix of online and printed module materials, including online quizzes and written assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

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, from study advice to guidance on fees and funding.

Access modules start in February and October and typically require around nine or ten hours of study per week over 30 weeks. In February and May, we also offer a fast-track option which allows you to complete your module in 18 weeks by increasing your weekly study time.

What you need

You'll need a phone and a computer with internet access. You'll get access to your module website, and your books and other printed materials will be posted to you.

Visit our website for more information on what you'll need for your chosen course.

What you can study

Each Access module explores key topics and develops 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.

Also available as *Arts and languages Access module: fast track* (YXFT031).

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

- *Business and law Access module (Y035)* – also available as *Business and law Access module: fast track* (YXFT035) from February 2026
- *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module (Y034)* – also available as *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module: fast track* (YXFT034)
- *Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)* – also available as *Science, technology and maths Access module: fast track* (YXFT033).



You could study for free

Depending on eligibility and availability of places, you could study your Access module for free.

To qualify, you must:

- be resident in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address and
- meet the income threshold criteria, for more information visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access, and
- have not completed one year or more on any 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.

Once you've started the registration process, we'll contact you about your payment options. This will include instructions on applying to study for free if you are eligible and funded places are still available.

How much does an Access module cost?

The cost depends on where you are resident. If you live in:

- England, it's £973
- the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, it's £1,023
- Ireland, it's £917
- Northern Ireland, it's £310
- Scotland, it's £318
- Wales, it's £328.

You can pay upfront by debit or credit card or by bank transfer. You can also spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – there's more about this on 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.

If you haven't studied before, do an Access module. It gives you a chance to get a view of the subjects, and it will certainly help going forward.

Steven Sutherland
OU student



Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be successful when they advance to their next course.

Learn more about Access modules



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access

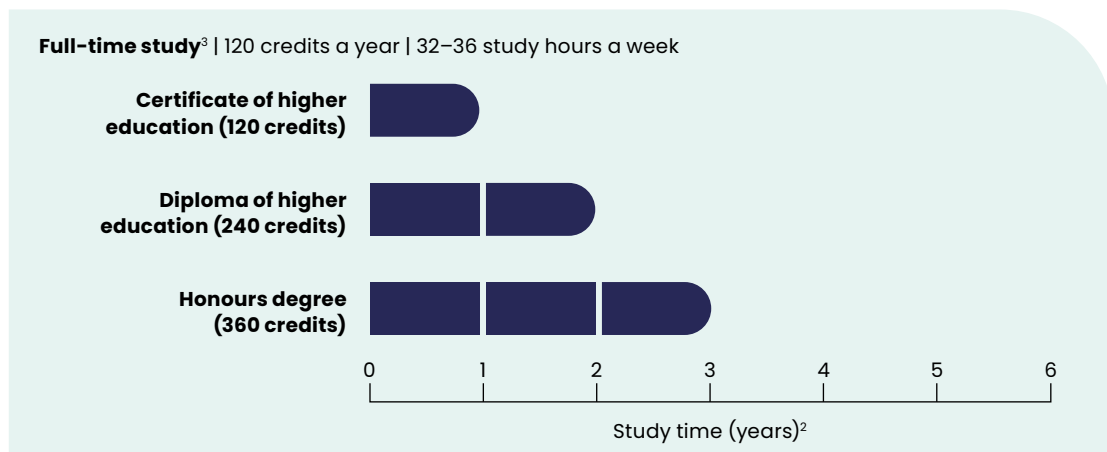
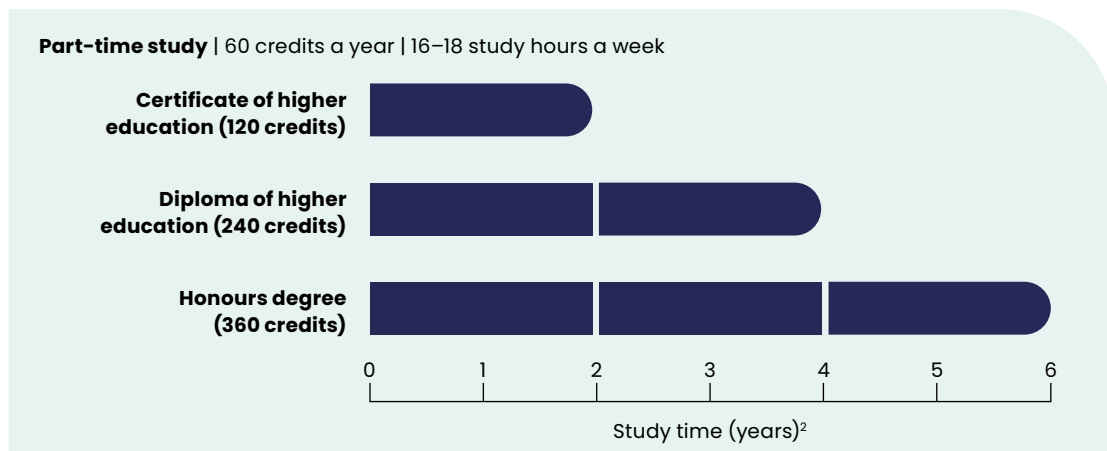
How long your qualification will take

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

How long it will take to gain your qualification depends on the course you've chosen and the amount of credits you study each year. Studying 60 credits a year is half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. To complete your studies at a pace equivalent to full-time, you'll need to gain 120 credits per year.

The guide below gives you an idea of how long your qualification could take.¹



¹ Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.

² Study time is the period between starting your first module and completing your last module. It doesn't include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award your qualification.

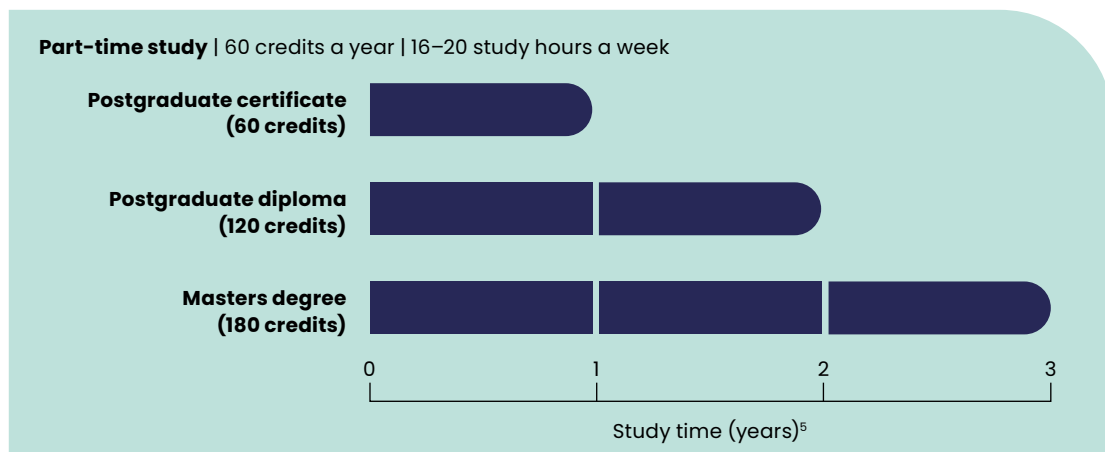
³ All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you study at a pace that's equivalent to full-time.

Postgraduate qualifications

The time it takes 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 typical timescales for individual module completion are shown below.

- 15–30 credit module – five months.
- 60 credit module – nine months.

The guide below gives you an idea of how long your qualification could take.⁴



⁴ Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.

⁵ Study time is the period between starting your first module and completing your last module. It doesn't include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award your qualification.

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 modules you need to study.

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

Plan your time

Find out more about the time you need to study.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/time



Supporting you to succeed

You're never alone when you're studying with The Open University. You'll be part of our global community of students, expert tutors and advisers, all ready to help you get the most out of your journey.

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 study support through email, online, or over the phone. Expert advisers from your

Student Support Team can help with any other support needs you experience as an OU student.

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. It's run by students, for students, and can help you make the most of your OU experience. You'll automatically become a member and there's no fee. Here are just a few ways you can get involved:

- Find like-minded students by joining a club, society or support group.
- Meet other students online or at an in-person meet-up near you.

- Take part in our Welcome events where you'll meet other members of the OU community.
- Volunteer or become a student representative to have your say.

Your Association is led by a team of elected students and is supported by hundreds more, all dedicated to creating a wonderful community and representing all OU students.

To find out more, visit [oustudents.com](https://www.oustudents.com).



Join our community

Find out more about how you'll be supported during your studies.



Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/community](https://www.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
- visit our Help Centre
- access your virtual learning environment
- choose and enrol on your next module.

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
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

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.

What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

- a computer with internet access. If you haven't got access to one right now, you could receive financial support to help buy one
- a basic level of digital skills, such as using a web browser or working with documents and applications. Find out more about the computing skills you'll need, visit openuniversity.co.uk/computer-skills
- 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.



Nearly there

Read on to discover more about how we can help you fund your studies and the qualifications you could achieve.

Undergraduate fees and funding options

How much does it cost?

You'll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, so you won't have to pay for your whole qualification upfront.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
60	£3,892
120	£7,784

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £23,352.

¹ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. In England, fees are subject to the part-time fee limit, as set out in section 5 of the University's Fee Rules (openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ²
60	£1,240
120	£2,480

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,440.

² 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ³
60	£1,272
120	£2,544

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,632.

³ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁴
60	£1,312
120	£2,624

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,872.

⁴ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁵
60	£3,666
120	£7,332

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £21,996.

⁵ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE THE UK AND IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁶
60	£4,092
120	£8,184

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £24,552.

⁶ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Our module fees include your module materials, tuition, assessment, and exams. However, 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.
- A handful of our courses include a residential school. For these, there may be an additional cost. You'll also need to fund the cost of your travel.

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, 85% 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:

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment ⁷
Up to £25,000	£0
£27,000	£15.00
£30,000	£37.50

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.

Already have an undergraduate degree?

You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in England or Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Part-Time Tuition Fee Grant

You could be eligible for up to £1,230 a year. 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.

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 £265 a year. It's intended to help with course-related costs, such as a computer, internet access or stationery.

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're likely to 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.

WALES

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.

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

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment ⁸
Up to £27,295	£0
£29,000	£12.79
£34,000	£50.29

⁸ 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.

Already have an undergraduate degree?

You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

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

Care Experienced Scholarship⁹

If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life and are 30 or under, you may be able to study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Carers' Scholarship Fund⁹

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

Disabled Students' Allowance⁹

You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund⁹

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

Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

Sanctuary Scholarship⁹

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 Students⁹

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

Study-related costs⁹

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, internet access and stationery.

⁹ UK residents only.

Find out more

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



Visit
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 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.
- A handful of our courses include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of your travel.

Funding your studies

ENGLAND AND WALES

Postgraduate loan

You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £12,858 from Student Finance England or up to £19,255 from Student Finance Wales.

- 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 is written off.

To be eligible you must:

- be resident in England or Wales
- 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.

NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

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 the duration of your studies.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £24,990 in Northern Ireland and £31,395 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £35,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £324.45 that year (9% of £3,605). That's just £27 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must be:

- resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
- studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.

Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

Some students fund their studies through a loan from OUSBA. You'll be offered this option when you register with us, as long as you're a resident of the UK, European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, or Vatican City State.

Here's how it works

OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University. You can then choose to repay OUSBA:

- in a single sum before your course starts. There's no interest to pay with this option
- in monthly instalments of up to a year. With this option, 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. This could be with a partner, sibling or friend, for example.

As a responsible lender, OUSBA carries out affordability checks as part of the application process.

To find out more about OUSBA, visit openuniversity.co.uk/ousba.

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

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

Disabled Students' Allowance¹

You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund¹

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

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 for or looking to study a masters, PGCE, or research degree.

OU bursaries¹

If you've already completed an OU undergraduate degree, you could receive a bursary to help lower the cost of your postgraduate study.

Study related costs¹

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, internet access and stationery.

¹ UK residents only.

Find out more

Find out more about postgraduate fees and funding.



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Find your undergraduate course

Language studies: modern languages and English language

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BA (Hons) Language Studies

This flexible degree lets you learn two modern languages – choosing from French, German and Spanish – or combine one with English language studies.

Learning a language and understanding how languages work opens doors to other cultures and communities. It can provide a key to the global workplace. By the end of your studies, you'll be an effective and culturally aware communicator, which is a valuable attribute in today's global environment.

Routes through this degree

You'll study two subjects: either English language studies with a modern language (French, German or Spanish), or two of these modern languages.

Your degree will reflect your choice, for example, BA (Hons) Language Studies with English and German.

You can either:

- study **both subjects** at the same time, working through Stages 1, 2 and 3
- study **one subject** first, completing these modules at each stage, then repeating the route for your second subject.

You'll start with either *Introducing English language studies* (L101) or *Exploring languages and cultures* (L161) depending on your chosen route. This degree is not designed

to teach English to speakers of other languages.

For **modern languages**, unless you have prior knowledge of your chosen language(s) equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level A2, we recommend you start Stage 1 with a beginners' module.

As Intermediate modules follow on from beginners' modules, you should not study them in the same language at the same time unless you already have significant knowledge of the language.

If you do have significant knowledge of your chosen language(s) (level A2) you may wish to consider studying at level 1 with *Beginners' Chinese* (L108), thereby increasing your linguistic repertoire (see **openuniversity.co.uk/beginners-chinese**). Use our self-assessment quiz at **openuniversity.co.uk/saq** to decide.

If you study two modern languages and are a beginner in both, you will study an additional 30-credit module at Stage 1 (a total of 150 credits at Stage 1), and your degree will take at least four years to complete.

Why this qualification?

- Become a proficient user (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level C1) of at least one modern language.
- Develop advanced knowledge of the cultures that use your chosen languages.
- Extend your competence in intercultural communication.
- Benefit from intercultural encounters to help you develop language proficiency and cultural understanding.
- Understand language structure and use in different contexts.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Language Studies (W41)
openuniversity.co.uk/w41

Certificate of Higher Education in Language Studies (T21)
openuniversity.co.uk/t21

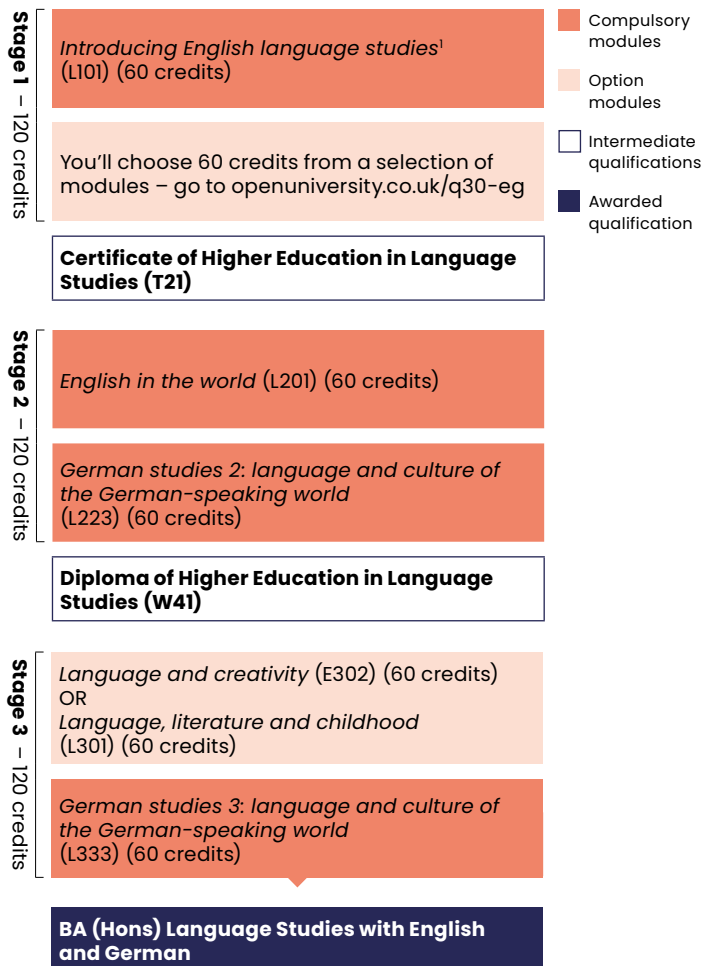
Qualification structure

You can choose **one** of six routes:

- **English and French**
- **English and German**
- **English and Spanish**
- **French and German**
- **French and Spanish**
- **German and Spanish.**

The example below is **English and German**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q30 for details.

Example route



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

¹ If you combine two modern languages, you'll instead study *Exploring languages and cultures* (L161) and another 30-credit module.

At a glance

Course code Q30

Total credits 360

Start date

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments (written and spoken)
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments (written and spoken)

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years

Full-time study: 3–4 years²

² For full-time students, your degree can be completed in 3 or 4 years depending on the modules chosen.

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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
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BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities

This degree gives you the freedom to combine the study of different subject areas in the arts and humanities. You can develop specialisms and build up a broad portfolio of interests.

The course offers a deep understanding of the world we live in today, drawing on the perspectives of modern languages, English language, English literature, art history, classical studies, creative writing, history, music, philosophy, and religious studies.

Why this qualification?

- Study a wide variety of subjects; choose to specialise in one or two areas and tailor the degree to your interests or needs.
- Explore new ways of thinking about the arts and humanities and their relevance in contemporary societies and cultures.

- Develop a range of skills, including effective communication, critical thinking, analysis and self-directed work.
- Enrich your knowledge, prepare yourself for further study, or improve your employability in a range of careers.

Routes through this degree

You can choose a specialist route through the degree by focusing on one or two of the following subjects in a number of combinations: French, German, Spanish, English language, English literature, art history, classical studies, creative writing, history, music, philosophy or religious studies, or you can study a range of modules from arts and humanities subjects.

Your choice of specialism will be included in the name of your degree, for example:

- with one specialism – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Arts and Humanities (Spanish)
- with two specialisms – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Arts and Humanities (Spanish and Religious Studies).

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (W59)
openuniversity.co.uk/w59

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

You can choose a specialist route through the degree by focusing on one or two of the following subjects in a number of combinations:

- **French**
- **German**
- **Spanish**
- **English language**
- **English literature**
- **creative writing**
- **art history**
- **classical studies**
- **history**
- **music**
- **philosophy**
- **religious studies.**

The example below shows **Spanish**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r14 for details.

Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<p><i>Discovering the arts and humanities (A111)</i> (60 credits)</p>	Compulsory modules
	<p>You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of modules that includes the beginners and intermediate Spanish modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/r14-sp</p>	Option modules
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Spanish studies 2: language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world (L226)</i> (60 credits)</p>	Awarded qualification
	<p>You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of arts and humanities modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/r14-sp</p>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<p><i>Spanish studies 3: language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world (L336)</i> (60 credits)</p>	Awarded qualification
	<p>You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of arts and humanities modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/r14-sp</p>	
BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities (Spanish)		

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

At a glance

Course code R14

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments (written and spoken)
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years

Full-time study: 3–4 years¹

¹ If you study any modern languages from beginners level, your degree will take at least four years to complete.

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

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

Online forum

Optional

Collaborative work

Optional

More online

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



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BA (Hons) Business Management and Languages

This degree combines business management with French, German or Spanish. You'll divide your time equally between business management and one modern language.

You'll explore how businesses develop strategies, handle risk and take decisions. You'll see what's involved in functions such as marketing, accounting and finance. Combining this with a modern language opens doors to other cultures and communities. It can provide a key to the global workplace. There will be opportunities to benefit from intercultural encounters to help you develop language proficiency and cultural understanding.

For modern languages, unless you have prior knowledge of your chosen language equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level A2, we recommend you start Stage 1 with a beginners' module.

As intermediate modules follow on from beginners' modules, you should not study them in the same language at the same time unless you already have significant knowledge of the language and want to study the beginners' module for revision. Use our self-assessment quiz at openuniversity.co.uk/saq to decide.

Why this qualification?

- Develop your understanding of business organisations and their key elements.
- Explore wider considerations such as environments, markets and processes and their relationships.
- Become a proficient user (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level C1) of your chosen language.

- Develop advanced knowledge of the cultures that use your chosen language.
- Extend your competence in intercultural communication.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Business Management and Languages (W86)
openuniversity.co.uk/w86

Certificate of Higher Education in Business Management and Languages (T45)
openuniversity.co.uk/t45

Qualification structure

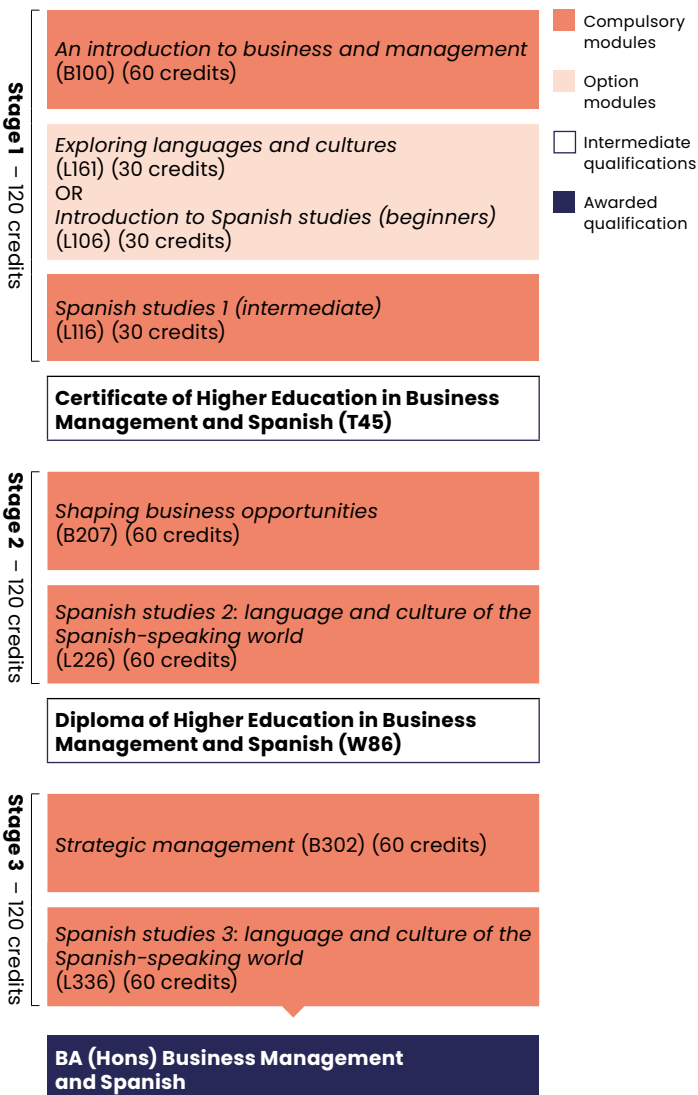
You can choose **one** of three routes:

- **business management and French**
- **business management and German**
- **business management and Spanish.**

The name of your degree will include your chosen language. For example, BA (Hons) Business Management and Spanish.

The example route below is **business management and Spanish**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r55 for details.

Example route



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

At a glance

Course code R55

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments (written and spoken)
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years

Full-time study: 3–4 years¹

¹ If you study any modern languages from beginners level, your degree will take at least four years to complete.

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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
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BA (Hons) History and Languages

The study of History with French, German or Spanish offers insight into aspects of history, cultures and societies in a global context.

You'll gain an understanding of what studying history is all about and how it differs from 'popular history' seen on TV or in books. You'll be made aware of the discipline and sub-disciplines of history, such as political, economic and social history, and of their distinctive approaches and methods. You'll also get a good grounding in the history of the British Isles and Continental Europe from the later Middle Ages to the present.

At the same time you'll be developing your proficiency and cultural understanding in your chosen language and will have opportunities to benefit from intercultural encounters to help you develop language proficiency and cultural understanding. The study of a modern language can be the key to the global workplace.

The name of your degree will reflect your chosen language (e.g. BA (Honours) History and French). For modern languages, unless you have prior knowledge of your chosen language equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level A2, we recommend you start Stage 1 with a beginners' module.

As intermediate modules follow on from beginners' modules, you should not study them in the same language at the same time unless you already have significant knowledge of the language and want to study the beginners' module for revision. Use our self-assessment quiz at openuniversity.co.uk/saq to decide.

Why this qualification?

- Allows you to explore a wide range of historical topics, periods and places.
- Gives you an understanding of what it means to be a historian, understanding history as a systematic and reflective discipline.
- Develops you into a proficient user of your chosen language, reaching level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- Develops your knowledge of the cultures that use your chosen language.
- Improves your competence in intercultural communication.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in History and Languages (W96)
openuniversity.co.uk/w96

Certificate of Higher Education in History and Languages (T55)
openuniversity.co.uk/t55

Qualification structure

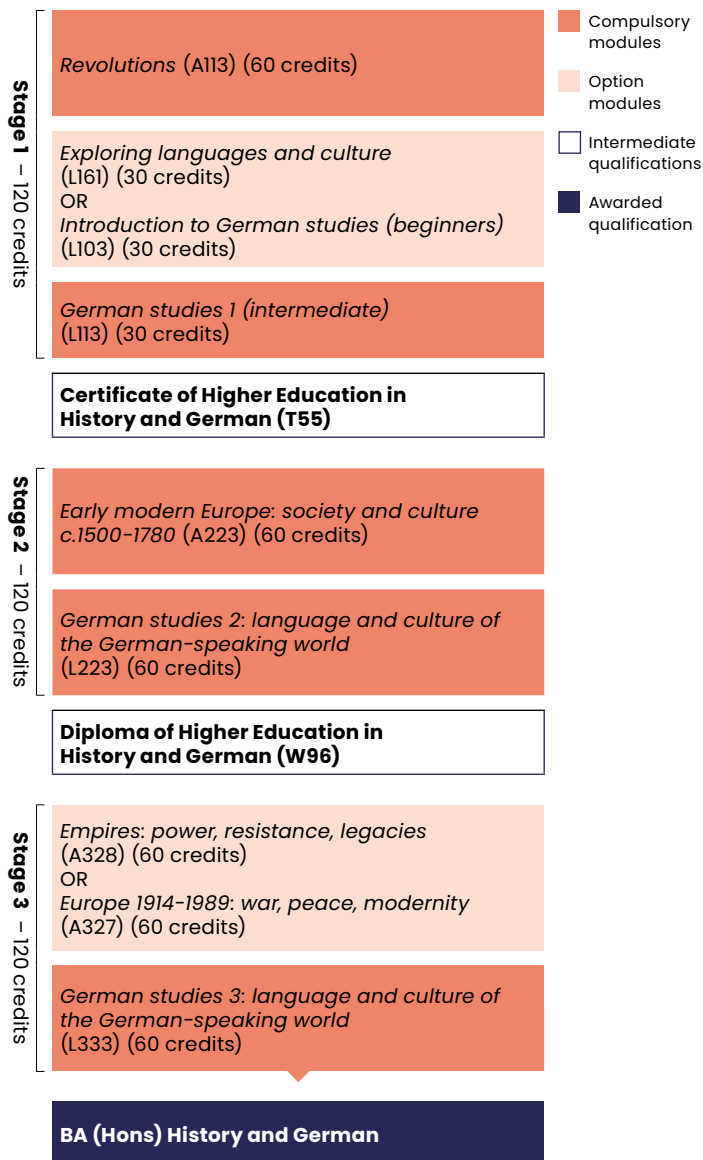
You'll need to choose **one** of three routes:

- **history and French**
- **history and German**
- **history and Spanish.**

The name of your degree will include your chosen language. For example, BA (Hons) History and German.

The example route below is **history and German**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r65 for details.

Example route



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

At a glance

Course code R65

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments (written and spoken)
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years

Full-time study: 3-4 years¹

¹ If you study any modern languages from beginners level, your degree will take at least four years to complete.

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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.



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BA (Hons) Law and Languages

This degree combines law with French, German or Spanish.

Dividing your time equally between law and languages, this degree lets you raise your legal awareness while opening the door to other cultures, communities and the global workplace through the study of a modern language.

You'll develop a range of legal and academic skills and will have a choice between studying the criminal or civil justice system at Stage 1, followed by a variety of modules exploring other interesting areas of law. At the same time you'll be developing your proficiency and cultural understanding in your chosen language and will have opportunities to benefit from intercultural encounters to help you develop language proficiency and cultural understanding.

For modern languages, unless you have prior knowledge of your chosen language equivalent to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level A2, we recommend you start Stage 1 with a beginners' module.

As intermediate modules follow on from beginners' modules, you should not study them in the same language at the same time unless you already have significant knowledge of the language and want to study the beginners' module for revision. Use our self-assessment quiz at openuniversity.co.uk/saq to decide.

Why this qualification?

- Develop your understanding of the role of law in society.
- Gain legal awareness and skills in legal analysis and methods.
- Become a proficient user (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages level C1) of your chosen language.
- Develop advanced knowledge of the cultures that use your chosen language.
- Improve your competence in intercultural communication.

Please note that this degree does not cover all seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge. If you want to become a barrister in England and Wales or a solicitor or barrister in Northern Ireland, you will need to complete a conversion course before starting your professional training.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Law and Languages (W87)
openuniversity.co.uk/w87

Certificate of Higher Education in Law and Languages (T46)
openuniversity.co.uk/t46

Qualification structure

You can choose **one** of three routes:

- **law and French**
- **law and Spanish.**
- **law and German**

The name of your degree will include your chosen language. For example, BA (Hons) Law and French.

The example route below is **law and French**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r56 for details.

Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<p><i>Exploring languages and cultures</i> (L161) (30 credits) OR <i>Introduction to French studies (beginners)</i> (L102) (30 credits)</p>	Option modules
	<p><i>Criminal law and the courts</i> (W111) (60 credits) OR <i>Civil justice and tort law</i> (W112) (60 credits)</p>	Compulsory modules
	<p><i>French studies 1 (intermediate)</i> (L112) (30 credits)</p>	Intermediate qualifications
	<p>Certificate of Higher Education in Law and French (T46)</p>	Awarded qualification
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Public law</i> (W211) (30 credits)</p>	
	<p><i>French studies 2: language and culture of the French-speaking world</i> (L222) (60 credits)</p>	
	<p>You'll choose one from: <i>Family law</i> (W230) (30 credits) <i>Business and employment law</i> (W240) (30 credits) <i>Evidence law</i> (W250) (30 credits) <i>International, environmental and space law</i> (W260) (30 credits)</p>	
	<p>Diploma of Higher Education in Law and French (W87)</p>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<p><i>Trusts law</i> (W311) (30 credits)</p>	
	<p>You'll choose one from: <i>European Union law</i> (W330) (30 credits) <i>Exploring legal boundaries</i> (W350) (30 credits) <i>Land law</i> (W312) (30 credits) <i>Law, society and culture</i> (W340) (30 credits)</p>	
	<p><i>French studies 3: language and culture of the French-speaking world</i> (L332) (60 credits)</p>	
	<p>BA (Hons) Law and French</p>	

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

At a glance

Course code R56

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025
Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026
Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

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

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years
Full-time study: 3-4 years¹

¹ If you study any modern languages from beginners level, your degree will take at least four years to complete.

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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
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BA (Hons) English Language

This degree explores the English language, its history, diversity and flexibility. You'll learn what distinguishes machine language from human language, and how people adapt their ways of communicating in multilingual and multicultural contexts.

You'll investigate how language works at different levels, from words and sounds to text and conversation. You'll also explore English as a creative medium to express humour, thoughts and emotions. You can focus on communication in English or include French, German or Spanish. You may also include English literature and creative writing modules. This degree is not designed to teach English to speakers of other languages.

Why this qualification?

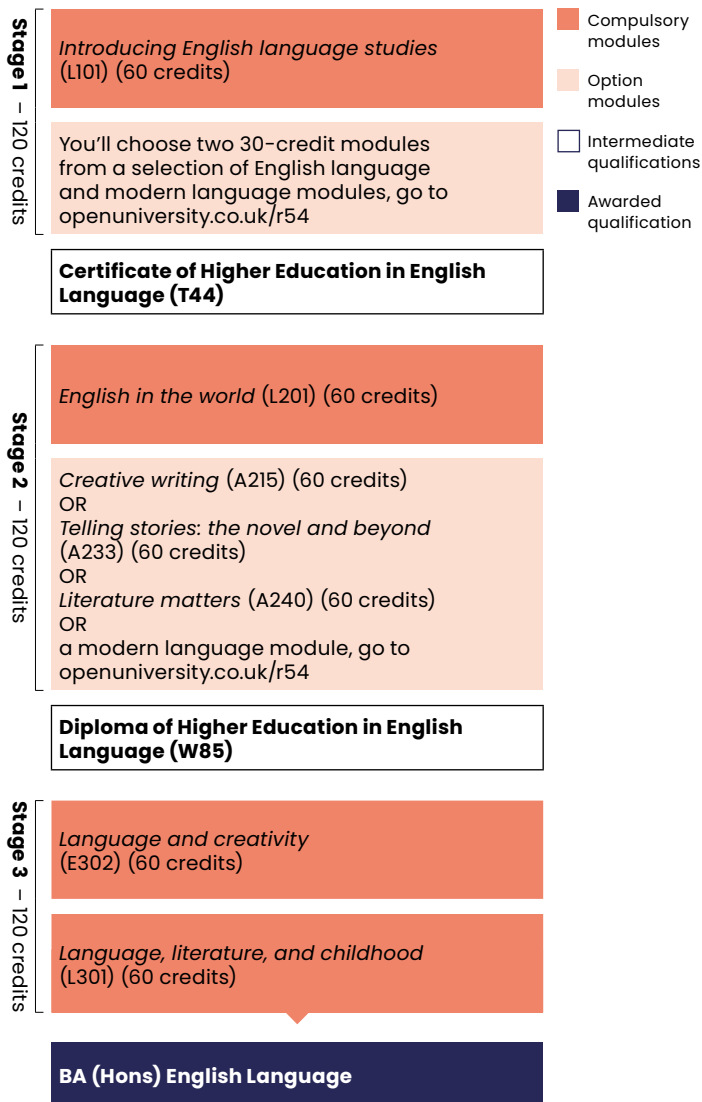
- Explore the history of English, its contemporary diversity and its role as a global language.
- Engage in debates surrounding the position of English in relation to other languages.
- Examine how someone's choice of vocabulary and grammar affects their message.
- Learn strategies that promote critical evaluation of texts in relation to their contexts.
- Develop as a communicator who is able to synthesise information, assemble arguments and write coherently.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English Language (W85)
openuniversity.co.uk/w85

Certificate of Higher Education in English Language (T44)
openuniversity.co.uk/t44

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code R54

Total credits 360

Start date
 Oct 2025
 Register by 11 Sep 2025

Entry requirements
 No specific requirements

Assessment
 Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

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

Mode of study
 The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

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

Online forum
Compulsory

Collaborative work
Compulsory

Don't stop there

Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) (Wales)

English language graduates in Wales may be eligible to apply for our fully accredited PGCE with Qualified Teacher Status. We offer a secondary English salaried pathway, where you can earn while you learn. A part-time English secondary pathway is also available with drama or media studies.

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More online

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



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BA (Hons) English Language and Literature

This degree gives you the opportunity to investigate how the English language is used in a variety of global contexts, and to study literature from different historical periods and in diverse cultural settings.

You'll begin by studying interdisciplinary themes before exploring writing and speech in a wide range of forms and developing your skills in the interpretation of both literary and non-literary texts.

You'll be able to choose modules from across the field of English, in areas such as creative writing or literature from 1800 to the present.

As you progress, you'll acquire skills of analysis and the ability to comment critically on different kinds of writing and you'll learn to develop and sustain complex arguments.

Why this qualification?

- Learn how to analyse a wide range of texts including novels, poetry and drama.
- Explore the history of the English language and find out how it has become a global language.
- Learn the skills in critical thinking and analysis that are highly valued in the workplace.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)
openuniversity.co.uk/w61

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<p><i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)</p>	<p>Compulsory modules</p>
	<p><i>Introducing English language studies</i> (L101) (60 credits)</p>	
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Literature matters</i> (A240) (60 credits) OR <i>Telling stories: the novel and beyond</i> (A233) (60 credits)</p>	<p>Option modules</p>
	<p><i>English in the world</i> (L201) (60 credits)</p>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<p><i>Language, literature and childhood</i> (L301) (60 credits) OR <i>Language and creativity</i> (E302) (60 credits)</p>	<p>Awarded qualification</p>
	<p><i>Advanced creative writing</i> (A363) (60 credits) OR <i>English literature from Shakespeare to Austen</i> (A334) (60 credits) OR <i>Literature in transition: from 1800 to the present</i> (A335) (60 credits)</p>	

BA (Hons) English Language and Literature

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

At a glance

Course code Q39

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025
Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026
Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years
Full-time study: 3 years

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

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

Online forum
Optional

Collaborative work
Optional

More online

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BA/BSc (Hons) Open

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 language modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or 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 flexibility of the Open degree helped keep things new and exciting. Plus, studying all these different topics means I now have a skill set that's unique to me.



Luke Simmons
BSc (Hons) Open

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)
openuniversity.co.uk/w34

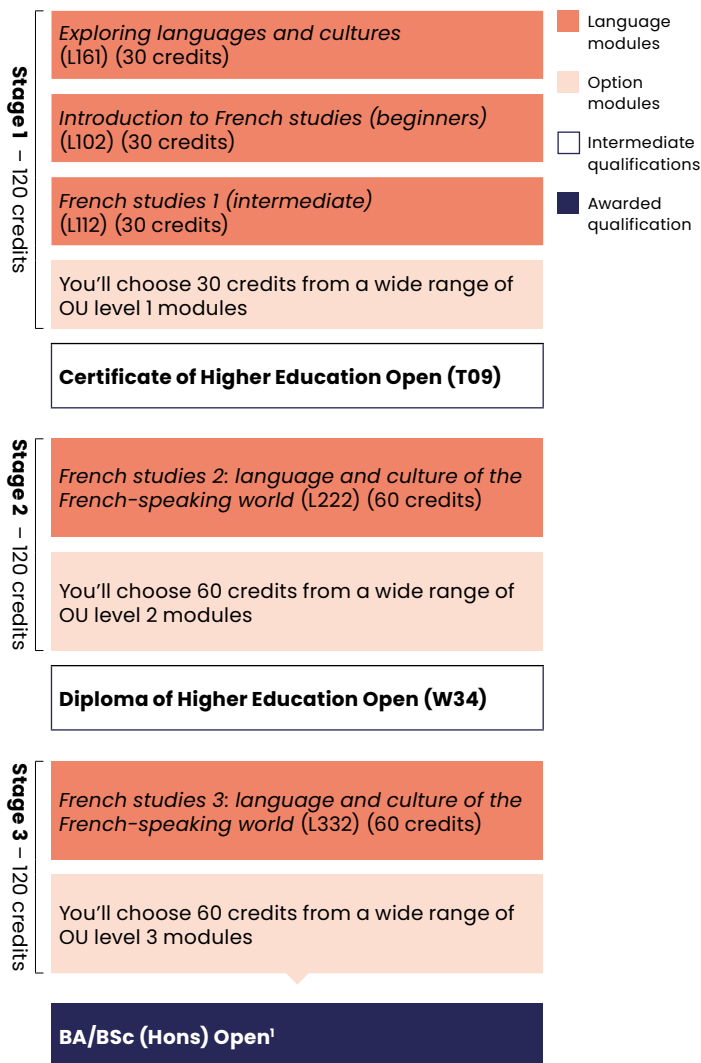
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)
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How you can focus your Open degree on French

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on aspects of French and combine them with other subjects that are of particular interest to you.

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

Example route



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

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.

At a glance

Course code QD

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025
Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026
Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

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 study: 6 years
Full-time study: 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.



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Languages, cultures and communication short courses

Languages

All of our language short courses are broken down into bite-sized units. They're entirely online and flexible; you can start at any time and study for as many hours as you like each day, week or month.

As you build your language skills, exploring topics like food, work, interests, and hobbies, you'll also discover the traditions and culture that shape everyday life in some of the world's most fascinating countries. Your study is self-directed, with no formal tuition, but you'll have access to a course website, which includes a forum supported by language-specialist learning advisers, course-specific materials, audio and video content, and a unit-by-unit study planner.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/languages-short-courses to see all language short courses available, including:

Arabic

Get an introduction to a rich and varied culture while you learn the basics of one of the most widely spoken languages in the world.

Chinese

Let us guide you through the essentials of reading, writing, speaking and listening in Mandarin, a language steeped in history and tradition.

French

French is weaved throughout our everyday lives; from food to fashion, to that feeling you've done this before. Forget déjà vu, it's time to learn something new.

German

With the reputation as the language of poets and thinkers; are you ready to say 'ja' to learning one of Europe's most widely used languages?

Italian

Immerse yourself in the lifestyle, cuisine, historic cities, art and musicality of language with a perfect 'aperitivo' to learning Italian.

Spanish

Discover one of the globe's most widely spoken languages, from Spain to Latin America, and join over 500 million people who speak Spanish worldwide.

All of our language short courses follow the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR). This can help you identify at which level you should start studying, depending on how much of the language you've picked up. The good news is that the Beginners' short courses meet CEFR level A1, so they're suitable for everyone.

Communications and Cultures

Our communications and culture short courses deepen your understanding of the world around us, covering topics like film, literature, language, artificial intelligence (AI), business, and communication, with the flexibility to study at your own pace.

An introduction to artificial intelligence (LG003)

Engage in the latest issues surrounding artificial intelligence. You'll examine the historical, ethical and social issues around the rise of this technology.

AI language technology in the workplace (LG007)

Explore the issues and the impact of the adoption and use of language technology in the workplace and wider society. Learn to critically investigate the social, historical and ethical implications of large-scale and rapid adoption of language technology in this course that has been co-created with OU learners to capture emerging priorities in AI.

An introduction to intercultural competence in the workplace (LG004)

Improve your professional communication skills by exploring the impact cultural background can have on working preferences and communication styles.

Effective communication strategies and skills for work (LG009)

Develop linguistic strategies to succeed in workplace communication. From hybrid team work, complex communications, successful collaboration and relationship management, this course will equip you with skills to improve your professional communication.

Chinese business culture essentials (LG002)

Learn invaluable knowledge of Chinese culture, etiquette, and key values to help build positive and successful business relationships.

The languages of crises (LG005)

Examine the role of languages and cultures in situations of crisis, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cinema in the Spanish-speaking world (LG006)

Discover the main themes in the cinema produced in Spanish-speaking regions and communities and the extent to which these themes relate to topics in contemporary society and culture.

Introduction to European crime fiction (LG008)

Explore crime fiction from across Europe, from 1945 to today. You'll be introduced to different European authors and differing ways of looking at crime fiction texts, which you can also apply to writers you already know.

Making your learning count

Another great benefit of our short courses is that they can be used towards gaining OU credits, even though they are zero-credit courses. Simply apply your study to our module, *Making your learning count* (YXM130).

This flexible 30-credit module allows you to count study from open educational resources and other non-accredited learning courses towards one of our undergraduate Open qualifications.

Find out more at openuniversity.co.uk/count.

More online

Find out more about all the short courses available, and how to register.



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Find your postgraduate course

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MA in Linguistics

This flexible masters degree is suitable for anyone interested in the role(s) that language plays in society across a range of personal and professional contexts.

You'll begin with the core components of linguistic study, engaging with different approaches to language and looking at how its building blocks are used to create meaning. You'll also try various methods of language analysis. You'll then have the choice of two specialist routes. You can explore the English language, literacy, and learning and teaching in a range of professional contexts or look at the relationship between language use and changing global technologies. You'll complete your masters with a small-scale study of a topic relevant to your professional practices or interests.

Key features

- Develop your skills in your chosen route, either applied linguistics or artificial intelligence.
- Improve your professional practice by engaging with contemporary issues, concepts and debates that enrich your knowledge.
- Apply what you learn to the real world as you conduct a study that fits with your personal and/or professional circumstances.
- Become an independent and advanced scholar as you learn within and about your own context.

Routes through this degree

You can specialise in either applied linguistics or artificial intelligence. Your choice of specialism will be included in the name of your masters degree. For example, MA in Linguistics (Artificial Intelligence).

Qualification structure

You'll choose between these two routes:

- applied linguistics
- artificial intelligence.

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Core concepts in linguistics</i>	60	L804

Postgraduate Certificate in Linguistics (C29)

Plus 60 credits from one of the following modules:

Applied linguistics route

<i>Applying linguistics in society</i>	60	L805
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Artificial intelligence route

<i>Language, society, and artificial intelligence</i>	60	L806
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Postgraduate Diploma in Linguistics (E99)

60 credits from the following compulsory module:

<i>Linguistics dissertation</i>	60	L807
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MA in Linguistics¹

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

Module availability is subject to change.

¹ On completion, your designation will reflect your chosen specialist route: MA in Linguistics (Applied) or MA in Linguistics (Artificial Intelligence)

At a glance

Course code F97

Total credits 180

Start date
Oct 2025
Register by 11 Sep 2025

Entry requirements
UK honours degree or equivalent

Study duration
Part-time study: 3 years

Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Linguistics (E99)
openuniversity.co.uk/e99

Postgraduate Certificate in Linguistics (C29)
openuniversity.co.uk/c29

More online

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



Visit
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MA in Translation

This qualification will develop your professional skills as a translator, equipping you to work in the fast-growing translation services industry.

You'll experiment with different genres through practical translation activities and gain hands-on experience of the tools used in this evolving area, for example, audiovisual translation and cloud-based translation tools.

You will also hone your practice through peer review and underpin your work with an understanding of translation theories and debates. The languages offered on this qualification are French, German, Italian or Spanish – in combination with English.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Introduction to translation theory and practice</i>	60	L801
Postgraduate Certificate in Translation (K30)		
<i>Translation in practice</i>	60	L802
Postgraduate Diploma in Translation (E92)		
<i>Extended translation project/dissertation</i>	60	L803
MA in Translation		

Compulsory modules

Intermediate qualifications

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

At a glance

Course code F79

Total credits 180

Start date

Oct 2026

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/f79 for more information

Entry requirements:

- UK honours degree or equivalent
- Proficiency in your first language at CEFR level C2
- Proficiency in your second language at CEFR level C1
- If English isn't your first language, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7 or higher

Study duration

Part-time study: 3 years

Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Translation (E92)
openuniversity.co.uk/e92

Postgraduate Certificate in Translation (K30)
openuniversity.co.uk/k30

More online

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



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MA/MSc Open

This innovative masters degree gives you the opportunity to create a personalised postgraduate qualification.

You'll expand your discipline-related knowledge at masters level, gain broader subject-specific knowledge and pursue further professional development in areas suited to your professional needs and personal interests.

To gain this qualification, you need **180 credits**.

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 of 120 credits** within one study area (chosen as your specialism) and take **up to 60 credits** from any other study area, including:

- Further professional development.

On completion

When you've achieved a minimum of 180 credits, you'll be awarded either a Master of Arts (MA) or Master of Science (MSc) degree. Whether you qualify for the MA Open or MSc Open will be determined by the number of credits you have from modules suitable for the MA or MSc.

Qualification structure

Route 1	Route 2	
Study 180 credits specialising within one of the following broad study areas	Study a minimum of 120 credits within one study area	+ 60 credits from any other study area
Arts, Humanities, Music and Language	Arts, Humanities, Music and Language	Arts, Humanities, Music and Language
Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare	Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare	Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law	Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law	Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law
		Further professional development
MA/MSc Open	MA/MSc Open	

Planning your studies

Our online study plan can help you map your route through the MA/MSc Open. Find the modules and microcredentials that best suit your study interests and career objectives at openuniversity.co.uk/f81.

Some restrictions or prerequisites apply to particular modules and microcredentials within this qualification. Refer to their individual entry requirements and descriptions to ensure you're adequately prepared before registering.

Our Student Support Team can provide support and information to help you make an informed decision about your education and future career. Visit openuniversity.co.uk/contact.

Please note: module availability is subject to change.

At a glance

Course code F81

Total credits 180

Start dates

Sep 2025

Oct 2025

Nov 2025

Feb 2026

May 2026

Entry requirements

Entry to this qualification will typically require a UK honours degree or equivalent qualification relevant to your intended specialist area of study.

If you have other study or experience that you believe equips you to take this qualification, you can still apply but must supply evidence of your study or experience.

Study duration

Part-time study: 2–3 years



More online

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



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Register for your course

We recommend registering as early as possible to secure your place. Once you're registered, you'll have access to our learning tools, materials and student support to help you get started.

Undergraduate study

1. Register

Go to your chosen qualification webpage, select your 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 you may select others from a list of options.

3. Organise your funding

Tell us how you'll be funding your chosen module(s). You'll find all your options at openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees.

4. Complete your registration

Confirm your funding method. That's it – you're ready to start learning.

Learn more about how to apply at openuniversity.co.uk/ug-apply.

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 we've assessed and approved your evidence, your registration is complete.

Learn more about how to apply at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-apply.

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you might be able to count that study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the modules you need to study with us.



Learn more at openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer

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.co.uk/international or call **+44 (0)300 303 0266**.

Students with additional study needs

When you register, we'll ask if 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.

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Equality and diversity

We're committed to creating an inclusive university community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

We do this by challenging inequality, celebrating diversity and ensuring everyone has the support needed to achieve their goals.

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Students under the age of 16

Very exceptionally, we accept applications from gifted students under 16.

Call **0300 303 5303** if you'd like to apply.

Sustainability and the OU

We embed sustainability across all aspects of your learning. Equipping you with science-based knowledge for social and environmental justice, transformational skills and the courage and confidence to be a force for regenerative practices in all areas of your life.

For more information, visit openuniversity.co.uk/sustainability.



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Explore our other prospectuses

Learn more about the qualifications we offer in other subject areas.

Subject-specific prospectuses

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- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Design, Engineering and Technology
- Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport
- Geography, Environment and Development
- Health and Social Care
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology and Counselling
- Science
- Social Sciences

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Request a prospectus

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- Email us from our website openuniversity.co.uk/contact
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **0300 303 5303**

Lines are open (UK time) Monday to Friday: 08:00–17:30

Calls are charged at the local rate when calling from a UK mobile phone or landline.

In Northern Ireland

- Email northern-ireland@open.ac.uk
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **028 9032 3722**

In Ireland

- Email ireland@open.ac.uk
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **(01) 6785399**

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- Go to openuniversity.co.uk/contact
- Call **+44 (0)300 303 0266**

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