

Making Your Learning Count

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Your 'learning journey' at The Open University may be for pleasure. Or you may wish to work towards a formal qualification – for example a certificate, a diploma or a degree – potentially giving you more choices in your career and increasing your income. But whatever journey lies ahead, crossing from 'informal learning' such as taking free courses on OpenLearn to learning which is formally assessed and costs money can be easier than you think.

"Making your learning count" is a highly-flexible OU module which lets you use informal learning that you may have already completed to make a start on more 'formal learning', working towards getting a valuable qualification. You may have already studied a short OpenLearn course, for example in Psychology or Climate Change. These will be the starting point as you plan your module. With the one-to-one support of a Personal Tutor, you can choose a blend of subjects that interest you, and that could form part of your future learning. Your assessment for the module is based on a series of tasks, such as designing a poster and making a video about courses you've studied, or reflecting on a topic from more than one angle. All these elements put together will make up your first steps in formal learning.

Your tutor will be with you throughout, marking your tasks and giving you invaluable feedback – not only earning you credit toward a qualification, but helping to map out your future learning and plan for your ongoing learning journey at The Open University.