

Generalist vs Specialist degrees

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Karen Foley:

We've selected some of the greatest minds of The Open University – don't laugh, people! – and we have challenged them to a debate, and the topic for debate is about Generalist or Specialist degrees. Now, in a recent article on the Higher Education blog Wonkhe, Mike Grey, Head of the University Partnerships at Gradconsult, suggested – and I quote – “A huge strength, and relatively unique feature, of the UK graduate market, is that most graduate roles are open to those from any degree discipline”.

Now, we all like a good quote, and a good question to start with a debate, so what we've done is we've lined up two very friendly yet competitive teams from across the university to debate this issue, and to challenge mis – in parentheses – conceptions around the value of Generalist and Specialist degrees – to both students and employers. Now this session will be of particular interest to those students who are on our Open Degree, but of course everybody is welcome and I promise you it will be hugely entertaining.