

The Open University in Wales Facts and Figures 2014/15



| Headlines | |
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| Position in National Student Survey | 1st |
| Students in Wales sponsored by employer | 576 |
| Percentage of OU in Wales students who work full or part time | 68% |
| OUIW students living in Widening Access Areas | 23% |
| New OUIW undergraduates aged under 25 | 26% |
| UK research position (based on REF 2014 Power rankings) | 41st/128 |
| Research deemed world-leading or internationally excellent (REF 2014) | 72% |
| Downloads of OU material on iTunesU | 69.9 million |
| Visits to OpenLearn website since launch in 2006 | 38.5 million |

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| Students | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate-level students | 7,396 | 6,697 |
| Postgraduate-level students | 315 | 299 |
| Taught | 292 | 288 |
| PGDE | 23 | 11 |
| Total students | 7,711 | 6,996 |
| New entrants | 2,636 | 2,265 |

| Student full time equivalents (FTEs) | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Undergraduate | 3,499 | 3,419 |
| Postgraduate taught | 86 | 86 |
| Total FTEs | 3,585 | 3,505 |

| Open University students in the UK* | UK | Wales |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Undergraduate level | 126,215 | 5% |
| Postgraduate taught | 10,139 | 3% |
| Total UK students | 136,354 | 5% |

*excluding research, initial teacher training and students on validated programmes

| Module registrations by academic area | 2014/15 | Percent |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Arts | 1,042 | 11% |
| Business | 1,082 | 12% |
| Social sciences | 1,495 | 16% |
| Education and languages | 1,127 | 12% |
| Health and social care | 971 | 11% |
| Mathematics, computing and technology | 2,214 | 24% |
| Science | 1,049 | 11% |
| Openings* | 231 | 3% |
| Total registrations | 9,211 | 100% |

*introductory-level modules across different areas, previously counted in Health and Social Care

| Profile of students | 2014/15 | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| | Undergrad. | Postgrad. |
| Male: female ratio | 41:59 | 47:53 |
| Age profile | | |
| 17 and under | 1% | 0% |
| 18-21 | 7% | 1% |
| 22-24 | 10% | 7% |
| 25-34 | 36% | 25% |
| 35-44 | 24% | 27% |
| 45-54 | 15% | 25% |
| 55-64 | 6% | 11% |
| 65 and over | 3% | 3% |
| Median age of new undergraduate students | 29 | |
| Students sponsored by employer | 8% | 24% |
| Students receiving help with fees | 32% | 0% |
| Students with disabilities | 17% | 12% |
| | | All students |
| Credit transfer awards prior to study | | 350 |

| Ethnic origin of students* | 2014/15 | |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | Undergrad. | Postgrad. |
| White | 95% | 96% |
| Asian | 1% | 1% |
| Black | 1% | 0% |
| Mixed and other | 2% | 4% |

*based on 99% of students whose ethnic origin is known

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| Qualifications of entrants | | 2014/15 | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|--|
| | Undergrad. | Postgrad. | |
| No formal qualifications | 3% | 0% | |
| A Levels - amount not specified | 10% | 0% | |
| 1 A level or lower | 41% | 3% | |
| 2 A levels or equivalent | 22% | 0% | |
| HE qualification | 20% | 65% | |
| Postgraduate qualification | 3% | 32% | |

| Qualifications awarded | 2014/15 | | 1996 |
|--|------------|---------------|---------|
| | 2014/15 | 2014/15 | 2014/15 |
| Foundation degrees | 36 | 138 | |
| First degrees (BA/BSc including Honours) | 455 | 14,888 | |
| Higher degrees (taught) | 59 | 1,748 | |
| Undergraduate certificates and diplomas | 143 | 11,840 | |
| Postgraduate certificates and diplomas | 32 | 1,900 | |
| Total | 759 | 30,514 | |

| Module information | | 2014/15 |
|------------------------------------|--|---------|
| Number of standard modules offered | | |
| Undergraduate level | | 340 |
| Postgraduate level | | 129 |

| Most popular undergraduate modules* | | 2014/15 |
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| K101 - An introduction to health and social care | | 424 |
| DD102 - Introducing the social sciences | | 397 |
| AA100 - The arts past and present | | 285 |
| MU123 - Discovering mathematics | | 270 |
| TU100 - My digital life | | 247 |

*based on number of student registrations

| Fees | | | 2014/15 |
|---|-----------|--|---------|
| Undergraduate module (60 credit points) | £535 to | | £2,625 |
| Undergraduate residential school | £555 to | | £690 |
| Postgraduate taught module (60 credit points) | £1,290 to | | £2,825 |
| Research degree | | | |
| Full-time | | | £3,996 |
| Part-time | | | £2,034 |
| Study packs and materials | £12.99 to | | £29.99 |
| Typical total fees for BA/BSc (Hons) | | | |
| Undergraduate degree (360 credit points) | £4,530 to | | £5,575 |

| The Open University in Wales staff (headcount) | | 2014/15 |
|---|--|---------|
| Salaried academic, academic related and other staff | | 62 |
| Associate lecturers | | 250 |