Your 2023/2024 Postgraduate Prospectus
The future is open

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

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

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

Welcome to The Open University

This prospectus is the start of your journey and will cover:

› what you can study
› how long it’ll take
› how distance learning works
› your funding options
› how to register.

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

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

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

• 72% of the OU’s research is ranked as world leading or internationally excellent according to the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF) assessment.
• An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 80% of FTSE 100 companies sponsoring staff to study with us.
• OU postgraduate tutors are subject specialists, with many of them practising professionally in their fields.
• More CEOs and Managing Directors of UK companies have studied with us than any other UK university.
• 87% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
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University that works for you

The Open University is proud to be unconventional. We don’t believe there’s a right order to do things in life, only what’s right for you. We’re here to help you get where you want to be.

Learn on your terms

Learning with us is flexible and supportive, guided by expert tutors every step of the way.

We’ll give you all the essential course resources and materials you need. Plus, our dedicated Student Support Team is always there to help you if you need advice.

- You decide when and where you learn.
- You can keep on earning while you learn.
- You can fit study around other life commitments.
- You can fund your studies in a way that suits you.

Learn from the best

With our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors, you’ll receive innovative, insightful teaching from subject specialists, many of whom combine their teaching work with academic or industry roles.

Spark your imagination

From online tutorials, to books, to the virtual learning environment, you’ll study using a variety of digital and physical resources. So however you learn best, we’ll keep you inspired.

Our assessment methods

Depending on your course, we’ll use a blend of written assignments, oral and practical assessments, projects, exams, dissertations and portfolios. For more on assessments, visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-assessment.

Additional study support

Did you know that we support more disabled students than any other UK university? We’ll provide access to tools and guidance and ensure you get the appropriate level of support to make the best of your studies.

Connect with like-minded students

Module discussion groups are there for you to talk about your subject, coursework or to share study methods. You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal social media groups set up by your fellow students.

When you register, you’ll become a member of our Students’ Association. This community gives you the chance to meet fellow students and help influence University decisions. For more information, visit oustudents.com.

Get social with us

@OUstudents
@OUstudents
@OUstudentslive

OU study was brilliant for me. It gave me the opportunity to juggle study, full-time work and my family life. I would highly recommend it.

Rachel Blackburn
MBA
How do we compare with other universities?

An OU qualification is just as rigorous and respected as one from a campus-based university and is highly valued by employers. What’s different is our unique approach to learning, which means you don’t have to put your life on hold.

Bringing university to you, wherever you are

We’ve continuously developed our supported distance learning method for over 50 years. Our resources are designed so that you can fit a high-quality university education around your busy life.

With the OU, you can study whenever and wherever you like.

We’re respected

A combination of education and experience is highly sought after and can greatly enhance your employment prospects. An OU qualification allows you to put what you learn into practice immediately. You’ll be able to show you’re dedicated, driven and committed – personal qualities that are valued in any workplace.

We’re flexible

Studying with the OU allows you to work as you learn and apply your new skills and knowledge in the real world.

There’s no such thing as a typical OU student. You’ll decide how and when you want to study. Our tutors and Student Support Teams are used to helping students balance study with other commitments.

We’re a thriving community

You’ll be joining one of the most diverse, dynamic and inclusive student communities. Whatever your goals, we’re here to help and champion you to fulfil your ambition.

More than 170,000 students study with us each year. Come and join them.

"I could not have asked for more from the OU or for more support throughout my masters. I feel very proud to say that I studied with the OU and I will be forever grateful.

Victoria Milner
MSc in Development Management"

More information

Find out more about The Open University.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-learning
The OU literally changed my life. The OU community of tutors and the support team really helped me. I wouldn’t have been able to see my own potential without the backing of the OU.

Leanda Gibson
MSc in Psychology

Achieve your goals with us

We’ve been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. We’ve made it happen with a unique, flexible, student-centred approach.

We will:
- help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- provide a flexible learning experience that works for you and your life
- use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- support you every step of the way.

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

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

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/stories
Enhance your career prospects

Research shows that employers highly value Open University students for the skills, strengths, and knowledge gained during their studies. 87% of alumni that completed the Employability of Qualifiers Survey 2021 agree that their OU study has helped them achieve their career goals. Our qualifications really do boost your job prospects.

From day one, you’ll discover opportunities you might not have realised were possible. You’ll get exclusive access to our online platform, OpportunityHub, where employers like the BBC, Teach First, IBM and HMRC come to recruit OU students for virtual internships, work placements, graduate schemes and permanent roles.

On starting your first postgraduate module, you’ll get access to a wide range of tools and support to navigate your future, for example:

• Discover where your postgraduate qualification might take you with career idea-generating software, live workshops, Your Career Planning Guide, and our networking community.

• Explore pathways to your chosen career with live and recorded workshops and webinars, networking events, downloadable guides, forums, bite-sized on-demand podcasts and videos, and current labour market information.

• Achieve your goals by connecting to employers via a range of panel events, face-to-face and virtual site visits and employer panel events, and honing your application skills with networking workshops online interview practice, CV building and review tools with built-in artificial intelligence.

• Progress your personal development using FutureYou and apply your developing skills to volunteering or connecting with charity organisations.

Our professional team across the UK provides support to all OU students with differing needs and backgrounds, identities, experiences, ethnicities and cultures, abilities, disabilities and differences. We’ll help you achieve your personal, study and career goals.

• 96% of students supported would recommend the OU’s Careers and Employability Services.

• Highly Commended in ‘Best University Careers Service’ in the National Undergraduate Employability Awards 2021.

Our team is available for individual consultations from the moment you start studying up to three years after you’ve completed your study. For more information, visit openuniversity.co.uk/careers.

Ellen Cocking
Head of the OU’s Careers and Employability Services

Postgraduate study will build the skills you gained at undergraduate level even further, enhancing your value for employers, whether you aim to progress your current career or change direction.

You’re on your way
That’s step one done. Now take the next by reading about how OU study works before finding out more about the qualifications we offer.
Qualifications to suit you

Whatever inspires or excites you, our tutors will introduce you to world-class research and ideas. We offer three types of taught postgraduate qualification.

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

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

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

**Entry requirements**
Typically, you’ll be expected to have a degree. But you might have professional experience, other qualifications or prior university-level study that’ll help set you up for success. What matters is that you’re able to:

- find and understand research material written for experts
- critically analyse your findings
- follow academic convention when presenting findings, ideas, bibliographies and references
- reflect on different theories and relate them to your own studies.

Our qualification descriptions will tell you what you need. For more information, visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready.

With an OU course, you can be sitting in a park with your headphones on listening to a lecture – you don’t have to organise your whole life around your studies because distance learning is very flexible.

Joanne Walker
MA in Translation

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-course-types
Building your qualification

You gain a postgraduate qualification by building up a set number of credits. Here’s how it works:

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

Credits are gained by successfully completing modules.

Modules
With each module you successfully complete, you’ll earn a set number of credits. Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options. You’ll choose the modules you want to study, year by year.

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

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1 Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.
How long does a postgraduate qualification take?

How long it will take to get your qualification depends on which qualification you’re working towards. Most of our postgraduate students study part time, taking 60 credits a year.

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

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Have you studied before?
If you’ve studied at postgraduate level before, you could count this study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the number of modules you need to study.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-credit

More information
Find out more about finding time to study.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/time
Supporting you to succeed
You’re never alone when you’re studying with The Open University. Your community of expert tutors and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

For each module, you’ll have a dedicated tutor who’ll be your first point of contact for any queries. They’ll lead regular tutorials, mark your assignments, provide detailed written feedback, and give support over the phone, through email, or online.

Our Students Association, OU Community forums and range of societies and groups mean you’re connected to one of the UK’s largest student communities.

There is a community at The Open University. Everyone supports each other. One tutor that really inspired me was Michael. His words of encouragement gave me a confidence boost. My grades just kept on improving and improving.

Joe Acaye
OU student

Your Students Association awaits
The Open University Students Association is a lot like a student union. Run by students, for students, it gives you access to our services and opportunities. You’re automatically a member, and there’s no fee.

It exists to help you make the most of your time studying, promote your interests and ensure the OU is more than just a place of learning – it’s a student community.

Led by a team of elected students and supported by hundreds more, the Association:

• offers student support services
• creates opportunities to engage in a vibrant and inclusive student community
• is a strong, effective and accountable representative body for all OU students
• works in partnership with the OU to enhance the student experience.

Whether you’re looking for like-minded students, a club, society or support group, you’ll discover something for you.

To find out more, visit oustudents.com.

Join our community
Find out more about how you’ll be supported during your studies.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-community
How you’ll learn

With regular tutorials and an online hub to manage your studies, you’ll have everything you need to succeed.

Once you’ve registered, you’ll have access to StudentHome, where you’ll be able to:

- see an overview of your course and the modules you’re studying
- submit your assignments
- choose and enrol on your next module
- visit our online Help Centre
- access your virtual learning environment.

The virtual learning environment or ‘module website’ contains all the online study resources you’ll need, including:

- a week-by-week study planner
- an assessment section, giving details of your assignments and their due dates
- the tutorial booking system
- your online tutorial room
- module forums where you can discuss topics with other students and complete collaborative work online
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

What you need

To study with us, you’ll need:

- a computer with internet access. Don’t worry if you haven’t got access to one right now – you could receive financial support to help you buy one
- an appropriate level of proficiency in English. (You can check your English skills at openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage.)

Nearly there

Read on to discover more about how we can help you fund your studies and the qualifications you could earn.
Your fees and funding options

With The Open University, a world-class postgraduate qualification is an investment you can afford. Whatever your circumstances, we’ll help you find a funding method that suits you.

How much does it cost?
You’ll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, which means you won’t have to pay for your whole qualification upfront. To find the total fee for your qualification, visit our website.

WHAT’S INCLUDED?
Your module materials, tuition, assessment and exams are all included in our module fees.

There are some additional costs that aren’t included.

• You’ll need your own computer and internet access.

• For some modules, you may need to buy additional set books, such as fiction or theory books.

• You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.

• A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you’ll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue.

The OU has changed me as a person. It’s given me confidence and I now realise I can achieve much more in life if I really desire it and put my mind to it.

Timothy Kirima
MBA (Technology Management)

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**Funding your studies**

**ENGLAND**

*Postgraduate loan*
You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £12,167 from Student Finance England.

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

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident in England
- be under 60 years old
- be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years
- not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
- be studying your qualification from the beginning.

**WALES**

*Learning grant and maintenance loan*

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

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident in Wales
- be studying for a masters degree (and not already hold a masters degree or higher qualification)
- be under 60 years old.

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

**Wales 60+ bursary**
If you’re aged 60 or over at the start of your masters’ seasonal academic year, you could receive a non-repayable bursary of up to £4,000 towards study or living costs.

**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 either two or three years, depending on your chosen qualification.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £19,895 in Northern Ireland and £25,375 in Scotland).
- You’ll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £27,000 and live in Scotland, you’ll repay only £146.25 that year (9% of £1,625). That’s just £12 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
- be studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.
Self-funded study
If you’re not eligible for loan or grant funding, or you live outside the UK, we offer a range of other funding options.

**OUSBA loan**
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

**Carers’ Bursary**
If you provide unpaid care for a friend or family member who cannot cope without your support, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

**Care Experienced Bursary**
If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

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

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

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

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

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

**Study-related costs**
If you’re on a low household income, or receive certain benefits, you might be eligible for additional funding for study-related costs, such as travel, childcare and internet access.

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**Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)**

When you enrol with us, if you are resident in the UK, European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino or Vatican City State, you’ll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.

**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](http://openuniversity.co.uk/ousba).

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**Find out more**
Find out more about postgraduate fees and funding.

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees](http://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees)
Call 0300 303 5303
Find a course

In this section, you can find information about the specific qualifications that we offer. There’s a wide range of fascinating subjects to choose from.

### Postgraduate courses

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MA/MSc Open

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

Not all postgraduate students want to specialise in the traditional way. This is where our innovative masters degree is different.

Why choose the MA/MSc Open?

Put simply, the MA/MSc Open (F81) gives you choice. It allows you the freedom to choose from a variety of modules across different subject areas.

You can:
- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Create your own unique multidisciplinary masters degree and skill set.
- Adapt your study plans to match your evolving aspirations.
- Count previous study towards your qualification.

The MA/MSc Open equips 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.

Choose modules from one of these study areas:
- arts, humanities, music and languages
- education, psychology, health science and healthcare
- science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- business, finance, human resources and law.

Or combine one of the above with a choice of further professional development modules or microcredentials.

More online
Discover more and register online.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/f81
Arts and Humanities

The study of human cultures and histories gives us a deeper insight into the world we live in and how we got here. Seek intellectual challenge and invigorate your passion for the arts with OU postgraduate study.

Advanced academic achievement, enhanced career opportunities and personal fulfilment. Just a few of the rewards you’ll get from studying with us.

Join almost 2,000 students currently engaged in our diverse programme, which covers many fascinating aspects of historical and contemporary cultures. OU masters degrees are designed to stretch your abilities and refine your research and analytical skills. You’ll gain credible credentials both for the world of employment and for higher-level qualifications.

Many of our postgraduates have continued into academic and research careers, going on to complete MPhil and/or PhDs. Some publish books and articles resulting from their dissertation research. Others have used their newly acquired skills to help take their career to a more senior level in areas such as teaching, journalism, media and public sector employment.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Arts and Humanities.

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MA in Art History (F33)
Deepen your understanding of art, architecture and visual culture with our online MA, build your analytical and critical skills, and develop the skills needed for independent study and research. You'll start by exploring the core concepts and recent developments that have shaped art history from Renaissance Italy to the contemporary Caribbean, before expanding your understanding of visual and material objects.

MA in Classical Studies (F27)
Develop your knowledge of the ancient Greco-Roman world with our online MA, and prepare for independent study, culminating in a dissertation. You'll investigate classical studies as a multidisciplinary field, examining texts, artefacts and other surviving evidence through a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. These include options in classical archaeology, language and reception, and a module based around the body in classical antiquity.

MA in Creative Writing (F71)
This online MA offers an exciting opportunity to develop your skills as a writer in fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and scriptwriting. You'll write in a genre of your choice and experiment with at least one other through practical and inspiring activities. By sharing, reading and critiquing work in progress, your writing practice will be honed as you progress towards producing a substantial piece of your own work to a professional standard.

MA in English Literature (F88)
This MA introduces you to studying literature, poetry, drama and prose in relation to culture. You'll explore genre writing, the bestseller and mass literary production. You'll encounter texts representing revolutionary social or political change, and you'll look at English literature as an international literary form.

MA in History (F89)
This MA provides you with the opportunity to explore society, politics and culture in Britain and Ireland during either the early modern (c.1500–1800) or modern (c.1750–1970) period. You'll also learn how historians have researched and written about politics, immigration, institutions and the environment. Using our world-class collection of online primary source materials together with documents and artefacts in local and national repositories, you'll produce an independent research project.

MA in Music (F32)
This fascinating introduction to the methods and materials used for music research will suit professionals working in a wide range of music-related settings and is also applicable if you have a leisure interest in music. Your studies will be based in the digital humanities using creative technologies to develop your research skills and critically analyse a variety of musical sources. You'll encounter a number of musical topics, themes and repertoires from different periods and styles – as you engage with Western, non-Western and popular music – and will be able to tailor your studies according to your musical interests.

MA in Philosophy (F30)
This online MA will hone your ability to think clearly, reason logically, and develop your essay writing, research and analytical skills. You'll put forward and evaluate arguments while exploring current debates and issues in philosophy – engaging with a wide range of fascinating philosophy texts and areas of contemporary enquiry with discussions on environmental aesthetics, consciousness, global justice and political philosophy.

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Business and Management

Business and organisations are a vital part of modern life, global economies, politics and cultures. Studying them and the people who are involved in them is rewarding in many ways. Apart from strengthening your intellectual abilities, it can enhance your career and contribute to society.

Upgrade your qualifications and broaden your management skills, or seek opportunities to move from a professional, functional or technical role into a more senior or general management position. Whatever your starting point or end goal, gain an extra edge with a postgraduate qualification from The Open University Business School.

Our Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide that are accredited by the three leading international accrediting bodies – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); the Association of MBAs (AMBA); and the European Foundation for Management Development, through its EQUIS programme – hallmarks of quality of teaching, learning materials and qualification impact.

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We have more than 27,500 successful MBA graduates in 121 countries.
Selected highlights

MBA (F61)

Designed for practising senior and middle-level managers, our MBA emphasises strategic analysis, interdisciplinary skills, creativity and innovation. Its strong international emphasis and global reputation makes it highly attractive to ambitious executives all over the world.

The emphasis for your learning is directly rooted in management practice. You’ll focus on strategic analysis and interdisciplinary skills – building on a solid foundation of core disciplines, including human resource management, organisational behaviour, accounting and finance, marketing and operations.

MBA (Technology Management) (F69)

If you’re looking for an MBA with a focus on technology, this is the qualification for you. It’s applicable to technology management and technological innovation in a wide variety of contexts and sectors, including: information technology/information systems, telecommunications, computing, engineering, manufacturing, transport and logistics, retailing, energy production and supply, defence and security, management and administration, and any form of services, including health, welfare and leisure.

MSc in Finance (F67)

This qualification is designed to support professional development and practice in a wide range of roles in finance – whether you’re developing in your career or aspiring to enter the sector. You’ll gain a thorough grounding in areas such as corporate finance, financial decision-making, financial reporting and governance. You’ll develop competences in applying statistical and econometric techniques and gain knowledge of the fundamentals of Islamic finance and behavioural finance.

You can choose to specialise either in derivatives and financial risk management or in investment and portfolio management, and will complete your qualification with a dissertation on a finance topic of your choice that is relevant to your interests or chosen career development.

This qualification has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Affiliation Program.

MSc in Human Resource Management (F93)

This MSc combines an in-depth understanding of human resource (HR) management with a broader exploration of its organisational and management context. Whether you’re at the start of your career in HR, aspiring to enter the HR profession or a line manager, it will give you up-to-date knowledge of organisational theory and behaviour and the specialist skills essential to practitioners.

You’ll learn about the role of the HR professional, the nature of professionalism and approaches to addressing ethical dilemmas, EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion), working inclusively and sustainable HR management. You’ll develop the people management skills that are essential for HR work such as selection and appraisal interviewing, delivering training, managing performance, organisational development and people analytics.

Completing the MSc, provides a route to professional membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).

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Childhood and Youth Studies

Our interdisciplinary approach to postgraduate study in the field of childhood and youth draws upon aspects from education, childhood and youth studies, sociology, health and social care, and psychology.

Our teaching approach encourages students to link theory to practical application and policy. You'll improve your knowledge, critical reflection and insight into working with children and young people in each module.

This subject is particularly relevant if you're a graduate working in (or aspiring to work in) early-years provision, education, social work, nursing, psychology, healthcare, youth-work settings, youth justice or the voluntary sector. You can build up your study from the certificate towards the masters degree. Achievement of these advanced qualifications will significantly enhance your career prospects.

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**MA in Childhood and Youth (F55)**

This masters degree delivers an interdisciplinary approach to studying childhood and youth, covering aspects of theory, policy and practice. It's ideal if you are a graduate working with children and young people, helping you develop professionally and meet diverse and changing needs. It's also suitable if you're not currently working with children and young people but are looking to move into the field. It's especially suited for graduates in childhood and youth studies, early years or early childhood, primary education studies, or health and social care.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Childhood and Youth Studies (E93)**

Deepen your understanding of children and young people’s worlds while developing your critical analysis skills with this diploma. It also comprises the first two modules of the MA in Childhood and Youth.

**Postgraduate Certificate in Childhood and Youth Studies (K32)**

Explore different perspectives on childhood and youth, and strategies designed to promote their welfare. This postgraduate certificate includes the first module from the MA in Childhood and Youth.

You may also be interested in our qualifications in education (see page 24)
Computing and IT

Stay at the forefront of computing and IT with OU postgraduate study. Professionals with a robust skill set and advanced knowledge are very much in demand.

We work with employers and sector-skills councils to offer industry-relevant qualifications. We map our study to sector-skills frameworks to ensure you’ll have the skills employers need.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Computing and IT.

**MSc in Computing (F66)**

This qualification covers various topics, incorporating transferable skills applicable to professional development. A flexible, broad route lets you select modules to suit your needs or choose the Information Security and Forensics, Networking or Software Engineering route to develop in-depth specialist knowledge. Finally, finish with an independent project on a topic of your choice.

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**Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (EB1)**

This flexible diploma enables computing practitioners to pursue their career goals. You’ll gain advanced knowledge, skills and techniques and develop a professional approach to the study and application of computing. You can choose modules to meet your requirements or focus on information security and forensics, networking, or software engineering.

**MSc in Cyber Security (F87)**

Cyber security is a growing concern – there’s a significant skills gap and global demand for cybersecurity professionals. Our MSc will develop the skills you need to pursue a career in the industry. The course covers various topics, including information security, digital forensics and other fundamental concepts. It also incorporates transferable skills applicable to professional development and finishes with a substantial independent project.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Security (E96)**

This industry-relevant qualification gives a rigorous approach to the study and application of cyber security. It covers a range of topics and incorporates transferable skills for professional development. It’s also the first two-thirds of our MSc in Cyber Security.

**Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Networking (CCNP Enterprise) (K39)**

Focused on current and in-demand industry certification from Cisco, this qualification offers attractive commercial accreditation and a route into a masters programme. The certificate fully incorporates the Cisco CCNP Enterprise discipline (Cisco Certified Network Professional). You’ll take a systemic technology-focused approach to enterprise-based infrastructure network management.

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Education

There are few other sectors that have the potential to make such a difference to people’s lives as education and teaching. Study this challenging but immensely rewarding subject with the pioneers in distance learning.

Whether you’re an experienced practitioner or looking to move into an education-related role, our qualifications offer flexibility for your professional development and the opportunity to gain career credentials to help you establish yourself as a leader in your field.

No matter what you decide to study, your postgraduate study will develop your capacity to reflect critically and constructively with others in a learning community, engage with the ideas and frameworks presented in the modules and apply them to your practice. You’ll also acquire skills and experience in tackling and solving problems.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Education.

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Masters degree in Education (F70)
This flexible qualification (and its associated Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Professional Studies in Education) allow you to choose subject content most appropriate to your professional area of interest. It offers four specialist routes with the opportunity to change specialism, should you want to study two specialisms in one qualification. Your choice of route lets you engage with issues, concepts and debates that support your professional development. Choose from applied linguistics, inclusive practice, leadership and management or learning and teaching.

To allow you to engage with research that will fit your context and professional circumstances, in the final dissertation module, you’ll expand your research and communication skills through either a small-scale inquiry on a topic of your choice or an extended literature review and research proposal.

Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Studies in Education (K27)
Explore a choice of specialism from the field of education. You’ll be encouraged to draw on your own experiences and apply your learning to your professional context. This certificate also forms Stage 1 of the Masters degree in Education.

MA in Online Teaching (F98)
Discover the theory and practice of online and blended teaching, delivered by experts in the design and delivery of digital learning and assessment. In this new masters degree, you’ll study the ways in which new media, innovative pedagogies and new educational technologies can be used effectively to engage diverse learners and meet their needs.

Postgraduate Certificate in Online Teaching (K43)
This postgraduate certificate shows you the theory and practice of online and blended teaching and is the first step to the MA in Online Teaching. You’ll look at the innovative use of new media and cutting-edge technologies, which are relevant for both learning professionals and non-practitioners with an interest in online teaching.

Postgraduate Certificate in Education in Wales (K36)
This PGCE allows those living or working in Wales to achieve Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in just two years. We offer salaried and part-time routes. You can choose from teaching primary or secondary level in a range of subjects, combining online academic study with essential practical experience in schools. You can also choose whether to study in English or Welsh.

You may also be interested in our MA in Translation (page 32) or MA in Childhood and Youth (page 22)

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Engineering and Technology Management

Qualified engineers and technologists now rank among the highest-paid professionals, according to EngineeringUK. It’s an innovative sector at the forefront of environmental and technological advancements.

Imagination and the ability to integrate technologies into an organisation’s products, processes and services are in great demand throughout the public and voluntary sectors, private business, and industry.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Engineering and Technology Management.

Accreditation
Our MSc in Engineering fulfils the Engineering Council’s educational requirements for Chartered Engineer (CEng) status under UK-SPEC, when combined with an accredited honours degree like our own Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q65), and is accredited by:

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

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OU study has definitely benefited me. I look at problems and issues differently now to when I started. I see the bigger picture. If you’re thinking of signing up to study with the OU, I’d say go for it.

David Crowe
Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management

MSc in Engineering (F46)
The MSc is a milestone to becoming a Chartered Engineer (CEng). You’ll develop a professional approach to your work and extend your engineering skills. You’ll also build a range of transferable skills, such as creative problem-solving, effective communication, project management and concept realisation.

Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering (E22)
Combine modules from engineering analysis and technology management to shape a qualification that suits your career aspirations. You’ll broaden and deepen your understanding of professional engineering and work collaboratively on a project. The diploma is a step to Chartered Engineer status and is the same structure as the first two-thirds of the MSc.

MSc in Technology Management (F36)
This MSc provides the knowledge and skills to make technology strategy, innovation and management decisions to make a real difference to your organisation. First, you’ll focus on the operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change, then explore a range of capabilities key to technological innovation, strategic development and management. Finally, you’ll conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.

Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)
This postgraduate diploma will help you manage technology and innovation more effectively and realise its potential benefits. You’ll focus on the operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change and engage with a range of capabilities key to developing and delivering technological innovation – applying your learning as you study. You can achieve the MSc in Technology Management with a further 60 credits.

Postgraduate Certificate in Technology Management (C49)
If technology, innovation and change are factors in your organisation or role, this certificate will extend your knowledge, skills and capability – adding value to your career and workplace. It provides a rounded view of the management of technology and technological innovation. You can progress to the postgraduate diploma and then the MSc in Technology Management.

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Environmental Management and Global Development

We live in an age dominated by concerns about the environment, sustainable development, cultural conflict, poverty and war.

Individuals, organisations and governments are challenged to think more proactively about their actions’ local and global impact. This shift has made finding sustainable solutions to these issues even more important.

Environmental Management

Complying with environmental legislation, improving the business’s competitive edge, and addressing the global challenges of climate change and energy conservation. Environmental management is becoming increasingly important to everyone.

Our postgraduate qualifications are for you if you’re interested in designing, managing and participating in effective environmental management. Our student body is diverse and experienced – drawn from local government, consultancies, industry, commerce, non-governmental organisations and communities.

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Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit our MSc and Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management:

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

Selected highlight

MSc in Environmental Management (F65)

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

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

Global development gets ever more complex as more agencies become involved. The right of ‘beneficiaries’ to participate in their own development is increasingly asserted. New goals emerge, complementing and confronting existing ones. The global development agenda is currently dominated by the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals – 17 targets that UN member states have committed to achieve by 2030. These include reducing poverty and taking action on climate change.

Our global development curriculum will allow you to address these complexities. Doing so will strengthen your policy development and project management skills, enhancing your capacity to build the organisational relationships needed for truly sustainable development.

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MSc in Global Development (F86)

This masters degree focuses on alternative approaches, policies and actions to address global development challenges and promote sustainable futures.

You’ll improve your understanding of modern development challenges by exploring historical and contemporary contexts. Through critical reflection, you’ll learn to better understand the theories behind current approaches, and build the skills needed to negotiate development effectively. You’ll relate these skills to your current work, enabling you to grow professionally and bring about sustainable development.

Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development (K37)

On this postgraduate certificate, you’ll explore the historical and contemporary theories about development and its impact. You’ll use real-world case studies to engage with these theories in challenging contexts, and understand which approaches are most appropriate.

Whilst developed as a standalone qualification, the credits gained on this qualification could be used towards the Postgraduate Diploma and MSc in Global Development.

Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development Management (K38)

Aimed at development professionals, this postgraduate certificate takes a practical approach to development interventions. It’ll develop your skills to negotiate development effectively in contexts affected by conflicting interests, values and agendas.

On completion, you’ll also be able to use this qualification as a pathway to the Postgraduate Diploma and MSc in Global Development.

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Health and Social Care

The health and social care sector offers a wealth of rewarding opportunities for professional learning. Our practice-focused qualifications enable you to build on existing professional experience to progress your career in the area you’re most interested in.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Health and Social Care.

We also offer a Professional Doctorate in Health and Social Care, to find out more, visit openuniversity.co.uk/dhsc.

Advanced Clinical Practice

This programme provides a flexible path for registered health professionals to develop into autonomous and leadership roles in advanced clinical practice. It includes a masters degree in advanced clinical practice, a postgraduate diploma in enhanced clinical practice and a postgraduate certificate in non-medical prescribing.

Partial or full funding for the MSc may be available through healthcare employers. Additionally, there are some charitable organisations who also offer financial support for continuing professional development, for example, the Florence Nightingale Foundation.

MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice (F85)

This qualification develops the skills and knowledge required to allow experienced, registered allied health professionals, nurses and pharmacists to take on expanded roles and scope of practice. By focusing on the four pillars that underpin advanced clinical practice – leadership and management, education, research, and clinical practice – you’ll develop your core capabilities and clinical competence to work as a highly autonomous practitioner across the health care sector.
Postgraduate Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice (E95)

This diploma is designed for experienced, registered allied health professionals, nurses and pharmacists who are employed in clinical roles and are seeking to develop enhanced practice roles. It will help you develop the clinical knowledge, leadership and assessment skills needed to work in enhanced clinical practice roles, across a variety of clinical settings, within primary and secondary care.

Postgraduate Certificate in Non-Medical Prescribing (K33)

This qualification enables you to gain the knowledge and skills required for safe, appropriate and effective prescribing practice. You will also become eligible to apply for the annotation to your regulator register as an Independent and/or Supplementary Prescriber. You’ll become equipped and ready to be responsible and accountable for the assessment of patients with diagnosed and undiagnosed conditions, with the decision-making skills required in clinical management.

Social Work

This programme is interdisciplinary and consists of a qualifying diploma and a masters degree. You’ll explore the subject and practice of social work through subject matter derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies.

MA in Social Work (F80)

This course will enhance your knowledge of social work theory and legislation, apply your learning to practice, and develop your critical and analytical skills as a qualified practitioner. It includes an embedded, professionally qualifying postgraduate diploma in social work.

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (E85)

This is a professional social work qualification which will enable you to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with Social Work England (SWE) or the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). The qualification combines academic and practice-based learning. It includes two substantive work-based practice placements and will equip you to engage in critical and reflective professional practice. The postgraduate diploma includes a compulsory residential weekend or online alternative, and three practice skills workshops in addition to the work-based practice placements.

Apprenticeships

The OU is listed on the Education and Skills Funding Agency’s register of approved apprenticeship providers. At postgraduate level, we currently offer the Advanced Clinical Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship. Employers who want to find out more should contact us by email at apprenticeships@open.ac.uk.

Please note: apprenticeships are only available in England via employers; students cannot register directly with the OU. For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/hsc-apprenticeships.
Languages

With increasing global demand for translators and language specialists, our postgraduate qualifications will provide you with the knowledge and professional skills to embark on a career as a translator.

An immensely rewarding profession, translation is for those with an interest in languages and communication. It encompasses a wide and growing range of areas including audiovisual translation, advertising and website localisation. It also covers semi-specialised and specialised translation.

The languages offered are French, German, Italian, Spanish, Modern Standard Arabic, and Mandarin Chinese – in combination with English.

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**MA in Translation (F79)**

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 hone your practice through peer review. You’ll gain hands-on experience of the tools used in this evolving area, for example, audiovisual translation and cloud-based translation tools. You’ll underpin your work with an understanding of translation theories and debates, which you’ll demonstrate when producing a dissertation or extended translation project.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Translation (E92)**

The postgraduate diploma comprises the first two modules of the MA. The diploma builds on the work covered in the postgraduate certificate and progresses your translation practice through hands-on experience of translation technology. You’ll also take part in online open translation projects, giving you options to choose what you translate and connect with established translation communities.

**Postgraduate Certificate in Translation (K30)**

The postgraduate certificate comprises the first module of the MA. The certificate enables you to start developing your professional skills as a translator. You’ll gain hands-on experience of translation technology. You’ll also take part in online open translation projects, giving you options to choose what you translate and connect with established translation communities.

You may also be interested in our Masters degree in Education (Applied Linguistics) (see page 25)
Law

Law regulates and influences the lives and practices of individuals, organisations and governments. It provides a framework within which societies function.

With globalisation, traditional legal frameworks and structures are being increasingly challenged. Laws and legal thinking are being used to effect change within societies and influence the way organisations, nation states and governments interact with each other.

With the recognition of the increasingly important role law plays in society, the demand for legal knowledge and associated legal skills is growing. A legal qualification at postgraduate level will widen your opportunities and enhance your employment and promotion prospects.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualification we offer in Law.

### Master of Laws (LLM) (F64)

The LLM enables you to pursue legal study at an advanced level in a challenging but supportive environment whether you are a law or non-law graduate or a lawyer. It’s designed to boost your skills, expand your knowledge and enhance your employability. You’ll study contemporary issues from a legal perspective and consider law in its social, political and international context.

You’ll also gain important postgraduate legal skills in the areas of critical thinking, legal reasoning, analysis and developing persuasive argument while enhancing your legal research skills.

If you’re interested in becoming a barrister in England and Wales or a solicitor or barrister in Northern Ireland, you will require a degree which includes the seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge, such as our undergraduate Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) (R81) or, if you already hold a degree, our Bachelor of Laws with Honours (graduate entry) (R82). The Master of Laws (LLM) (F64) does not meet these requirements and should not be studied if you are interested in becoming a barrister in England and Wales, or a solicitor or barrister in Northern Ireland.

If you’re interested in becoming a solicitor in England and Wales, and start an undergraduate degree after September 2021, you do not require a specific law degree, but in order to qualify, you’ll need to pass the national Solicitors Qualifying Examination.

See openuniversity.co.uk/law for details.

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Mathematics

Mathematics is at the heart of advances in science, engineering and technology. It’s an indispensable problem-solving and decision-making tool in many areas of life.

Explore pure and applied mathematics with our intellectually stimulating curriculum. Whether you’re looking to advance your career or study what interests you, our mathematics programme has much to offer.

We have over 500 students currently studying for our MSc, the most students on any mathematics MSc in the UK.

You’ll gain access to important and fascinating areas of mathematics, such as coding theory and analytic number theory.

While extending your knowledge, your studies will refine your abilities to process information accurately and critically analyse and communicate complex ideas.

This enhanced skill set and study experience will offer clear advantages in progressing your career as a professional mathematician.

But, equally, they can help you climb the ranks in diverse fields like computer science, economics, engineering and finance. Advanced numerical and analytical skills are always in high demand.

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The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Mathematics.

**MSc in Mathematics (F04)**

Advance your career with a high-level qualification. Delve deep into the aspects of pure and applied mathematics that interest you, such as fractal geometry, coding theory and calculus of variations. Choose from a wide range of modules; there are topics for not only mathematicians but mathematically inclined engineers and scientists. To conclude, you’ll complete an independent study, exploring a topic in detail and submitting a dissertation.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Mathematics (E23)**

This diploma comprises four 30-credit modules from a wide choice. Topics include analytic number theory, calculus of variations and nonlinear ordinary differential equations. Extend your understanding of areas of mathematics applicable to science, engineering and technology. It’s also the first two stages of our postgraduate mathematics programme – you can achieve the MSc in Mathematics by taking a further two 30-credit modules.

**Postgraduate Certificate in Mathematics (C90)**

This certificate comprises two 30-credit modules from a wide choice. Tailor your study to areas that suit you. Develop problem-solving and decision-making skills relevant in business, commerce and industry. It’s also the first stage of our postgraduate mathematics programme – you can progress to the postgraduate diploma and then the MSc in Mathematics.

**Entry requirements**

You should typically have a minimum of either:

- a 2:2 honours degree in mathematics or
- a 2:1 honours degree in a subject with high mathematical content.

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Science

Scientific research is advancing rapidly, so the demand for skilled science graduates is growing.

Personally and professionally rewarding, science is as diverse as it is challenging. As a professional scientist, you could be instrumental in researching health sciences or as part of a team advancing space exploration.

A postgraduate qualification in science will widen your opportunities, with the potential to rise to the top of your profession and significantly increase your lifetime earnings.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Science.

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Social Sciences and Psychology

Explore in-depth psychology and social sciences, subjects used in many professional and everyday contexts, including counselling, criminal justice, international relations, social policy, and social research.

Use your passion for social and psychological questions and debates to develop your critical thinking, research skills and knowledge. Advance your personal interests and unlock new career opportunities with postgraduate study.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in Social Sciences and Psychology.

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MA in Crime and Justice (F75)
This MA explores new perspectives and approaches to crime, harm and justice. It is concerned with examining problematic areas of social life, transgression, crime, social harm and justice in an increasingly global world.
You’ll consider the significance of power, social structure, and economic and social inequalities in understanding crime, processes of criminalisation, and ideas about justice. The qualification will enhance your ability to construct clear, logical and theoretically informed arguments about problems of criminological interest.

MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies (F73)
This MSc enables you to gain an advanced understanding of the fascinating area of forensic psychology, while enhancing your analytical and communication skills, as well as your research literacy. You’ll learn about a broad range of topics relevant to forensic psychology, including cyber crime, investigative interviewing and profiling, and develop an understanding of the reciprocal relationship this field of research has with UK law, policing practice, policy, and the wider public. The qualification also considers international research and practice.
MA in International Relations (F94)
This MA will equip you with the tools to analyse key global challenges. This includes how the world responds to international division, rising powers, national and global security threats, the rise of populism, and global ethical dilemmas. You’ll gain a comprehensive grounding in core conceptual, empirical and theoretical debates in international relations. You’ll also develop your knowledge of research methods as you progress, culminating in an extended, independently researched dissertation.

MSc in Psychology (F74)
This MSc provides a valuable opportunity to gain an advanced understanding of a range of research areas in psychology, including cognitive, social, forensic and counselling psychology. It aims to develop critical appraisal skills in psychological research and practice by showcasing contemporary research carried out by OU academics. You’ll also gain an understanding of the reciprocal relationship psychological research has with medicine, public policy, public opinion and the media.

MSc in Psychology (Conversion) (F92)
This MSc enables you to gain Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society (BPS) upon successful completion. By studying this degree, you’ll develop a comprehensive and critical understanding of the key concepts, theories, methods and debates in psychology. This will include critically examining how psychological theories and research methodologies are applied in real-world settings and assessing different kinds of evidence from quantitative and qualitative data. You’ll also gain an awareness of the importance of ethical issues in the practice of psychology.

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)
If your work makes considerable use of social or psychological research or you are fascinated by research into social behaviour and issues, this certificate will equip you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to appraise research and communicate your ideas to academic and non-academic audiences.

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Systems Thinking

Relevant to a multitude of professional sectors, systems thinking will change the way you approach situations of change and uncertainty.

Systems thinking is about looking holistically at situations. The programme provides a fresh way of thinking and dealing with complex situations, enabling you to put in practice calls for ‘getting the bigger picture’ and effecting genuine ‘joined-up practice’. You’ll learn to apply systems thinking tools for social and organisational problem situations relevant to your own area of practice, challenging you to think about how you can bring about improvement. Alongside developing your reflective and critical thinking skills, you will be equipped to deal with the complexities of contemporary living, working and being resilient.

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MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice (F47)
This MSc has the development of holistic thinking skills and the appreciation of multiple perspectives at its core. Systems thinking skills are relevant in many different areas, for example, business, engineering, environment, development, health, IT management, and organisation change. You’ll gain insights into how other people think about situations and learn how to apply concepts, tools and techniques developed by systems thinkers. The course will extend your ways of thinking and acting in practice to improve complex situations.

Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28)
This diploma develops your ability to approach and tackle complex, messy problem situations. It provides practical tools that bring new perspectives and approaches to problem-solving; it may change your thinking about a task and situation of your own. You’ll consider other people’s roles, reflect on your own and others’ practice and assess how the different components are related. The course will develop holistic thinking and collaborative working skills, helping you move towards effective solutions and avoid systemic failures.

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