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.
Welcome to The Open University

We bring university to you. For over 50 years, we’ve pioneered supported distance learning and are proud to be a world leader in high-quality distance education.

Our flexible approach means you can learn at a time that’s convenient to you, fitting study around your job, family and other commitments, so you can gain a recognised qualification without putting your life on hold. Plus, there’s plenty of support to help you succeed. You’ll be guided by our expert tutors, and join our thriving community of learners in the UK and across 157 countries worldwide.

Since 1969, the quality of our teaching has been at the heart of everything we do, and we are proud to be globally recognised and respected as a leader in distance education, achieving an overall Gold rating in the 2023 Teaching Excellence Framework.

Start achieving your goals here and now

This prospectus will cover:

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

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.
• Learn and earn – 71% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
• Gain a qualification employers respect – 80% of FTSE 100 companies sponsor their staff to study with us.
• Learn from the best – 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.
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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 choice for part-time undergraduate students in the UK.

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 Student Support Team is on-hand to help you if you need advice.

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

Learn from the best

With our network of more than 4,700 expert tutors, you’ll receive innovative, insightful teaching from subject specialists. Many combine their teaching work with academic or industry roles.

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 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

Though it’s distance learning, it’s anything but distant. There are plenty 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 your fellow students.

When you register, you’ll become a member of our Students Association. It’s a great way to meet fellow students, take part in societies and help influence University decisions. See how to get involved at oustudents.com.

Get social with us

@OUstudents
@OUstudentslive

OU study definitely changed me as a person. I’m more confident and creative. I’m empowered and no longer feel trapped in a career that I didn’t want.

Rhiannon Birch
OU graduate
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 can study alongside your job or other commitments.

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 suits you.

We’re respected

Our globally recognised qualifications will give you the skills and confidence employers are looking for. A combination of education and experience is highly sought after and can greatly enhance your employment prospects. Studying with the OU allows you to put what you learn into practice immediately. You’ll be able to show you’re dedicated, driven and committed – qualities that are valued in any workplace.

We’re flexible

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 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 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 200,000 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 qualifications 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.

**Foundation degree**
Focus on a subject related to what you’re doing now, in either paid or voluntary work.

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

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

**Integrated masters degree**
Add value to undergraduate study by combining it with work at postgraduate level.

**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 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.

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

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/course-types](http://openuniversity.co.uk/course-types)
Achieve your goals with us

We’ve been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. We make 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 studies
- 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.

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

Learn more about how they’re achieving their goals and get inspired to start your journey.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/stories
Welcome to Engineering, Design and Technology

We positively impact individuals, organisations, and communities that design, develop, build, and manage complex systems involving technologies of all kinds. Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) faculty teaches over 47,000 students on around 180 modules. You could join them, benefitting from our broad, multidisciplinary approach to teaching and research.

By studying Engineering, Design or Technology with us, you could:

- remotely operate research-grade equipment, gather and analyse your own data
- gain engineering skills and technical expertise, including hands-on practical experience
- acquire the knowledge and professional skills to work in STEM-focused careers.

**Undergraduate**

At undergraduate level, our subjects include:
- Engineering
- Design.

**Student loans for degree holders**

You could be eligible for a student loan even if you have a degree already.

You can apply if you want to re-skill or up-skill in a STEM subject, like Engineering or Design, and live in England or Wales.

For more information and a list of eligible qualifications, go to openuniversity.co.uk/quals.
I chose to study with the OU because of its excellent reputation, and I knew I’d get very good support throughout my studies. Having my engineering degree has been life-changing. My self-confidence has increased, and I’ve become a more reflective practitioner.

Liz Parkes
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Postgraduate
At postgraduate level, our subjects include:
• Engineering
• Systems Thinking
• Technology Management.

OpenSTEM Labs
Many of our courses use our state-of-the-art multi-award-winning OpenSTEM Labs – most recently gaining a prestigious Queen’s Anniversary Award in 2023. The online laboratories include an array of remote and virtual experiments – from virtual microscopes and remote access wind tunnels on our Milton Keynes campus to optical telescopes on Tenerife. So you can get practical from almost anywhere at any time.

To find out more, visit openuniversity.co.uk/openstem-lab.

Committed to equality
Our School of Engineering and Innovation’s Athena Swan Bronze award recognises its gender equity efforts. AdvanceHE’s Athena Swan Charter framework supports and transforms gender equality within higher education and research.

Additionally, the School works closely with the Women’s Engineering Society (WES) as an Education Partner.

Professional accreditation
Our general engineering degrees are accredited by:
• Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
• Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
• Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)
• Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

The Institution of Engineering Designers (IED) also accredits our BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation.

Boost your career prospects
Advances in new technologies, such as renewable energy, sustainability and nanotechnology have led to a growing demand for Engineering, Design and Technology graduates equipped with problem-solving and collaboration skills.

The scope of career options with the skills you will build with these qualifications is extensive. Graduates of our Engineering, Design and Technology courses find employment across various industries, such as food, materials, construction, transport and medical.

Robotics, AI development and digital applications are other areas where the skills and approaches gained from an OU Engineering, Design or Technology qualification are highly valued.

Award-winning teaching, world-leading research
The Open University has one of the UK’s top materials engineering research centres, which has helped improve the economy, public safety, and society. You’ll benefit from the most relevant and up-to-date teaching materials created by the academics responsible for this groundbreaking research.

To find out more about our research, go to openuniversity.co.uk/ourresearch.

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

When you study with the OU, you don’t need to commit to a full degree. We offer certificates, diplomas and foundation degrees 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:

The different stages

You’ll need to complete:

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

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

The credits you need

• You’ll need at least 120 credits to complete each stage.
• You gain credits by successfully completing modules.

The modules available

• 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 module

An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.

To complete Stage 1, you’ll need 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

120 credits

Certificate of higher education

To complete Stage 2, you’ll need a further 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

240 credits

Diploma of higher education or Foundation degree

To complete Stage 3, you’ll need a further 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

360 credits

Honours degree

1 Only available in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland.

Our integrated masters degree has four stages. See page 24 for further details.

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 a set number 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 successfully completing modules. Modules 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.

Learn more

Find out more about postgraduate study at the OU.

Visit [open.university.co.uk/pg-qual](http://open.university.co.uk/pg-qual)
Prepare for study with an Access module

We’re different to other universities because we’re open to people based on their potential rather than prior qualifications. Our students come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds, so 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.

Access modules are currently only available for students resident in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland.

How Access modules work

Each week you’ll work through a mixture 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, May and October and usually last for 30 weeks. Each week requires around nine or ten hours of study. If your Access module has the fast-track option, you can increase your study time and complete it in just 18 weeks.

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 if you would like more information on what you’ll need for your chosen course.

What you can study

Each Access module covers relevant topics and develops the skills you’ll need as you continue your chosen qualification.

Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)

Grow your knowledge in a range of technical subjects, including science, engineering and design, environment, mathematics, and computing and IT. As the foundation for further studies in these fields, this module will help build your confidence and prepare you for more OU study.

Also available as Science, technology and maths Access module: fast-track (YXFT033).

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

• Arts and languages Access module (Y031) – also available as Arts and languages Access module: fast-track (YXFT031)

• Business and law Access module (Y035)

• Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module (Y034) – also available as Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module: fast-track (YXFT034) from February 2025.
You could study for free

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

To qualify, you must:

- live 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.

For further information, visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access.

How much does an Access module cost?

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

- England, it’s £909
- the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, it’s £934
- Ireland, it’s £873
- Northern Ireland, it’s £290
- Scotland, it’s £297
- Wales, it’s £328.

You can pay upfront by debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or 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 OU Stage 1 study.

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

Most of our students study part-time, gaining 60 credits a year. That’s like studying at half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. If you want to complete your study at full-time equivalent intensity, you’ll need to gain 120 credits per year.

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

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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 necessarily 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 choose to study at a full-time equivalent intensity.
**Postgraduate qualifications**

How long it will take 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.²

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Study time (years)³

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³ Study time is the period between starting your first module and completing your last module. It doesn’t necessarily include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award your qualification.

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**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 number of modules you need to study.

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

**Plan your time**

Use our online Time Planner tool to see how many hours you could study each week.

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, advisers 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 study support through email, online, or over the phone. And 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 Freshers events to help welcome you to the OU family.
• 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.

Join our community

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

Visit 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 your StudentHome website 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 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.

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 you buy one
- 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. We’ve given you an idea of the costs below:

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £21,816. That’s 21% less than the cost of an equivalent qualification offered at most other universities in England.2

1 2024/25 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. In England, fees are subject to the part-time fee limit, as set out in section C.2 of the University’s Fee Rules (openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).

2 Based on maximum chargeable fees for the 2024/25 academic year.

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £7,872.

6 2024/25 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £6,954.

3 2024/25 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £20,952.

5 2024/25 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today’s prices, is £22,416.

7 2024/25 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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 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, 80% 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 is written off after 40 years.

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

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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.
**Fees and funding**

**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 £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 from the OU to cover 100% of your course fees. You’ll likely 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 is written off after 30 years.

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

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³ 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.

**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**

**Carers’ Bursary³⁰**
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.

**Scholarship for Black Students**
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full undergraduate or postgraduate qualification.

**Disabled Students’ Allowance³⁰**
You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

**Disabled Veterans’ Scholarships Fund**
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 Scholarship**
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 Students**
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

**Study-related costs³⁰**
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.

³⁰UK residents only.
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

Postgraduate loan
You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £12,471 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 is written off.

To be eligible, you must:
• be 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
You could be eligible for financial support from Student Finance Wales to help with your postgraduate studies. Specific details of the available funding are expected to be confirmed in Spring 2024. Please check our website for the latest information.

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, £22,015 in Northern Ireland and £27,660 in Scotland).
• You’ll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £30,000 and live in Scotland, you’ll repay only £210.60 that year (9% of £2,340). That’s just £18 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.
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’ Bursary¹
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 Bursary¹
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 Scholarship¹
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could be eligible to study our MA in Creative Writing for free.

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

OUSBA loan
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.

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 resident in 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.

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees
Call 0300 303 5303
Find your undergraduate course

You can register for undergraduate qualifications in the 2024/25 academic year from 20 March 2024.

We’ve based the qualification start dates on the first module(s) you can study as part of your qualification.

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Master of Engineering

An integrated masters is an undergraduate degree that combines undergraduate and postgraduate study. Our Master of Engineering (MEng) fulfils the educational requirements for Chartered Engineer status.

Engineering is a creative and analytical subject. You’ll develop the skills, techniques, and knowledge professional engineers need and learn the underpinning science and mathematics. The course has a common core with routes to suit your interests. You’ll work on real-life projects to create innovative solutions to challenging problems, teaming up with other students and working individually on projects.

Why this qualification?

• Gain the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills for registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng).

• Take part in individual and team-based projects, practical activities, remote access experiments and a UK-based residential school.

• Move to a different engineering qualification if your aspirations change, even after you’ve started.

• Choose from a broad engineering route and six specialist routes.

• Develop your employability skills, including personal and professional development planning.

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

• Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)

• Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)

• Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining (IOM3)

• Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

Are you ready?

Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93) openuniversity.co.uk/w93

Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48) openuniversity.co.uk/t48
Qualification structure
You’ll choose one route from:
• broad engineering
• energy and sustainability
• engineering management
• environmental technologies
• materials and design
• mechanical engineering
• modelling and applications.

**Stage 1 – 120 credits**

**Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)**

**Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)**

**Engineering: mathematics, modelling, applications (T194) (30 credits)**

**Engineering: professions, practice and skills 1 (T176) (30 credits)**

**Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48)**

**Stage 2 – 120 credits**

**Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)**

**Core engineering B (T272) (30 credits)**

You’ll study 30 credits from your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/m04

**Engineering: professions, practice and skills 2 (T276) (30 credits)**

**Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93)**

**Stage 3 – 120 credits**

You’ll study 90 credits from your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/m04

**Technology and innovation management (TB801) (30 credits)**

**Strategic capabilities for technological innovation (T849) (30 credits)**

**The MEng individual project (T460) (30 credits)**

**Stage 4 – 120 credits**

You’ll study 60 credits from your chosen route – go to openuniversity.co.uk/m04

**Team engineering (T885) (30 credits)**

**Master of Engineering**

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

**At a glance**

**Course code** M04

**Total credits** 480

**Start dates**

- Oct 2024
- Register by 5 Sep 2024
- Apr 2025
- Register by 13 Mar 2025

**Entry requirements**

No specific requirements

**Assessment**

Based on a mix of:
• Tutor-marked assignments
• Interactive computer-marked assignments
• End-of-module assessments
• Examinations

**Study duration**

Part-time study: 9 years

**Mode of study**

The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online

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

Online forum Compulsory

Collaborative work Compulsory

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/m04

Call 0300 303 5303
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

This general engineering qualification fulfils the educational requirements for Incorporated Engineer status. In addition, the combination of this degree and an accredited MSc meets the requirements for Chartered Engineer status.

Engineering is a creative and analytical subject. You’ll develop the skills, techniques, and knowledge professional engineers need and learn the underpinning science and mathematics. The course has a common core with routes to suit your interests. You’ll work on real-life projects to create innovative solutions to challenging problems, teaming up with other students and working individually on projects.

**Why this qualification?**

- Gain the underpinning knowledge, understanding and skills for registration as an Incorporated Engineer (IEng).
- Take part in individual and team-based projects, practical activities and remote access experiments.
- Move to a different engineering qualification if your aspirations change, even after you’ve started.
- Choose from a broad engineering route and six specialist routes.
- Develop your employability skills, including personal and professional development planning.

**Accreditation**

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

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

**Are you ready?**

Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

**Related qualifications**

Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93) openuniversity.co.uk/w93

Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48) openuniversity.co.uk/t48
Qualification structure

You’ll choose one route from:

- broad engineering
- electronics
- energy and sustainability
- engineering design
- environmental technologies
- mathematical methods
- mechanical engineering

The example below shows environmental technologies; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q65 for details.

Example route

### Stage 1 — 120 credits

- Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)
- Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)
- Engineering: mathematics, modelling, applications (T194) (30 credits)
- Engineering: professions, practice and skills 1 (T176) (30 credits)

Certificate of Higher Education in Engineering (T48)

### Stage 2 — 120 credits

- Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)
- Core engineering B (T272) (30 credits)
- Environmental management: systems and sustainability (T220) (30 credits)
- Engineering: professions, practice and skills 2 (T276) (30 credits)

Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W93)

### Stage 3 — 120 credits

- Innovation: designing for change (T317) (60 credits)
- Environmental management 2 (T319) (30 credits)
- The engineering project (T452) (30 credits)

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

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

More online

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q65
Call 0300 303 5303
Foundation Degree in Engineering

This foundation degree combines academic skills with the needs of your workplace. Boost your career if you’re working in an engineering-related job at a technical level.

Build on your existing skills and experience to support your professional development plans. You’ll apply the study of engineering fundamentals to the solution of real-life problems. Topics include design, electronics, energy, manufacturing, materials, mechanics and structural analysis. It also develops your maths skills, crucial to successful engineering studies.

Why this qualification?

• Tackle real problems by applying your study of engineering fundamentals.
• Build on your existing skills and experience with two work-related modules.
• Gain a solid foundation for further study, with the option to top up to an accredited honours degree (see pages 30–31).

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

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

Are you ready?

Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.

Meet our academics

Aerospace, automotive and nuclear industries all have components that cannot be allowed to fail. Dr Foroogh Hosseinzadeh, Senior Lecturer works with these industries to ensure that critical components are as safe as possible.

Find out more about Foroogh’s work at openuniversity.co.uk/fh.
Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

- Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)
- Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)
- Engineering: mathematics, modelling, applications (T194) (30 credits)
- Engineering at work (T198) (30 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

- Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)
- Core engineering B (T272) (30 credits)
- You’ll choose 30 credits from a selection of modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/x11
- Change, strategy and projects at work (T227) (30 credits)

Foundation Degree in Engineering

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

At a glance

- Course code: X11
- Total credits: 240
- Start dates:
  - Oct 2024: Register by 5 Sep 2024
  - Apr 2025: Register by 13 Mar 2025
- Entry requirements:
  - You must be in engineering-related employment
- Assessment:
  - Based on a mix of:
    - Tutor-marked assignments
    - Interactive computer-marked assignments
    - End-of-module assessments
    - Examinations
- Study duration:
  - Part-time study: 4–6 years
- Mode of study:
  - The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online
  - Electronic versions of printed materials 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 openuniversity.co.uk/x11
Call 0300 303 5303
Top-up Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Top up your existing qualification to an honours degree. You can add to your OU Foundation Degree in Engineering or equivalent qualification from elsewhere.

Tailor your studies to suit your background and previous study. Develop your knowledge and skills and open up further career opportunities. Study choices include communications, design, electronics, environmental management, mathematics, mechanical modelling, nanoengineering, renewable energy, and structural integrity. You’ll also complete an engineering project.

Why this qualification?

- Progress from your vocational qualification (e.g. HND) to an honours degree.
- Choose modules to fit with your previous study.
- Develop your analytical skills – key to successfully studying engineering.
- Prepare for further engineering study at postgraduate level.

Accreditation

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

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

This qualification begins at Stage 3. Your existing qualification will make up Stages 1 and 2.

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You’ll choose 90 credits from:
- Communications technology (TM355) (30 credits)
- Computational applied mathematics (MST374) (30 credits)
- Deterministic and stochastic dynamics (MS327) (30 credits)
- Electronics: signal processing, control and communications (T312) (30 credits)
- Environmental management 2 (T319) (30 credits)
- Graphs, games and designs (MST368) (30 credits)
- Innovation: designing for change (T317) (60 credits)
- Mathematical methods and fluid mechanics (MST326) (30 credits)
- Mechanical engineering: computer-aided engineering (T329) (30 credits)
- Nanoscale engineering (T366) (30 credits)
- Renewable energy (T313) (30 credits)
- Structural integrity: predicting and assessing performance (T367) (30 credits)
- The engineering project (T452) (30 credits)

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.
BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering

Smart devices are now omnipresent; computing, electronics and telecommunications are integral to our everyday lives. This combined degree develops your understanding of computing and electronic engineering, emphasising practical knowledge and skills required by industry. It considers digital technologies, programming, networking, manufacturing methods related to product design, environmental sustainability, and the legal requirements to promote good practice.

Gain a sound grasp of the principles of hardware-based, software-based, or systems-based technologies. Developing computing skills alongside knowledge of electronics opens up exciting career opportunities. You’ll be able to apply your knowledge and skills in various industries and organisations. It also incorporates transferable skills applicable to professional development in the field.

**Why this qualification?**
- Practice electronics using our state-of-the-art multi-award-winning OpenSTEM Labs.
- Develop your programming and other computing skills.
- Choose from four focus options within the computing strand.
- Develop transferable skills applicable to both computing and engineering professions.

**Are you ready?**
Check you have the necessary skills at [openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering](http://openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering).

**Related qualifications**
Diploma of Higher Education in Computing with Electronic Engineering (W92) [openuniversity.co.uk/w92](http://openuniversity.co.uk/w92)
Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and Engineering (T47) [openuniversity.co.uk/t47](http://openuniversity.co.uk/t47)
Qualification structure

You’ll choose one focus area from:

- computer science
- communications and networking
- software development
- web development.

The example below shows communications and networking; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r62 for details.

Example route

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| The computing and IT project (TM470) (30 credits)  
OR  
The engineering project (T452) (30 credits) |

BSc (Hons) Computing with Electronic Engineering

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

At a glance

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Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online

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

Online forum  
Compulsory

Collaborative work  
Compulsory
Bachelor of Design (Hons)

Our Bachelor of Design (BDes) enhances your design skills, empowering you to apply them creatively to today’s diverse social, ecological, and technological challenges and opportunities.

It explores a diversity of creative thinking and practice used in design, cultivating professional design competencies while nurturing your unique design identity. It portrays design as a catalyst for change, showcasing its potential to tackle societal issues across various domains. You’ll participate in activities and projects that refine your skills and integrate knowledge from a spectrum of disciplines, and gain valuable collaborative experience. Moreover, you’ll craft design projects aligned with your interests, compiling your design work into a comprehensive portfolio.

Why this qualification?

• Cultivate your design identity, values and field of practice.

• Develop confidence and ability to work with diverse groups across different disciplines.

• Deepen your scholarship on design history, theory and practice.

• Learn how you can use design to enhance our capabilities to live sustainably.

• Build your social and professional networks to address real-world challenges and opportunities.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Design (W23)
openuniversity.co.uk/w23

Certificate of Higher Education in Design (T54)
openuniversity.co.uk/t54
Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

- **Design thinking: creativity for the 21st century** (U101) (60 credits)
- **Design practices** (T190) (60 credits)
- **Certificate of Higher Education in Design** (T54)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

- **Design essentials** (T217) (60 credits)
- **Design agency** (T290) (60 credits)
- **Diploma of Higher Education in Design** (W23)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

- **Innovation: designing for change** (T317) (60 credits)
- **Design leadership** (T390) (60 credits)
- **Bachelor of Design (Hons)**

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

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Assessment

Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations

Study duration

Part-time study: 6 years

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

Electronic versions of printed materials 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 [openuniversity.co.uk/r63](http://openuniversity.co.uk/r63)

Call 0300 303 5303
BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation

This degree develops your creative thinking, problem-solving and design skills. At the same time, you’ll study a complementary subject that suits your needs and interests, equipping you to generate ideas and address problems in various settings.

The design modules feature online design studio spaces, social networking, inspiring study materials, and practical components. You’ll follow either the BA or BSc route, depending on your interests and aspirations.

Why this qualification?

• Build a portfolio to demonstrate your ability to engage creatively with design and innovation.
• Develop skills and knowledge in a second subject to complement your design learning.
• Learn about the process and application of design and innovation in diverse real-world contexts.

Routes through this qualification

There’s a Bachelor of Arts (BA) route and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) route. For each, we’ve identified themes to help you plan your study.

BA (Bachelor of Arts)
• Culture and aesthetics.
• Health and wellbeing.
• Management.
• Society.
• Sustainability.

BSc (Bachelor of Science)
• Energy.
• Engineering.
• Environment.
• Interfaces and interaction.

Accreditation

The Institute of Engineering Designers (IED) accredits the BSc route under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (W73) openuniversity.co.uk/w73
Certificate of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (T37) openuniversity.co.uk/t37
Qualification structure

The example below shows the energy theme (BSc route); other themes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q61 for details.

Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits

- **Design thinking: creativity for the 21st century (U101)** (60 credits)
- **Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192)** (30 credits)
- **Engineering: maths, modelling, applications (T193)** (30 credits)

**Certificate of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (T37)**

Stage 2 – 120 credits

- **Design essentials (T217)** (60 credits)
- **Core engineering A (T271)** (30 credits)
- **Energy and sustainability (T213)** (30 credits)
  **OR**
  **Environmental management: systems and sustainability (T220)** (30 credits)

**Diploma of Higher Education in Design and Innovation (W73)**

Stage 3 – 120 credits

- **Innovation: designing for change (T317)** (60 credits)
- **Renewable energy (T313)** (30 credits)
- **The engineering project (T452)** (30 credits)

**BA/BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation**

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

At a glance

- **Course code**: Q61
- **Total credits**: 360
- **Start dates**
  - Oct 2024: Register by 5 Sep 2024
  - Feb 2025: Register by 9 Jan 2025
- **Entry requirements**: No specific requirements
- **Assessment**
  - Based on a mix of:
    - 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**
  - The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print
  - Electronic versions of printed materials 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 openuniversity.co.uk/q61
Call 0300 303 5303
Develop creative design thinking to address computer-based technology problems, preparing you to contribute to the design of the digital applications of the future. We’ll introduce user-centred design, sustainable design, and the design process, complementing the computing & IT skills and knowledge you’ll develop.

**Why this qualification?**
- Combine complementary subjects – design and computing & IT.
- Choose from four focus options within the computing & IT strand.
- Build a portfolio of design work to show your ideas and skills.
- Use online design studios as part of your practical design work.

**Accreditation**
Accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT:
- meeting the academic requirement for Chartered IT Professional,
- and for the award of Euro-Inf Bachelor Quality Label on behalf of EQANIE.

**Related qualifications**
Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design (W42)
openuniversity.co.uk/w42

Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Design (T13)
openuniversity.co.uk/t13
Qualification structure
You’ll choose one computing & IT focus area from:

- computer science
- communications and networking
- software development
- web development.

The example below shows computer science; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q67 for details.

Example route

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BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.
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 design modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or the 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.

I’m super thankful for the opportunity to create a degree adapted to my needs and interests. The flexibility of creating your own path is simply amazing.

Susanna Von Tonder
BSc (Hons) Open

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)
openuniversity.co.uk/w34
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)
openuniversity.co.uk/t09
How you can focus your Open degree on design

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on design in combination with other subjects that are of particular interest to you.

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

**Example route**

**Stage 1 – 120 credits**

*Design thinking: creativity for the 21st century (U101) (60 credits)*

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 1 modules

**Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)**

**Stage 2 – 120 credits**

*Design essentials (T217) (60 credits)*

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 2 modules

**Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)**

**Stage 3 – 120 credits**

*Innovation: designing for change (T317) (60 credits)*

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 3 modules

**BA/BSc (Hons) Open**

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.

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**At a glance**

**Course code** QD

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**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.

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**More online**

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

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/qd](http://openuniversity.co.uk/qd)

Call **0300 303 5303**
BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

This flexible degree combines science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Build your degree from a variety of STEM modules and study routes to create a unique qualification.

Why this qualification?
- Choose modules from across STEM subjects or focus on one or two areas.
- Switch direction if your needs or interests change.
- Count university-level credits you’ve gained from elsewhere.

Student loans for degree holders
You could be eligible for a student loan even if you have a degree already.
You can apply if you want to re-skill or up-skill in a STEM subject, like engineering, design or technology, and live in England or Wales.
For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/quals.

Study routes if you want to focus on a subject related to engineering, design or technology
- Design
- Engineering
- Environmental technology.

Are you ready?
Check you have the necessary skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ready-for-engineering.
How to focus your combined STEM degree on engineering

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on engineering. It's just one example of the many combinations you can study; you're not restricted to this route.

Example route

Stage 1 — 120 credits

Engineering: origins, methods, context (T192) (30 credits)
Engineering: frameworks, analysis, production (T193) (30 credits)
You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 1 modules

Stage 2 — 120 credits

Core engineering A (T271) (30 credits)
Energy and sustainability (T213) (30 credits)
You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 2 modules

Stage 3 — 120 credits

Nanoscale engineering (T366) (30 credits)
Renewable energy (T313) (30 credits)
You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 3 STEM modules

BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

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

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More online

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/r28
Call 0300 303 5303
Find your postgraduate course

To work towards a postgraduate qualification, you first need to choose and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

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MSc in Engineering

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 develop a range of transferable skills, such as creative problem-solving, effective communication, project management and concept realisation. As part of a small project team, and during a UK-based residential school, you’ll design and present a solution to a real-world engineering problem.

**Accreditation**

The following professional institutions accredit this degree under licence from the UK regulator, the Engineering Council:

- 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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You’ll study the following:

**Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering (E22)**

You’ll choose 60 credits from either the Research route or the Professional route:

**Research Route**

- Research project: 60 T802

**Professional Route**

- Project management: 30 M815

**MSc in Engineering**

- MSc project: researching in context: 30 T803

Option modules

Compulsory modules

Intermediate qualification

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

1 You may choose only one of these two modules.

**At a glance**

- **Course code**: F46
- **Total credits**: 180
- **Start dates**
  - Oct 2024: Register by 5 Sept 2024
  - Nov 2024: Register by 3 Oct 2024
  - May 2025: Register by 10 Apr 2025
- **Entry requirements**
  - This qualification has no entry requirements. However, some option modules do – check the requirements online
- **Study duration**
  - Part-time study: 4 years

**Related qualification**

Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering (E22)

[openuniversity.co.uk/e22](http://openuniversity.co.uk/e22)

**More online**

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

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/f46](http://openuniversity.co.uk/f46)

Call 0300 303 5303
MSc in Technology Management

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 essential to technology innovation, strategic development and management. Finally, you’ll conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.

Meet our academics

Dr Sally Caird was invited by New Cities Foundation, with partners Cisco, to write on the complex challenges facing cities in the 21st century.

“With the increase of smart city programmes around the world, it’s become important to measure the impacts of smart city developments and prove their value. My research focused on identifying suitable measurement, evaluation and reporting to demonstrate that these developments are delivering the future cities we want.”

Find out more about Sally’s research at openuniversity.co.uk/sc.
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- **Research Route**
  - Research project 60 T802

- **Professional Route**
  - MSc project researching in context 30 T803

Plus, you’ll choose another 30 credits from the option modules

**MSc in Technology Management**

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

Module availability is subject to change.

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**Entry requirements**
This qualification has no entry requirements. However, some option modules do – check the requirements online.

**Study duration**
Part-time study: 3 years

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# Related qualifications

- Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)
  - openuniversity.co.uk/e08

- Postgraduate Certificate in Technology Management (C49)
  - openuniversity.co.uk/c49

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# More online

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

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/f36
Call 0300 303 5303
MBA (Technology Management)

If you’re looking for an MBA with a focus on technology, this is the qualification for you.

It is applicable to technology management and technological innovation in a wide variety of contexts and sectors, including IT/IS; 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.

You will focus on strategic analysis and intellectual stimulation whilst gaining interdisciplinary skills and independent judgement – exploring the processes that underpin technological innovation and the challenges of technology from a strategic perspective, with your learning firmly rooted in management practice throughout.

Accreditation

Only 1% of all business schools are triple accredited. With accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS, the OU Business School is one of them.
## Qualification structure

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Plus at least 15 credits from the following elective modules and microcredentials:

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Plus 30 credits from the following compulsory module:

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**MBA (Technology Management)**

- Compulsory modules
- Elective modules
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

¹ Microcredentials are 10–12 week professional development courses. For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/counting-microcredentials.

## At a glance

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## Related qualifications

- **Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)**
  openuniversity.co.uk/e08
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Business Administration (C66)**
  openuniversity.co.uk/c66

## More online

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

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Call 0300 303 5303
MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice

This MSc has the development of holistic thinking skills and appreciation of multiple perspectives at its core.

You’ll gain insights into how other people think about situations and learn to apply concepts, tools and techniques developed by systems thinkers. The research project extends your ways of thinking and acting in practice to improve complex situations.

Systems thinking skills are relevant in many areas, such as business, engineering, environment, development, health, IT management, and organisational change.

Meet our academics

Water security is increasingly affected by climate change and population growth. Dr Natalie Foster, Lecturer in Systems, is using a systems approach to tackle this urgent problem. Her research leads to a better understanding of how we can govern this precious resource.

Discover more about this compelling topic with our free OpenLearn courses that apply systems thinking to a range of subjects, and explore systems as a subject in its own right at openuniversity.co.uk/systems-thinking.
Qualification structure

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You’ll choose 60 credits from:

- Financial markets and the financing of organisations 30 B815
- Managing in a changing world 30 B870
- Creating and sustaining value 30 B872
- Sustainable creative management 15 BB842
- Entrepreneurship in context 15 BB851
- Leadership and management of public services 15 BB852
- Contemporary issues in organisations 15 BB853
- Global development in practice 60 D890
- Principles of social and psychological inquiry 60 DD801
- Understanding global development 60 DD870
- Information security 30 M811
- Digital forensics 30 M812
- Software development 30 M813
- Software engineering 30 M814
- Project management 30 M815
- Data management 30 M816
- Manufacture materials design 30 T805
- Network security 30 T828
- Strategic capabilities for technological innovation 30 T849
- Making environmental decisions 30 T891
- Sustainable organisations: theory and practice 30 T892
- Advanced networking (CCNP Enterprise) 60 T829
- Technology and innovation management 30 TB801
- Advance your independent learning 30 YXM830

Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28)  
You’ll choose 60 credits from either the Research route or the Professional route:

**Research Route**

- Research project 60 T802

**Professional Route**

- MSc project researching in context 30 T803

Plus, you’ll choose another 30 credits from the option modules

MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice

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

Module availability is subject to change.

At a glance

**Course code**  F47

**Total credits** 180

**Start dates**
- Nov 2024 Register by 3 Oct 2024
- May 2025 Register by 10 Apr 2025

**Entry requirements**
This qualification has no entry requirements. However, some option modules do – check the requirements online

**Study duration**
Part-time study: 3 years

Related qualifications

- Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28) openuniversity.co.uk/e28
- Postgraduate Certificate in Systems Thinking in Practice (C72) openuniversity.co.uk/c72

More online

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

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Call 0300 303 5303
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.

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Further professional development
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.

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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: 3 years

More online

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Register for your course

Undergraduate study

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1. **Register**
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2. **Choose your module(s)**
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3. **Organise your funding**
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4. **Complete your registration**
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2. **Register on your first module(s)**
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3. **Arrange your funding**
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4. **Send us evidence that confirms you meet the entry requirements**
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