

YOUNG APPLICANTS IN SCHOOLS SCHEME



The Open
University

SCOTLAND



Purpose for today

- 01** Introduction to The Open University (OU) and the YASS programme
- 02** Discuss how learning and support works with the OU
- 03** Get you thinking about the study skills you can develop
- 04** Invite you to ask questions

THE OU AND YASS

OU Overview



What is YASS?

- Study a first-year university module, with the Open University, in S6, alongside your other subjects in school.
- You have a choice of about 30 modules in 10 subject areas.
- Over 10,000 students across Scotland have taken YASS modules since 2007.



What can I study?

Around 30 modules are offered in 10 subject areas:

Arts

Business and Management

Engineering, Computing and Technology

Languages

Law

Mathematics

Science

Social Sciences

Health and Social Care

Sport and Exercise

Who pays for my YASS module?

Funding is available for all modules through a grant provided by the Scottish Funding Council.

The funding grant will cover the full cost of one module per pupil.



Scottish Funding Council

Promoting further and higher education

What are the benefits of YASS?

Builds confidence and helps you to get ready to move from school to university, college or the workplace.



Develops important skills such as independent study, IT skills and time management.



Study a subject that links to what you want to study at uni or college or might not be available in your school.



Helps make UCAS, college, job applications and your CV stand out.

**What other
benefits can
you think of?**



How Much Do I Have to Study?



10 credit modules:
3 – 6 hours per week



30 credit modules (6 months long):
12 – 14 hours per week



30 credit modules (9 months long):
8 – 10 hours per week

HOW LEARNING AND SUPPORT WORKS WITH THE OU

How OU Study Works

Once you're registered on your module, you receive access to your StudentHome page which is the online platform for study with the OU.



Each module has different study materials, some have hard copies of books, some have online materials only.



You'll use a study planner to keep track of your learning and any deadlines for assignments.



The StudentHome Page



Welcome [redacted]

Profile

Your personal identifier: [redacted]

- ▶ [redacted]
- ▶ View emails sent by us recently
- ▶ Update personal details
- ▶ Study record

Tools

- ▶ Office 365
- ▶ Access to your personal blog
- ▶ Access to your personal calendar
- ▶ Choose next module
- ▶ Your tutorials and study events

Services

- ▶ Help Centre
- ▶ Services for disabled students
- ▶ Careers and Employability Services
- ▶ Library Services

Modules

- ▶ View your study record
- ▶ Your tutorials and study events

SM123 Physics and space

- ▶ SM123 module website & record
- ▶ Date of module result
- ▶ Online TMA/EMA service
- ▶ Assignment scores
- ▶ Tutor and tutorial dates
- ▶ Student Support Team
- ▶ Quality assurance

Thinking about what to study next?

You'll find the information and advice you need on your [next module page](#).

Have you been making full use of the OU library?



[Take a look at the library website](#)

How do I?

- ▶ See Coronavirus updates?
- ▶ Prepare for exams?
- ▶ Get help studying with a disability?
- ▶ Get an official record of my studies?
- ▶ Change my password?

Meet the OU Senior Team as part of Student Voice Week

Amongst over 40 fantastic online events during Student Voice Week (15-21 November), there is the opportunity for students to attend Meet the OU Senior Team - Q&A on...

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Study Planner

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Physics and space

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Current weeks

All weeks

EXPAND ALL 

 You last viewed: Skills development in Resources: Skills development

WEEKS

5-6

Topic 1: Forces around you

31 October – 13 November

0 of 7
completed



WEEK

7

Python 1: Introduction to Python

14–20 November

0 of 3
completed



Please note that if you are using the **OU Study** app for this Python week, you will require an internet connection to be able to use the embedded interactive programming windows, called trinkets, in the app.



 [Python 1: Introduction to Python](#)



 [Skills development](#)



WEEKS

8-9

Topic 2: An introduction to energy

21 November – 4 December

0 of 7
completed



News 



[Institute of Physics open lecture hosted by SPS](#)

Posted: 18 Nov 2020

“The Moon’s water: past, current, and future perspectives”

Dr. Jessica Barnes, University of ...

[Python 1 – We welcome your feedback](#)

Posted: 13 Nov 2020

Python 1 – We welcome your feedback

Next week you will get an email inviting you to complete ...

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Assignments

Different modules have different ways of assessing students. Some modules only have one assignment due at the end while others have several assignments due throughout the length of the module.

It's really important to look ahead once you've got your study calendar to see if any of your YASS assignments clash with school deadlines or exams.

Advice and Support

All YASS students can get advice and support about general aspects of OU study from their Student Support Team and the Computing Help Desk.

You will have an individual tutor or team of study advisers who can help you with all the academic parts of the module.

Advice and Support

Help Centre

Recommended • Saved • Contact us

What are you looking for?



 [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice for students](#)

Browse help topics

[Assessments and exams](#)



[Library](#)



[Careers and employability](#)



[Mental health, wellbeing and welfare](#)



[Changes and problems while you study](#)

[Complaints, appeals and policies](#)

[Certificates, references and next steps](#)

[Computing help](#)

[Disability support](#)

If you need support, you should get in touch as soon as possible to see what options are available to you.

You can also use the Help Centre which is accessed from StudentHome.

**What should you
think about
before taking a
YASS course?**



How to Get Started

Speak to your
school co-
ordinator

Do your
research. Know
and understand
the commitment
required for the
module you
want to take

Complete the
registration form
and hand it to
your school co-
ordinator in
plenty of time

Once you are
registered
check you can
access your
module
information
online

What do students say about YASS?



Any questions?



Further Information

Speak to your school co-ordinator or get in touch with the YASS team.

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www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/young-applicants-schools