THE OPEN UNIVERSITY IN SCOTLAND

FACTS AND FIGURES
OUR LEARNERS

22,000 OU students across Scotland in 2020-21

237 employers across Scotland sponsor OU students

400 Open Learning Champions in 150 organisations

467,000+ visitors from Scotland to OpenLearn in 2020-21

304 schools have participated in Young Applicants in Schools Scheme since 2007

30,000 modules studied in 2020-21

50 apprenticeships offered across Scotland

28 years old is the average age of new undergraduates

110 commissioned nursing pre-registration places
The total impact from expenditure and employment in Scotland is £55m supporting 570 FTE jobs.

Students in Scotland whose highest prior qualification is National 5s could earn an extra £200,000 on average in real terms over their career if they study an OU part-time degree.

Formal teaching and learning activities in Scotland generated £160.4m to the economy.

85% of OU graduates remain in the location where their study was undertaken, meaning this investment in talent and skills benefits local communities.

The OU in Scotland boosted the economy by £217.4m in 2018-19.

We have students in all 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies, work with schools in all 32 local authority areas and partner with 15 regional colleges.
WIDENING ACCESS

23% of OU students live in rural or remote areas

In Scotland we recruit as many students from the most deprived areas as the least deprived areas

875 students have transferred credit from their HNC or HND to OU studies

Welcome

20% of new undergraduates join without standard university entrance qualifications

24% of OU students in Scotland declare a disability

840 Access Modules studied in 2020-21
UPSKILLING THE NATION

1,660+ applications for funded microcredentials in online teaching, business and management, and computing and IT

733 fully-funded places awarded

400+ applications for Upskilling modules

195 fully-funded places awarded

Staff from 14 colleges gained new skills through our Online Teaching Microcredentials

Working with over 230 employers across Scotland

73% of our students are in full-time or part-time work

40% of our students study Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths subjects

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CONTRIBUTING TO SCOTLAND’S WELLBEING

212,500 people have studied with The Open University in Scotland

85% of alumni say OU studies improved their job skills

Our students range from school age to 91 years old

Joint 1st in Scotland for student satisfaction

86% of alumni say OU study improved their personal wellbeing

94% of alumni say OU studies improved their personal development
Number of schools participating in our Young Applicants in Schools Scheme by Scottish Parliament region 2020/21

OU students by Scottish Parliament region 2020/21
Data: Unless otherwise stated, figures throughout relating to OU in Scotland students are based on Full-Time Equivalent statistics for academic year 2020-21. Impact data is from the Economic and Social Impact of The Open University in 2018-19, London Economics, November 2020. Microcredentials data relating to college staff is June 2020 - June 2021; relating to funded microcredentials is June 2020 to October 21. Data for Upskilling modules is October 2020. Student satisfaction data is from the National Student Survey 2022.

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