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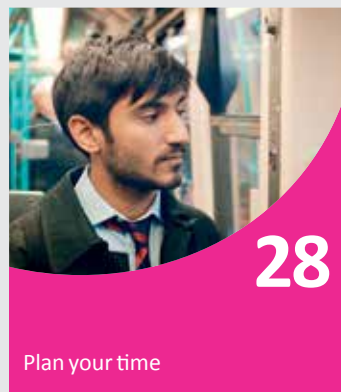
Life-changing learning that's built around you

Undergraduate Prospectus 2016/2017



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Welcome

The most important thing you'll learn is what you're capable of

Hello and welcome to The Open University (OU). Are you as excited about changing your life as we are about welcoming you as a student? We believe there's never been a better time to join us.

Every year, thousands of people just like you decide to start studying with us. Our whole philosophy is based around recognising the importance of flexible, part-time study and finding ways to make that study more accessible to anyone who has the drive and desire to learn in an increasingly competitive world.

With the OU you're guaranteed outstanding value. Our qualifications are up to date and commercially focused, ensuring that new skills and knowledge gained as you work towards your goal are put into practice immediately.

We've established strong alliances with employers as a result of the flexible way we deliver our qualifications and our learning methods are respected and appreciated by employers and students alike.

We've opened up the world of higher education for anyone who wants to improve their life. We take your goals seriously, and we are here to help you make the right choices. We're the market leader for people who need studies to fit around busy working lives and family commitments. That's why we're so confident the OU is the right choice for you.

"If you're in two minds as to whether or not the OU is for you, the only thing I can say is do it. You won't regret it!"



Lindsay Dow,
studied with the OU

Life-changing learning

that's built around you



Experience and expertise

Many of our tutors are not only academic experts, they're also still working in their relevant industry.

They say that life is a journey, one that starts with a single step. We have every confidence you're ready to take that step now by joining the OU.

Your thirst for knowledge thrills us

It's the reason why everything we do revolves 100% around you. We have one, outstanding, driving ambition, and that is to help as many people as we can to get the qualifications they want and need.



"I transferred my course materials to my iPad, Kindle and laptop - that way they were always with me when I had a moment free."

Karl Hamilton,
studied with the OU

Our courses work around you, wherever you are

You don't have to put your life on hold, or move, to study with the OU. What's more, we believe our qualifications give you an instant advantage in life – as you will discover.

Studying with us is a life-changing experience from day one. So if you're ready, let's start your journey...

We're confident we're the right choice for you. Here's why:

1. The support you need

We know you'll be giving it your all. So we'll give you the freedom and personal support you need to study your course, and get a qualification, your way.

2. The qualifications employers respect

Our qualifications have such an excellent reputation all over the world, you can be confident your life will change for the better thanks to studying with the OU.

3. The knowledge you want

Highly experienced tutors and quality resources that are second to none. You just can't get the same combination of expertise, materials and methods of learning anywhere else in the world.

4. The technology that works

When it comes to finding new technologies that make your life and studying even easier, we never stand still. You can guarantee we'll stay ahead of the game on your behalf.

5. Life-changing learning

What we offer is a personalised learning experience, one that's been designed to fit in with careers and personal lives, and change your life forever.



“The OU is unlike most red-brick universities, it’s unique in a very precious way – it gives opportunity and flexibility to anyone who wants a higher education, no matter what their social and financial limitations.”

Fatema Islam, studied with the OU

You can do this – we know you can

We won’t pretend it’s easy, but you can be sure there’s no other university in the world that supports you the way we do. We’re pioneers in the method of distance learning, making The Open University truly unique.

We’re in the best possible position to give you all the help you’ll need to achieve your study goal, and make every moment of your studies worthwhile.

Simply choose your course, and change your life today

Whichever one of our subjects or areas of interest you want to pursue, you’ll be studying a curriculum that’s internationally relevant – and you’ll have around 120 qualifications to choose from.

Our courses are created and taught by academics with industry insights and lifetimes of experience – people whose insights and research are out of this world – quite literally in some cases.

We believe our courses are incomparable

We’ve forged unique partnerships with some of the world’s most influential thought leaders, the BBC being the most widely known. Our joint ventures educate the world, receive outstanding reviews and give us access to people who bring relevant, practical knowledge to guide our research and shape the course content you’ll be studying.

From the materials in our undergraduate degrees to OpenLearn courses that anyone can access free of charge – all you have to do is take the first step. It’s all here for you, and because we’re committed to delivering our materials using some of the world’s most up-to-date digital technologies, it’s all unbelievably accessible.

World-class resources

The Open University has more online library resources than any other university in the UK.

Reassuring credentials

Global employers and skills councils help us create our courses, so you’ll learn what’s actually needed to enhance your career.

Groundbreaking innovation

We never stand still. We’re developing new ways of learning all the time, to make your studying easier wherever you may be.

Highest standards
Just under 90% of the FTSE 100 have sponsored staff on OU programmes.

Excellent support
Our students all have their own tutor for each subject module – each tutor supports about 20 students.

The flexibility to learn in your own way



Highest standards

Organisations such as IBM, John Lewis, Allianz and Kuehne + Nagel are always looking for OU graduates.



Consistent quality

We're one of only 3 universities to consistently achieve over 90% for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey.

We've been the experts in distance learning for over 40 years. But with hundreds of courses online these days, why choose us, what makes the OU different?

The answer is straightforward – you'll have more flexibility with the OU than with any other university, not only in what you learn but also the way you study. The quality of the OU experience is proven time and time again with the achievements of thousands of our students.

Our teaching method is unique

We call it 'Supported Open Learning'.

It's a way of studying with more one-to-one contact than distance learning and more flexibility than campus-based learning. In effect, we bring the best of both worlds together – technology and tutoring alike.

We have over 4500 tutors to give you guidance and feedback, we'll make sure you're connected to a group that can support you appropriately.

And we'll find out what we need to do as an organisation to help you achieve your goals.

Your priority is learning from the best – our priority is you

Our academics are respected the world over and you'll have full access to all of the latest research through the OU library. You'll be learning from the best.

Whatever you'd like to study, whichever qualifications you're interested in, our courses fit in around your life. That said, we also know what it's like to be on your own, head down, in need of a helping hand. That's why we give you all the support you need and the confidence to study in your own time.

We're proud of the way we've developed our teaching methods, materials and resources. We never stand still. If there's a new type of technology around or a better way to do things, you can guarantee we're already testing it.

Need a little extra help?

Last year we supported over 22,000 students with disabilities or additional needs. So if you have any additional requirements, we'll do our best to make all of your studies accessible. We're only a phone call away, and we'll also be supporting you online and via email.

To find out if you qualify for extra financial help with study and travel costs, see page 32, call us on **+44 (0)300 303 5303** or go to **www.openuniversity.co.uk/disability**.



“That’s what so great about the OU – it’s made to measure, it’s bespoke, it fits around you and your individual needs.”

Hazel Krolow,
studied with the OU

You’ll be working together with us, independently

You’ll have opportunities to take part in tutorials, and we’ll try our best to make sure you’ve got everything you need – whether you’re studying from home, at work, or on the move.

What’s more, as soon as your course starts we’ll put you in touch with a Student Support Team who can help you with any concerns about your studies.

Whatever you decide to study, you’ll find like-minded students connecting with each other in our online forums – pretty much 24 hours a day.




We have a vibrant student community

We’re here to help you every step of the way. In fact, people are often surprised by how social we are as a community – and our forums are alive with people just like you, whenever you log on, whether it’s a module discussion group or one of the many informal Facebook groups set up by students.

Students Association

All students gain automatic membership to our strong and active Students Association – run by students, for students. You’ll have the chance to influence University decisions, meet fellow students and develop new skills. To find out more go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/ousa.

You can also join the conversation at:

-  Facebook.com/OUstudents
-  Twitter.com/OUstudents
-  Instagram.com/OUstudentslive



It’s a different way of learning – but why is that so important?

It means life can carry on around you.

As you’re tapping into incomparable resources, just imagine what you could discover and achieve. We say ‘groundbreaking’: that’s not a buzzword, it’s a description of our whole approach to flexible learning.

It means your life changes for the better.

When you achieve a qualification in your own time, developing new skills in a cutting-edge learning environment, you can be reassured how impressive that is for an employer.

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World-leading research

shaping our curriculum for you



Here at The Open University we're involved in exciting forward-thinking research. All our projects align with the University's founding mission – to be open to people, places, methods and ideas. They tackle real-life issues, major global challenges, and aim to boost the UK economy in addition to promoting social justice.

Case study: Rosetta: one of the greatest space missions of our time

When the Rosetta space mission finally reached Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on 6 August 2014, it had taken just over 10 years to travel 6.4 billion kilometres across the solar system.

As one of Rosetta's technology and exploration partners, our team built scientific instrumentation used on the mission's landing craft, Philae. Ptolemy, one of the most important pieces of equipment in

the whole mission, performed isotopic measurements on solid samples being collected from the comet's surface. Some of the latest updates from Philae and Ptolemy have confirmed the comet comprises of compounds that are important in the pathway to producing sugars and amino acids, which are the building blocks of life as we know it.

Case study: Taking on fast fashion

International development is a priority for us and one key example of the progress we've made is research that's trying to reverse the tide of 'fast fashion' – looking closely at how clothes are made, sold and disposed of – and investigating people's understandings of sustainability in relation to clothing.

Case study: Monitoring the planet

Building on our successful EVOSS (European Volcano Observatory Space Services) project, our teams are developing a real-time, satellite, volcano monitoring system. The plans are to expand it worldwide. We'll be capable of providing vital information on erupted lavas, gas, eruptive columns and ash plumes anywhere – and potentially protecting the lives of hundreds if not thousands of people.



Dr Clara Mancini

Case study: Digital dog days

As a Research Fellow in the OU's Computing Research Centre, Dr Clara Mancini set up our first university research programme into Animal-Computer Interaction – developing a suite of tools to support medical detection dogs in various tasks.

Among the tools Dr Mancini and her team have developed, is a dog-friendly switch that pets can use to operate lights or doors. The team has also created a tool that lets a diabetes-alert dog call for help if a human partner becomes incapacitated following a hypoglycaemic attack.

Future plans for these tools are to link them with wireless appliances, and make the world of digital technology an even more welcome presence in many people's homes.

Case study: Caring for future citizens

It's an incredible statistic highlighting the diversity of our nation: according to the Office for National Statistics, over 25% of babies born in the UK in 2013 had foreign-born mothers. These migrant mothers use a fascinating range of skills to help their families adjust and succeed in work and education.

Dr Umüt Erel, one of our key sociology lecturers, has been leading an important seven-year research project called Migrant Mothers Caring for Future Citizens. In it, we look closely at future social policy – how mothers in immigrant communities could help to play a pivotal role in helping young citizens integrate into UK society.

Dr Erel's research forms part of the new OU research priority area, Citizenship and Governance, which is rethinking the changing relationships between states, markets and citizens in the 21st century and the challenges of governance and leadership.

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Enhancing your career prospects



Experience and expertise

Just six months after graduation, 76% of our OU undergraduates and 85% of our OU postgraduates are in employment.



Above all, the decision to join the OU shows you're taking the initiative to improve your knowledge in some way and change your life for the better. That's what's so exciting. You're in control of what happens now.

Better qualifications, better career prospects

For employers, this is a hugely significant decision. It should be no surprise to find out that OU qualifications command so much respect.

Employers the world over admire your decision to make difficult sacrifices on personal time, and enter into higher education while managing a career and your personal life.

There's no better way to show that you can recognise unique opportunities, you're ready to learn, and you're more than up for a challenge.

Our qualifications help you to discover your true potential

Think of a high street brand, an international organisation or a successful business. John Lewis perhaps, IBM or PwC, Kuehne + Nagel or Allianz. All of these employers work with us to seek out OU graduates for employment.



“One of the best things for me was the fact my courses did all involve distance learning – I’m working full time, but I could do it all from the comfort of home.”

Anita Dumbrell,
studied with the OU



You’ll be working hard, and we’ll be working hard on your behalf

Over the years, we’ve developed strong relationships with employers. The sense of respect and confidence they have for our qualifications speaks for itself. As a result, many organisations are more than happy to sponsor employees who’d like to join the OU, and provide additional support during their studies.

- Many of our materials are designed by leading public and private sector industry experts.
- We canvas skills councils, professional bodies and businesses to make sure our course content is always up to date and relevant to you as a prospective employee.
- Our qualifications are results-driven and our course content draws on real workplace situations.

Careers and employability services

From the outset, we’re here to help you whether you plan to start, change or develop your career.

Many students get in touch with us early in their studies, but we are there to help whatever stage you are at.

- You can explore a wealth of resources on our careers website to help you choose your career, identify opportunities you might not otherwise have thought of and improve your employability.
- When you are registered on a module or qualification you will have access to additional resources including online forums and webinars, support from our experienced careers team and links to many employers keen to recruit OU students.

Explore our Careers Advisory Service online at www.openuniversity.co.uk/careers.



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Getting started with an Access module

Access modules are designed to improve your confidence and refresh your study skills. You could even study for **free**.

They're also a great way to explore a subject that interests you and for getting an overall feel what it's like to learn with the OU.

Access modules give an excellent insight into the way we offer Supported Open Learning: you'll have a personal tutor providing regular feedback through one-to-one telephone tutorials and further support throughout your studies.

Each module offers a range of materials, online quizzes and course assignments that you'll complete over a period of 30 weeks. It takes around nine hours of study each week to stay on track.

You'll always get detailed written feedback on your work. And when you get that OU Access Module Certificate at the end of the course, you'll be well prepared to continue your studies towards a qualification.

Access modules start in February and October every year.

Should I start with an Access module?

If you'd like to brush up on your study skills, improve your confidence, and make a practical decision about whether or not Supported Open Learning is right for you – then yes, an Access module is the ideal starting point.

And if you have little or no experience of university-level studies, then an Access module is a perfect introduction to what's needed, what you'll have to do, and how you'll study via distance learning.

What do I need to begin my studies?

After registering you'll receive your study materials in the post.

As well as access to a phone and equipment that plays DVDs, you will need the use of a computer with internet access. You don't need to go out and buy one though, the use of one at a library or drop-in centre will be fine.

Arts and languages Access module (Y031)

This fascinating module explores a wide range of subjects – including art history, English language and English literature, and creative writing; it touches on modern languages, history, and religious studies too. It's ideal if you want to explore your creative side, have an interest in language, and want to start honing your study skills.

People, work and society Access module (Y032)

This is a multi-disciplined module – you'll be getting fascinating insights into a wide range of areas, including social sciences; health; childhood studies; law; management; and psychology. This will let you improve your subject knowledge in those areas particularly, but also prepare yourself for further study on a wide variety of qualifications.

Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)

This module introduces you to a technically oriented range of subjects, including science; engineering and design; environment; mathematics; and computing and IT. As the foundation for further studies in these fields, this is the ideal module to explore mathematical and scientific ideas and techniques.



Students who prepare by taking an Access module are more likely to be successful in their future studies.



How much will it cost?

For more information on how much an Access module will cost see page 29. You could even study for **free**.



Order an Access module brochure online at www.openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access or speak to our Student Recruitment Team on +44 (03)00 303 0069.

Open qualifications

With our BA or BSc (Hons) Open degree, you can design a qualification around subjects that interest you, or the skills and experience you need.

Our Open degree is made for you, quite literally as it offers you the UK's widest choice of subjects, which you can study in any combination. This means that you can gain knowledge and skills in a wide range of subjects, and easily change direction if your study interests change.

For example, there's nothing to stop you taking some social sciences modules, then taking one or two in engineering or technology. Or combining mathematics and music, or science and literature – it's up to you.

An Open degree will equip you with a wide range of expertise, skills and capabilities that are much sought after in today's highly competitive job market. An Open degree on your CV shows more than your level of knowledge about a subject; it demonstrates to employers that you're someone who is up for a challenge and committed to successfully seeing it through, with excellent time management and prioritising skills.

You can also choose to study towards a Certificate of Higher Education Open or Diploma of Higher Education Open which take less time to complete, and still allow you to combine your own choice of modules.

"If you've got a fascination for a particular topic then just go for it, especially with the Open degree you can pick and choose the modules that you want."

Elaine Brennan, Open degree graduate

Degree

- BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) Open degree (QD)

Diploma of Higher Education

- Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)

Certificate of Higher Education

- Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)



Great choice

The OU's Open degree is the largest degree programme in the UK.



Freedom to learn

Our Open qualifications allow you to study at your own pace, and choose the modules that interest you most.

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Arts and humanities

Exploring and analysing human culture and history, from ancient civilisations to the twenty-first century, gives a deeper insight into the world we live in and how we got here. Rewarding and enjoyable, studying the arts and humanities also develops an adaptable set of skills for a wide range of careers.



Maybe you're intrigued by ideas about human existence, the world's religions, civilisations and their histories; or perhaps you'd like to explore people's ideas and beliefs, their cultural practices and the objects they have made.

Studying arts and humanities with the OU will give you an adaptable set of skills that can lead to a vast range of career opportunities, whether you are developing your current role, retraining or starting a new career. It shows that you can work independently, think critically and read analytically, organise information, and write clearly and coherently. This makes you an effective communicator, enhancing your career prospects, as well as giving you more confidence in other areas of your life.

Arts and humanities graduates are particularly good at utilising their creative problem-solving abilities and expertise in connecting different ideas and concepts, which are valued employability skills.

These key skills can be put to use in virtually any organisation, across many different employment sectors. You could work in a range of fields in the public or private spheres, including administration, local government, the civil service, art institutions, social services, education, journalism, publishing or public relations.



More insights

Immersed in different cultures, you'll gain an understanding of the world at large – incredibly valuable to future employers.

Degrees

- **NEW** BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities (R14)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities specialising in Art History, Classical Studies, Creative Writing, English Language, English Literature, History, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, French, German or Spanish (R14)
- BA (Hons) Classical Studies (Q85)
- BA (Hons) English Language and Literature (Q39)
- BA (Hons) English Literature (Q66)
- BA (Hons) English Literature and Creative Writing (Q86)
- BA (Hons) History (Q01)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) History and Politics (Q97)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies (Q43)
- BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Q45)

Diploma of higher education

- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (W59)

Certificate of higher education

- **NEW** Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

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Business and management

It's easy to see why business and management is such a popular study choice among our students, and why hundreds of leading employers each year sponsor their staff to study with the OU.



A competitive global economy means a good grounding in business is becoming more and more useful if you want to get ahead in life – whether you're running your own company or focusing on a corporate career.

Whatever your starting point or background, The Open University Business School offers high quality qualifications that each year help over 25,000 students across 86 countries acquire the capabilities and confidence to achieve business goals in both the private and public/not-for-profit sectors.

Through your studies you'll learn about the way businesses operate, how they develop winning strategies, make decisions and manage risk. You'll also gain valuable insight into key business functions such as finance, human resources, ICT, and sales and marketing. In acquiring this real-world knowledge, which you can apply immediately in your professional life, you'll also develop a wide range of general business skills in communication, numeracy and presentation, which are valued by employers.



Practical learning

Our course materials in business and management draw on real life examples for use in the workplace – you can impress future employers with your knowledge.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Business Management (Q91)
- BA (Hons) Business Management specialising in Accounting, Economics, Innovation and Enterprise, Leadership Practice or Marketing (Q91)
- BA (Hons) Business Management (Sport and Football) (Q88)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Business (Q67)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Business Management (W51)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Business Management (Sport and Football) (W49)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Business Management (T27)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Business Management (Sport and Football) (T25)

OU certificates

- Professional Certificate in Accounting (S25)
- Professional Certificate in Management (S01)

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Computing and IT

Virtually everything we do involves computing and IT – from booking tickets online and emailing friends, to paying by credit card and using household appliances.

At the heart of digital devices are computers – ranging from the small embedded processor in your mobile phone, to the personal computer you use at home or work, and the large servers that support ecommerce and the internet. Most of us simply take this technology for granted, yet understanding how it works is fascinating.

Whether you simply have an enquiring mind, or want to learn more about this fast-growing field in order to change career direction or improve your prospects, the OU offers a wide choice of study options to meet your needs.

Computing and IT professionals with a strong skills set are very much in demand today, by both IT providers and user organisations, particularly in areas such as retail, financial services, manufacturing

and the public sector. An OU qualification will help you to get where you want to be, whether that's in development or operations, or perhaps in technical support or consultancy. And for those already working in a computing or IT role, OU study will ensure you remain at the cutting edge and give you a vital competitive advantage as you progress in your career.



Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Computing and IT (Q62)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and a second subject (business, design, mathematics, applied psychology or statistics) (Q67)
- Top-up BSc (Hons) Computing and IT Practice (Q68)

Foundation degree/Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT (W36)
- Foundation Degree in Computing and IT Practice (X15) or Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT practice (W15)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and a second subject (business, design, mathematics, applied psychology or statistics) (W42)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT (T12)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and a second subject (business, design, mathematics, applied psychology or statistics) (T13)

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Education, childhood and youth

Increase your awareness and appreciation of what it really means to grow up, learn and work in today's rapidly changing world by studying with the OU.

You may be working with – or plan to work with – children, young people, families or learners, and be interested in obtaining professionally relevant qualifications to help you fulfil your ambitions. If so, we offer nationally recognised qualifications that are flexible with well-marked stepping stones for you to follow at your own pace – from entry level, through to honours degrees. High-quality content and teaching build directly on our research work in education; psychology; social sciences; health and social care; sport and fitness; and youth work.

In addition to the new knowledge, skills and confidence you will gain, OU study opens up many worthwhile career and personal opportunities. There is a demand for well-qualified people in education, childcare, youth and community work, research, the voluntary sector, as well as local, national and international policy development.

Education, childhood and youth are high-profile areas of social policy, where radical changes in practice, service provision and training take place across all sectors. Our leading approach will bring you right up to date with the latest thinking, ideas and research, giving you a real edge.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Childhood and Youth Studies (Q23)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) Early Childhood (Q89) (also available as a 'top-up' if you've got a Foundation Degree in Early Years from another university (Q90))
- **NEW** BA (Hons) Education Studies (Primary) (Q94)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and its Learning (Q46)
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Q76)
- BA (Hons) Youth Justice Studies (England and Wales) (Q63)
- BA (Hons) Youth Work (Q55)

Diplomas of higher education/ Foundation degree

- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Early Childhood (W50)
- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Education Studies (Primary) (W54)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Sport and Fitness (W07)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Working with Young People (W03)/Foundation Degree in Working with Young People (X03)

Certificates of higher education

- **NEW** Certificate of Higher Education in Early Childhood (T26)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Education Studies (Primary) (T29)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Sport, Fitness and Management (T05)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Working with Young People (T15)



Inspiring confidence

With a qualification from the OU, you'll have an ability to develop your own authoritative voice in a highly contested career space.

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Engineering, design and technology

If you enjoy solving problems and have a good imagination, you'll find engineering, design and technology stimulating and challenging fields of study.

A qualification in any one of the subject areas we offer can bring real benefits in your professional life such as:

- exciting employment opportunities in business and industry, as well as in the public and voluntary sectors – your knowledge and expertise will be valued in the UK, Europe and around the world
- higher than average earnings, particularly if you follow up your degree to become a Chartered or Incorporated Engineer
- a skill set that's in high demand – employers in many sectors seek people with the numerical skills, creativity, scientific knowledge and team-working experience that engineering, technology and design graduates possess.

Our cutting-edge qualifications enable you to explore how to design, engineer and manage situations where technology and people interact. You'll benefit from the highest quality teaching supported by our active research, where we have particular strengths in design, sustainable technologies and structural integrity.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design (Q67)
- BA or BSc (Hons) Design and Innovation (Q61)
- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q65)
- Top-up Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Q78)
- Master of Engineering (M04)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Management and Technology (Q72)

Foundation degree/Diploma of higher education

- Foundation Degree in Engineering (X11) or Diploma of Higher Education in Engineering (W11)

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Environment and development

Climate change, global trade, energy supply, pollution, cultural conflict, biodiversity loss and poverty are defining issues at local, national and international levels. These issues are interlinked and find a common focus in environment and development.



More than ever we're living in an interconnected world where governments, organisations and individuals are all encouraged to think about the impact of their actions in international terms. Against this background, our qualifications give you the opportunity to explore the significance of some of the most challenging trends and developments that are shaping our world.

On a personal level, you'll gain a clear appreciation of how these issues are seen around the world, helping you to become a more enlightened and engaged global citizen.

On a professional level, you'll acquire skills and knowledge that are increasingly valued in careers relating to the environment and development in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Our BSc (Hons) Environmental Science focuses on the science behind environmental patterns and processes, while our BSc (Hons) Environmental Studies prioritises the social, political and economic issues at the heart of environmental problems. The BSc (Hons) Environmental Management and Technology degree develops understanding of managing complex interrelationships in environmental systems.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Q52)
- NEW BA (Hons) Environmental Studies (Q99)
- BSc (Hons) Environmental Management and Technology (Q72)
- BA (Hons) International Studies (Q11)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Management and Technology (W48)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Science (W47)
- NEW Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Studies (W58)

Certificate of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)



Research for life

Our research is helping to secure the future of species-rich meadows through improved water management regimes.

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Health and social care

Health and social care is a vast service sector undergoing radical and rapid change. The focus in frontline health and social care is giving service users more independence, choice and control.

This means there's greater demand for well-trained and multi-skilled people across a range of rewarding employment opportunities.

Providing help and care for those in need offers a unique sense of personal and career fulfilment. Through OU study you can become part of this essential and worthwhile sector, or build on your existing professional experience and progress your career in a particular area.

Our qualifications cover today's most topical and important issues, such as mental health, children and families, end-of-life care, and dementia, and are designed to inspire and challenge you. Some explore broad principles and approaches to caring, while others offer a route to a professional qualification. All draw on the latest research and the experience of practitioners to provide you with valuable insight, skills and knowledge.

Each year around 12,000 people study health and social care with us. Our students are a mix of employees and employers working in this sector, as well as service users, and friends and families involved in their care.

Students tell us how studying with the OU transforms their lives, practice and experience in relation to health and social care.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing (Q73)
- BA (Hons) Childhood and Youth Studies (Q23)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) Early Childhood (Q89)
- BSc (Hons) Healthcare and Health Science (Q96)
- BA (Hons) Health and Social Care (Q18)
- BSc (Hons) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing (Q74)
- BSc (Hons) Nursing Practice (Q53)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (England/Scotland/Wales) (Q32/Q41/Q42)
- BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) graduate-entry route (Q50)
- BSc (Hons) Sport, Fitness and Coaching (Q76)
- BA (Hons) Youth Justice Studies (England and Wales) (Q63)

Foundation degrees/ Diplomas of higher education

- Foundation Degree in Counselling (X09) or Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling (W09)
- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Early Childhood (W50)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)
- Foundation Degree in Healthcare Practice (X16) or Diploma of Higher Education in Healthcare Practice (W16)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Social Care (Scotland) (W31)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Sport and Fitness (W07)



Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Adult Health and Social Care (T23)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Children and Families (T24)
- **NEW** Certificate of Higher Education in Early Childhood (T26)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare Practice (T01)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare with Health Science (T28)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care (England/Scotland/Wales) (T02/T03/T04)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Sport, Fitness and Management (T05)

OU certificates

- Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)
- Certificate in Promoting Public Health (S13)

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Languages

Whether it's for general interest or to further your career, learning a new language is an enjoyable and rewarding experience that opens up new horizons.

Learning with the OU means you'll be studying with the UK's largest provider of open-entry, part-time language degrees.

Whether you're a complete beginner or want to develop your existing skills, we offer a step-by-step way of achieving qualifications in French, German and Spanish with the possibility of also studying Chinese and Italian. Alongside modern languages, you can also learn about the English language – its history, impact on the world today and role in communication from Shakespeare to social media.

Learning a language and how languages work, including the English language, opens doors to other cultures and communities, giving you an experience of the world that

goes deeper than the average tourist trip. It can also provide a key to the global workplace.

By using printed materials, interactive online resources and tutorials with other students, you'll develop proficiency in all four language skills: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Studying languages will improve your written and oral communication skills, and will help you to gather, assess and interpret information, as well as develop your confidence. These skills are highly valued in the global job market and will be appreciated by employers in whatever career you enter.



Satisfied students

Ask our students what they think of us: 92% were very satisfied with our modern languages' modules in a recent survey.

Degrees

- **NEW** BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities with English Language, French, German or Spanish (R14)
- BA (Hons) English Language and Literature (Q39)
- BA (Hons) Language Studies (Q30)

Diplomas of higher education

- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (W59)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Language Studies (W41)

Certificates of higher education

- **NEW** Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Language Studies (T21)

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Law is a foundation stone of society and plays an increasingly important and visible role in all areas of modern life.



It is a subject with a great tradition and a dynamic future. Social and environmental responsibilities, the way businesses operate, and international codes of conduct are all determined and upheld by legal systems.

Studying law is stimulating in its own right but it's also a smart career move. A law degree is a first and necessary step if you want to practise law professionally. It's also an asset for many careers that are not directly related to law. For instance, roles in finance, human resources, local government or general management all benefit from a legal background, whether in corporate business, local and central government, or the voluntary sector.

If your goal is to work as a professional lawyer, then studying our Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) is a great starting point. Completion within six years (or five years for graduates) counts as a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD) in England and Wales, which satisfies the professional bodies' first stage of training as a solicitor or barrister.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Criminology and Law (Q92)
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB) (Q79)
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (graduate entry) (LLB) (Q80)
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Law (Q93)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Law (W52)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology and Law (W53)



Respected popularity

We run the largest, most popular undergraduate law programme in the UK – our standards speak volumes to future employers.

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Mathematics and statistics

Mathematics and statistics play a part in almost all daily activities. They are at the heart of advances in science and technology, as well as being indispensable problem solving and decision making tools in many aspects of life.



Forecasting the weather or movements in the stock market, planning travel timetables, or calculating how much water is needed to fill a swimming pool; all rely on mathematics or statistics.

Do you:

- Need numerical and analytical skills to enhance your job performance and prospects?
- Relish the intellectual challenge of learning the techniques and powerful abstract structures used by professional mathematicians and statisticians?
- Want to be well ahead of your children's learning?

Whatever your reasons for studying, the OU offers a great choice. We're the UK's largest provider of higher education teaching in mathematics and statistics.

A qualification in mathematics or statistics will always count in your favour whatever you do, or plan to do, in your career. There's particularly strong demand in teaching, finance, ICT and market research for people with training in these subjects. There's also plenty of scope to use your skills in other sectors, with health, psychology, and sales and marketing being popular options.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Mathematics (Q67)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Statistics (Q67)
- BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematical Sciences (Q15)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics (Q31)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and its Learning (Q46)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics (Q77)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Statistics (Q36)

Diploma of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Mathematical Sciences (W43)

Certificate of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Mathematical Sciences (T14)



Teaching excellence

We are the largest provider of part-time undergraduate mathematics and statistics in the UK.

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Psychology and counselling

We're all interested in what makes us who and what we are; how we think, act and interact with others.



As an OU student of psychology – studying the science of human mind and behaviour – you will understand ideas, theories and methods; analyse and evaluate psychological concepts; and develop skills in assessing and using different kinds of evidence. It is an applied science with relevance to many social and global issues.

You will be able to use the knowledge and skills you develop to take advantage of job opportunities in education, industry, the health professions, management, advertising and marketing, human resources, research, counselling, and social services. You can study theoretical perspectives in counselling, either as part of your psychology study or combined with courses from other providers to enable you to become a professional counsellor.

The OU is Europe's largest provider of university-level education in psychology. Our diverse topics are supported by an active research agenda, and we have specialist experts in areas such as social psychology; counselling psychology; forensic psychology; psycho-social studies; developmental psychology; discourse analysis; and cognitive psychology and neuropsychology.

Many of our degrees are designed to deliver the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS), providing the recognised foundation for further training to become a professional psychologist.

Accredited degrees

- BSc (Hons) Psychology (Q07)
- BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology (Q82)
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling (Q84)
- BSc (Hons) Social Psychology (Q83)

Other psychology degrees

- BA (Hons) Combined Social Sciences (Psychology) (Q69)
- BA (Hons) Computing & IT and Applied Psychology (Q67)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology (Q98)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies (Q43)
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Law (Q93)



Foundation degree/Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Combined Social Sciences (W40)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Applied Psychology (W42)
- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology (W57)
- Foundation Degree in Counselling (X09) or Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling (W09)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology (W45)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology and Law (W53)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Applied Psychology (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Psychology (T22)

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Science

Science is about creativity, discovery and problem solving and offers the chance to improve our world's future.



Advances in areas such as global health, the natural environment, communications, food production, healthcare and transport all depend on fresh knowledge emerging from science's many disciplines.

Study science with the OU and you'll enhance your understanding of the world and enrich your intellectual and personal development.

You may be looking to change or progress your career, or you may simply want to explore a subject that really interests you. The depth and breadth of our science programmes attract over 15,000 students each year, so whatever your motivation there's sure to be a qualification to challenge and reward you.

You'll benefit from the highest quality teaching, fed by our active involvement in international research programmes ranging across the biological sciences; chemistry; Earth sciences; environmental science; planetary and space sciences; and physics and astronomy.

You can use your science knowledge and skills in many different careers and sectors. Ecology, journalism, education, agriculture and health are just a few. And by extending your interests and studying for a degree, you're likely to increase your lifetime earnings significantly.

Degrees

- BSc (Hons) Environmental Science (Q52)
- BSc (Hons) Health Sciences (Q71)
- BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Physics (Q77)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Q64)
- BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences (Q64) specialising in astronomy and planetary science, biology, chemistry, Earth sciences, environmental science or physics

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Science (W47)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Natural Sciences (W37)

Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Natural Sciences (T11)

OU certificates

- Certificate in Astronomy and Planetary Science (S10)
- Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)
- Certificate in Physics (S20)

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Social sciences

Thousands of students study social sciences with the OU each year, gaining fascinating insights into everyday life in our communities, families and workplaces.

By studying how people, groups and institutions exercise power and respond to political and economic forces, you'll be able to make sense of what's happening in our ever changing world. Is there a link between poverty and crime? Why do people smoke when they know the risks? Social questions such as these provide invaluable information for making decisions based on the best evidence.

On a professional level, social sciences studies equip you with a range of skills that will appeal to potential employers and enhance your career prospects. People with a social sciences background are found in just about every occupation and sector. Education, central and local government, finance, health and social care, law, the media, public services, and research are frequent career choices.

An OU qualification in social sciences could be just the qualification you need to climb the career ladder. However far you decide to take your studies, learning with the OU brings many advantages – we are widely recognised for: our high-quality teaching; the employability of our students; and the thriving research agenda that shapes study content, producing modules which reflect developments at the frontiers of research.

Degrees

- BA (Hons) Combined Social Sciences (Q69)
- BA (Hons) Combined Social Sciences (Criminology, Economics, Geography, Politics, Psychology or Sociology) (Q69)
- BA (Hons) Criminology and Law (Q92)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology (Q98)
- BSc (Hons) Economics and Mathematical Sciences (Q15)
- **NEW** BA (Hons) History and Politics (Q97)
- BA (Hons) International Studies (Q11)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies (Q43)
- BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics (Q45)

Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Combined Social Sciences (W40)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Law (W52)
- **NEW** Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology (W57)

Certificate of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Sciences (T06)



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Practical information



**To achieve your chosen qualification,
you need to build up a set number of credits.**



You gain credits by completing a series of modules.
Credits vary by module.



You choose the modules you want to study, year by year.
Depending on your qualification, some modules may be compulsory while others may be selected from a set of options.

How it works



Studied before?

Half of our Open degree students transfer credits from previous study, so your degree may be closer than you think.

We believe that the grades you got at school aren't the only measure of ability, which is why you don't need any previous qualifications to study with us, but you do need:

- **A computer and reliable internet access** – they're an essential part of our study programmes. Depending on where you live and how much you earn, you could receive financial help to buy a computer.
- **A good grasp of the English language** – our modules are taught in English and you need to be a competent user of the English language to study at higher-education level. If you're not sure, help and guidance are available at www.openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage.

Decide what you'd like to study

We offer the following qualifications:

- **Degrees** – named degrees in a specific subject or an Open degree
- **Foundation degrees**
- **Diplomas of higher education (DipHE)**
- **Certificates of higher education (DipHE)**

A degree in a named subject

These degrees are widely recognised among employers as being confirmation you've achieved a significant level of expertise in a field of study. The modules you'll need to study will be mainly in your chosen subject.

An Open degree

Our most popular degree lets you tailor a qualification to your needs and interests, with a wider range of module choice. You can combine modules from similar or different subjects to suit either your particular career or personal interests.

You'll need **360 credits** to be awarded a named or Open degree with honours.

Foundation degree

Foundation degrees focus on a particular job or profession, so you must be working or volunteering in a related work setting. They're the equivalent to two thirds of an honours degree – and most of these degrees are also offered as diplomas of higher education for people living or working in Scotland.

You need **240 credits** to complete a foundation degree.

Diploma of higher education (DipHE)

Our diplomas of higher education focus on a specific area of expertise. That may be a job, a profession or a particular subject. Equivalent to two-thirds of an honours degree, they'll help you expand your knowledge and improve your current skillset.

You'll need **240 credits** to complete a diploma.

Certificate of higher education (CertHE)

Equivalent to the first year of an honours degree, a certificate of higher education is perfect for rounding your knowledge in a particular skillset or area of study.

You'll need **120 credits** to complete a certificate.

Count your previous study

If you've studied at higher education level before, you may be able to count this study towards your OU qualification, reducing the cost and saving you time too. To find out how this works, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer.

Plan your time

Most OU students study part-time. Exactly how long it takes depends on how many credits you achieve each year, and which qualification you're working towards.

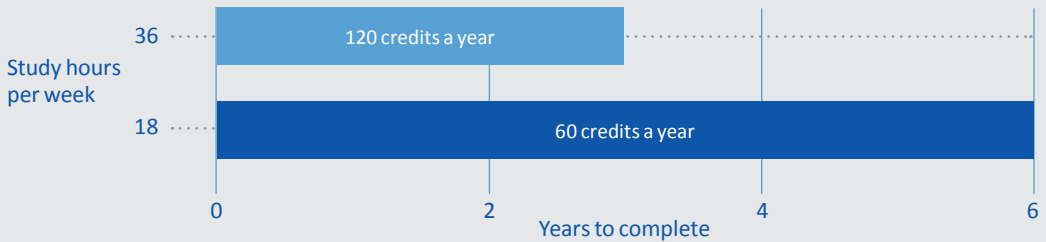
If you're thinking of studying full time, you'll need to plan your studies carefully as it involves studying more than one module at a time – we don't recommend you take on more than two modules simultaneously. You'll also need to bear in mind that, depending on your chosen qualification, the required modules may not all be

available within your study year or may not be studied together for academic reasons. If this is the case, you won't be able to study full-time.

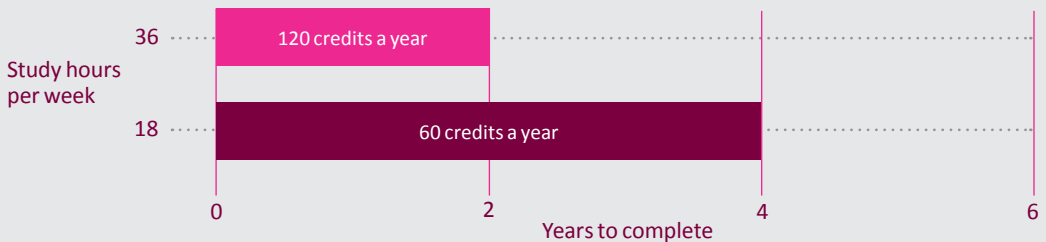
The table below gives some examples of how long it will take to complete a qualification.

Qualifications

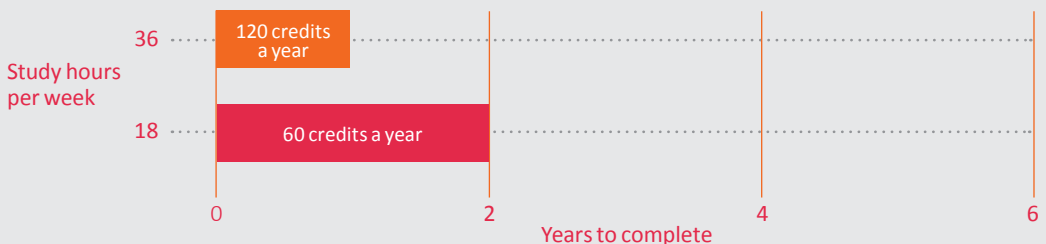
Degree (360 credits)



Foundation degree/Diploma of higher education (240 credits)



Certificate of higher education (120 credits)



Studying at a rate of 30 credits a year will require nine hours of study per week. It will take double the time of studying 60 credits a year to complete your qualification.

Deciding which qualification you'll study is the first step. Then it's time to work out how you'll go about funding those studies. We work hard to keep the costs low without compromising the quality of our teaching, meaning you get value for money.

We'll do our best to help you find a way of paying that suits your circumstances.

Access modules

You may qualify for a free Access module

It's our aim to do everything we can to help people who'd like to take their education further. We start by offering you the opportunity to study a free Access module if you meet the following eligibility criteria:

- you are resident in the UK or have a BFPO address outside the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man)
- you are studying the module as an additional preparatory stage towards an OU qualification (this doesn't apply if you are resident in Scotland)
- you have a household income (or a personal income if you live in Scotland) of £25,000 or less, or are receiving qualifying benefits
- you have not completed any more than one year on a full-time undergraduate programme at NQF level 4/ SCQF level 7 or above, or completed 30 credits or more of OU study.

If you don't qualify for a free Access module

The cost of an Access module varies depending on where you live:

- if you live in England, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man the fee is £696.
- if you live in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales the fee is £233.

You can pay up front by debit/credit card or by bank transfer, or you could spread the cost of your studies with an Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA), see page 31 for more information.

If you're studying the Access module as an additional preparatory stage towards an OU qualification, and you live in England or Wales, you may like to think about covering the costs with a student loan, see page 31.



“The tutor was great – supportive, clever and challenging – and the materials were superb.”

Josephine Brew,
studied with the OU

Understanding the OU’s fees

If you’re ready to study for a qualification such as a degree in a named subject or an Open degree, you can use the guide below to get an idea of the costs involved. You’ll pay on a module-by-module basis, so you don’t need to worry about paying for it all up front.

Living in England

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
30 credits	£1393
60 credits	£2786
120 credits	£5572

¹16/17 prices; fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University’s strategic approach to fees.

At today’s prices, the total cost of a 360 credit honours degree would be £16,716.

Living in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
30 credits	£466–£598
60 credits	£893–£1065
120 credits	£1786–£2130

¹16/17 prices; fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University’s strategic approach to fees.

Please note that fees for professionally relevant programmes of study (e.g. law) may be significantly higher than the ranges quoted.

At today’s prices, the typical cost of a 360-credit honours degree would be between £5358 and £6390.

Living outside the UK

If you’re living outside the UK, the fees will be the same as those for students living in England.

Additional costs

There may be extra costs on top of our tuition fees such as travel to tutorials, set books and internet access.

Ways to pay

We offer various ways to pay for your study.

Student finance

Living in England or Wales

Student Finance England and Student Finance Wales offer student loans to fund study.

Irrespective of how old you are or how much you earn, a student loan may be the best way to pay for your studies if you live in England or Wales. It's the most popular way to pay, and you only start paying it back when your salary exceeds the income threshold, currently £21,000.

Example repayment amounts:

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment
Up to £21,000	£0
£22,000	£7
£25,000	£30
£30,000	£67

To qualify for a loan, you'll need to be studying at least one OU module, worth 30 credits.

If you get a student loan:

- You'll have nothing to pay for up to four years.
- Repayments will be based on what you earn, not what you owe.
- Payments will be deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- If, for any reason, there's a balance outstanding after 30 years – it'll be written off.

Living in Northern Ireland or Scotland

If you live in Northern Ireland you may be eligible for a Fee Grant of up to £1230 to help towards the cost of your module fees. The amount you get depends on how much you earn and how many credits you're studying.

If you live in Scotland and your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you're on certain benefits, you could qualify for a Part-Time Fee Grant to cover 100% of your course fees. It isn't a loan – you won't need to pay it back.

Study support or discretionary funds

You may be eligible for means tested funding. It's for study related costs such as travel, childcare and internet access.

Self-funded studies

We make it easy to pay for your studies straight away with a credit or debit card, or via a bank transfer.

Or you could pay for your studies with an Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA), see opposite for more information.

Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd (OUSBA)

OUSBA offers a helpful way to budget for your qualification over a longer period of time, especially if you're studying alongside a career, or have a young family.

Pay by instalments – OUSBA can work out your OU fee and pay it, on your behalf, to the OU. OUSBA then spreads the fee and the interest payable over up to one year, letting you pay back your fees monthly.

Register first, pay later – OUSBA can pay your full module fee direct to the OU. You then repay OUSBA interest-free, in full, just before your module starts. 0% APR representative.

You must be at least 18 years of age and credit is subject to your financial circumstances and status.

Employer sponsorship

When you're better qualified, you're a more valuable employee. So it's always worth talking to your employer, to find out if the company or organisation would be willing to sponsor you.

MORE ONLINE



To find out more about paying for your studies, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/fees-ug

Or call an OU adviser on **+44 (0)300 303 5303**

Other useful information

Studying outside the UK

Wherever you are in the world, you may be able to study direct with the OU.

For information on available qualifications, your study experience, and what the OU can offer you, go to www.openuniversity.edu or call **+44 (0)300 303 0266**.

Equality and diversity

We're committed to creating an inclusive university community, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We will challenge inequality, and anticipate and respond positively to different needs so that everyone can achieve their potential.

More information is available on our Equality and Diversity website, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/equality.

Students under the age of 16

Very exceptionally, we consider applications from particularly gifted students under the age of 16. If you'd like to make an application, please contact us directly on **+44 (0)300 303 5303**.

Data protection

We record your personal information when you contact us and use this to manage registration, study, examination and other services. When you register, we'll tell you more about how we process and use your personal information.

Calls may be recorded to help us improve what we do for you.

Contacting us in writing

If you need to contact us in writing, you can use the following address:

**The Student Recruitment Team
The Open University
PO Box 197
Milton Keynes
MK7 6BJ
United Kingdom**

Students with additional needs

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