



Your 2025/2026

Computing and IT Prospectus



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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.

- Gain a globally recognised, high-quality university education.
- Develop the skills and confidence employers are looking for.
- Get a step closer to your dream career.
- Explore your passion and what you're capable of.
- 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 home of distance and online learning

Achieve a career-boosting qualification with the experts in bringing university to you. For over 50 years, we've pioneered a more flexible way to learn and are a world leader in high-quality distance education.

Studying with the OU means you have the freedom to achieve a respected university qualification on your terms. You can learn whenever suits you, fitting study around your job, family, and social life. Plus, you'll get expert support from a dedicated tutor at every step, free careers advice, and be part of the UK's biggest student community.

When it comes to course quality, you'll be learning from the best. Named 'University of the Year for Teaching Excellence 2025' (Daily Mail University Guide), we're proud to be globally recognised for our teaching and part of an elite group of universities to achieve overall Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework. So whatever your goals, we're here to help you make them a reality.

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.
- Invest in your future – we're rated as one of the top three universities for employability and can support you with careers guidance, networking and more.
- Learn and earn – 69% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- Gain a qualification employers respect – 72% of FTSE 100 companies have sponsored their staff to study with us.
- Be inspired – 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*.

Rated **Gold** in the
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Top 3 in the UK
for employability



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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 university for undergraduate students in the UK.

Learn on your terms

OU study is truly flexible. You can access your course materials 24/7 and study anytime, anywhere you like.

You'll also have the support of a dedicated tutor, plus our student support and careers teams are ready to guide you as soon as you start studying.

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

Learn from the best

You'll have access to top-quality course materials and be taught by our network of more than 4,500 expert tutors, who are subject specialists. Many combine their teaching work with academic or industry roles, which means you'll receive teaching that's innovative and inspired by the latest insights.

OU study has changed me as a person. It's made me realise that you can actually do anything you want to.

Misty Crew
OU graduate

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 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

There are lots 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 OU students.

When you register, you'll become a member of our Students Association. It's a great way to meet other students, take part in societies and help influence University decisions. See how to get involved at [oustudents.com](https://www.oustudents.com).

Get social with us

-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudentslive

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 that the OU gives you the flexibility to study around your job or other commitments.

Bringing university to you, wherever you are

We've continuously developed our teaching methods for over 50 years so that you can fit a high-quality university education around your busy life.

We're dedicated to giving you the very best experience and are proud to be recognised for our teaching – we're the *Daily Mail* University of the Year for Teaching Excellence and were awarded overall Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework.

We're respected by employers

An OU qualification is globally recognised and will give you the skills and confidence employers look for. Research shows that employers rate OU students as being work-ready, adaptable and self-starters – qualities that can help your CV to stand out from the crowd.

You can study around work and put what you learn into practice immediately, helping you to boost your career prospects long before you graduate. Plus, we'll help you to plan ahead with free careers advice, resources and networking opportunities as soon as you become an OU student.



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 part of 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 195,000 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 courses 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.

Named degree

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

Open degree

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

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 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

Achieve your goals with us

We've been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. Meet some of the incredible OU students and graduates who have used their studies to transform their futures.

There's lots of pressure to follow the same path as everyone else, but it's not the only way. The OU has helped me to achieve my career goals and given me the freedom to make my own decisions.

Eileanoir Blair
OU graduate



As a working mum, I knew that physically attending university wasn't possible – the OU is the perfect solution. I can get on with my life while I complete my studies.

Chido Manyande
OU student



I left school with few qualifications and, thanks to the OU, I'm on course to be a lawyer with a job offer from one of the best law firms in the world!

Thomas Barry
OU student



My career progression has been amazing – OU study equipped me for a successful career; I'd recommend it to anyone. If a CV came across my desk from someone with an OU degree, it would stand out straight away.

James Bransgrove
OU graduate



Chat with OU students

Find out more about the OU study experience by talking to some of our current students.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ask-a-student



Welcome to Computing and IT

As well as being fundamental to how we live, work and play, Computing and IT is a rapidly growing employment sector. And the UK is a world leader in producing talented graduates. Our dynamic teaching and leading-edge research will help you whether you're looking to upgrade your skills and understanding or advance your career.

By studying Computing and IT with us, you could:

- ▶ **gain real-world experience, studying modules developed with industry partners**
- ▶ **launch your career in areas such as:**
 - **artificial intelligence**
 - **cyber security**
 - **network engineering**
- ▶ **achieve a professionally accredited qualification.**

Our practical qualifications allow you to follow study routes and choose modules that fit your interests and match your career goals.

From cyber security to artificial intelligence, our pioneering research means the latest technological developments inform our teaching.

Undergraduate

At undergraduate level, our subjects include:

- computer science with artificial intelligence
- computing and IT
- cyber security
- network engineering
- software development.

Student loans for degree holders

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

You can apply for a second loan if you live in England or Wales and want to re-skill or upskill in a STEM subject, such as Computing and IT.

For more information and a list of eligible qualifications, go to openuniversity.co.uk/quals.

Postgraduate

Our postgraduate courses are ideal if you want to deepen your knowledge and experience, and they provide an excellent basis for further studies at doctoral level.

At postgraduate level, our subjects include:

- computing
- cyber security
- software engineering.



Studying at the OU has boosted my confidence, and I have discovered that I have the determination to achieve my personal goals. I recommend anyone to embark on an OU course; it will be the first step to success and achieving your goals.



Rasha Mourd
BSc (Hons) Computing and IT student

Professional accreditation

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, accredits many of our undergraduate Computing and IT degrees and our MSc in Computing.

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) provisionally certifies our MSc in Cyber Security.

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) has approved three of our Diplomas of Higher Education as Higher Technical Qualifications in England.



Certified Degree



in association with
National Cyber Security Centre



Apprenticeships

We also offer computing-related apprenticeships in England and Wales.

Want to study an apprenticeship? You'll need to ask your employer to contact us at apprenticeships@open.ac.uk.

Learn more at openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships.

Working with industry

Our Industrial Advisory Board includes senior representation from companies like IBM and Cisco. The board provides expert industrial and professional perspectives to help us shape our teaching to the needs of industry now and in the future.

Boost your career prospects

Employers tell us they highly value Open University Computing and IT students and graduates for their initiative, commercial and sector awareness and problem-solving skills. Some modules have built-in vendor certification, such as Cisco network engineering and DevOps using the Cisco DevNet Associate accreditation.

Your Open University IT qualification could be your springboard for vocational training, postgraduate study or a career in areas such as:

- business intelligence and analytics
- cyber security
- database and systems management
- programming and software, web or application development
- system or application analysis.

We're proud that OU students and alumni are using their OU Computing and IT learning and qualifications to progress their careers and land positions in world-leading companies such as Google, IBM and Microsoft.

Committed to equality

Our School of Computing and Communications' Athena Swan Silver Award recognises its gender equity efforts. AdvanceHE's Athena Swan Charter framework supports and transforms gender equality within higher education and research.



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

You don't need to commit to a full degree. We offer certificates and diplomas 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:

Stages

You'll need to complete:

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

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

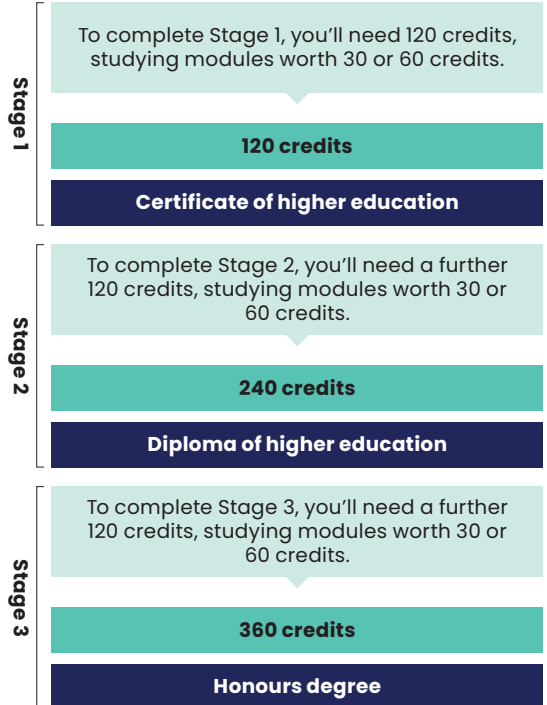
Credits

- You'll need at least 120 credits to complete each stage.
- You gain credits by passing modules.

Modules

- 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 module¹
An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.



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

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 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 passing modules. These 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.

60 credits
at postgraduate level.

Postgraduate certificate

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level,
totalling **120 credits**.

Postgraduate diploma

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level,
totalling **180 credits**.

Masters degree



Learn more

Find out more about postgraduate study at the OU.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual

Prepare for study with an Access module

No matter your background or study experience, we're here to help you succeed. That's why 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](https://www.openuniversity.co.uk/ready).

Access modules are only available to residents of the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland.

How Access modules work

Each week you'll work through a mix 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 and October and typically require around nine or ten hours of study per week over 30 weeks. In February and May, we also offer a fast-track option which allows you to complete your module in 18 weeks by increasing your weekly study time.

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 for more information on what you'll need for your chosen course.

What you can study

Each Access module explores key 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 technical subjects, including computing and IT, design, engineering, environment, mathematics and science.

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) – also available as *Business and law Access module: fast track* (YXFT035) from February 2026
- *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module* (Y034) – also available as *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module: fast track* (YXFT034).



You could study for free

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

To qualify, you must:

- be resident 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.

How much does an Access module cost?

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

- England, it's £973
- the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, it's £1,023
- Ireland, it's £917
- Northern Ireland, it's £310
- Scotland, it's £318
- Wales, it's £328.

You can pay upfront by debit or credit card or by bank transfer. You can also 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 their next course.

Learn more about Access modules



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access

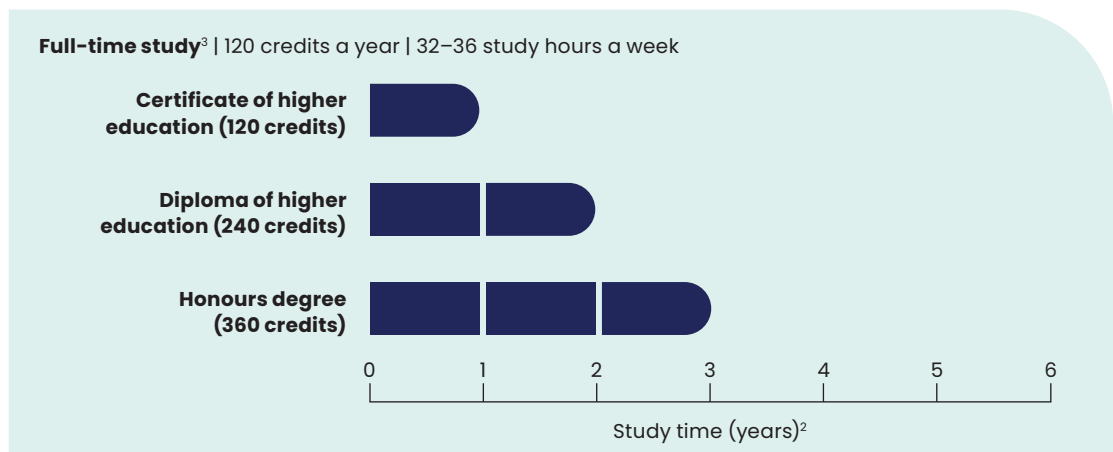
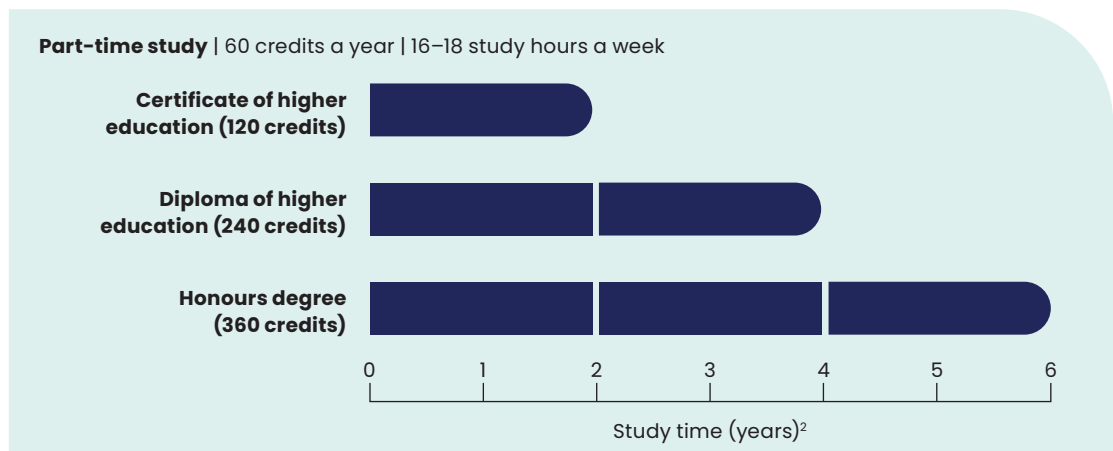
How long your qualification will take

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

How long it will take to gain your qualification depends on the course you've chosen and the amount of credits you study each year. Studying 60 credits a year is half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. To complete your studies at a pace equivalent to full-time, you'll need to gain 120 credits per year.

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



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 include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award your qualification.

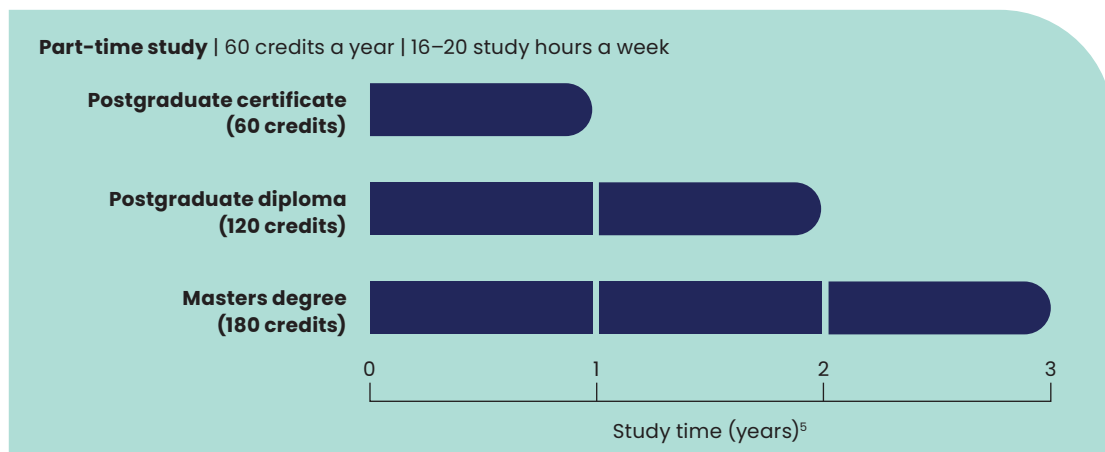
³ All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you study at a pace that's equivalent to full-time.

Postgraduate qualifications

The time it takes 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.⁴



⁴ Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.

⁵ Study time is the period between starting your first module and completing your last module. It doesn't include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award your qualification.

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 modules you need to study.

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

Plan your time

Find out more about the time you need to study.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/time



Supporting you to succeed

You're never alone when you're studying with The Open University. You'll be part of our global community of students, expert tutors and advisers, all ready to help you get the most out of your journey.

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. 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.

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 Welcome events where you'll meet other members of the OU community.
- 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.



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

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 StudentHome where you'll be able to:

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

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
- 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 buy one
- a basic level of digital skills, such as using a web browser or working with documents and applications. Find out more about the computing skills you'll need, visit openuniversity.co.uk/computer-skills
- 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.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
60	£3,892
120	£7,784

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £23,352.

¹ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. In England, fees are subject to the part-time fee limit, as set out in section 5 of the University's Fee Rules (openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ²
60	£1,240
120	£2,480

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,440.

² 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ³
60	£1,272
120	£2,544

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,632.

³ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁴
60	£1,312
120	£2,624

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £7,872.

⁴ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁵
60	£3,666
120	£7,332

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £21,996.

⁵ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING OUTSIDE THE UK AND IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁶
60	£4,092
120	£8,184

Based on today's prices, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree is £24,552.

⁶ 2025/26 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Our module fees include your module materials, tuition, assessment, and exams. However, 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, 85% 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 will be written off after 40 years.

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

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment ⁷
Up to £25,000	£0
£27,000	£15.00
£30,000	£37.50

⁷ 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.

Already have an undergraduate degree?

You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in England or Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

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 a maximum of £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 to cover 100% of your course fees. You're likely to 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 will be written off after 30 years.

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

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment ⁹
Up to £27,295	£0
£29,000	£12.79
£34,000	£50.29

⁹ 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.

Already have an undergraduate degree?

You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

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

Care Experienced Scholarship⁹

If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life and are 30 or under, you may be able to study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Carers' Scholarship Fund⁹

If you are, or have recently been, an unpaid carer, you may be able to study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Disabled Students' Allowance⁹

You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund⁹

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 Scholarship⁹

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 Students⁹

If you identify as being from a Black background, you could study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Study-related costs⁹

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.

⁹ UK residents only.

Find out more

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees
 Call
 0300 303 5303

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 AND WALES

Postgraduate loan

You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £12,858 from Student Finance England or up to £19,255 from Student Finance Wales.

- 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 or Wales
- 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.

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 the duration of your studies.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £24,990 in Northern Ireland and £31,395 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £35,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £324.45 that year (9% of £3,605). That's just £27 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.

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 a resident of 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

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

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

Hayes Postgraduate Scholarship¹

If you're studying an Engineering or Computing masters degree, you could be eligible to complete it for free.

OU bursaries¹

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.



Find your undergraduate course

Computing and IT

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BSc (Hons) Computing and IT

With this degree, you'll become a confident user and manager of information technologies, able to administer and manage network or database systems and develop software solutions.

Computing and IT skills have become fundamental to how we live, work, socialise and play. They can open the world of technology and an array of exciting career opportunities. This degree will teach you the principles of hardware-based, software-based, or systems-based technologies. You'll be able to apply your knowledge and skills in a broad range of industries and organisations.

Why this qualification?

- Choose from three specialist routes or a broad-based route.
- Choose modules to meet your needs and interests.

Accreditation

Accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT:

- meeting the academic requirement for Chartered IT Professional,
- for the award of Euro-Inf Bachelor Quality Label on behalf of EQANIE,
- and on behalf of the Engineering Council for Incorporated Engineer.



Are you ready?

Your mathematical skills must be appropriate to study at this level. Check you're ready at openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT (W36)
openuniversity.co.uk/w36

Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and IT (T12)
openuniversity.co.uk/t12

Qualification structure

You'll choose **one** of four routes:

- **broad-based**
- **communications and networking**
- **communications and software**
- **software.**

The example below shows **communications and software**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q62 for details.

Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Introduction to computing and information technology 1 (TM111) (30 credits)	Compulsory modules
	Introduction to computing and information technology 2 (TM112) (30 credits)	Option modules
	Techologies in practice (TM129) (30 credits)	Intermediate qualifications
	Discovering mathematics (MU123) (30 credits) OR Essential mathematics 1 (MST124) (30 credits)	Awarded qualification
Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and IT (T12)		
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Communication and information technologies (TM255) (30 credits)	
	Managing IT: the why, the what and the how (TM254) (30 credits)	
	Object-oriented Java programming (M250) (30 credits)	
	Web technologies (TM252) (30 credits)	
Diploma of Higher Education in Computing and IT (W36)		
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Communications technology (TM355) (30 credits)	
	Software engineering (TM354) (30 credits)	
	You'll choose 30 credits from a selection of modules – go to openuniversity.co.uk/q62	
	The computing and IT project (TM470) (30 credits)	
BSc (Hons) Computing and IT (Communications and Software)		

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

At a glance

Course code Q62

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025
Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026
Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026
Register by 12 Mar 2026

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 are 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/q62
Call
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Top-up BSc (Hons) Computing and IT Practice

Top-up to an honours degree in two years if you have a foundation degree or equivalent qualification.

This degree will put you in a solid position to develop a career in information technology. You'll be able to engage with challenges such as the specification, design, deployment and management of computing and IT systems. Choose modules to suit your career goals and finish with a project on a topic based on one of those modules.

Why this qualification?

- Build on the study you've already done and finish in only two years.
- Choose modules to meet your needs and interests.
- Gain practical experience of independent learning and reflective practice.

Accreditation

Accredited by BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT:

- meeting the academic requirement for Chartered IT Professional,
- for the award of Euro-Inf Bachelor Quality Label on behalf of EQANIE,
- and on behalf of the Engineering Council for Incorporated Engineer.



Did you know?

The Open University has the largest Cisco Academy in the UK.

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:
Cisco networking (CCNA) part 2 (TM357) (30 credits)
Communications technology (TM355) (30 credits)
Data management and analysis (TM351) (30 credits)
Information security (TM311) (30 credits)
Interaction design and the user experience (TM356) (30 credits)
IT systems: planning for success (TM353) (30 credits)
Machine learning and artificial intelligence (TM358) (30 credits)
Software engineering (TM354) (30 credits)
Systems penetration testing (TM359) (30 credits)
Web, mobile and cloud technologies (TM352) (30 credits)

Option modules

Compulsory module

Awarded qualification

The computing and IT project (TM470) (30 credits)

BSc (Hons) Computing and IT Practice

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

At a glance

Course code Q68

Total credits 120

Start date

Oct 2025
 Applications close
 14 Aug 2025

Entry requirements

Foundation Degree/
 DipHE/HND (or equivalent)
 in Computing and IT
 (or a related subject)

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

Study duration

Part-time study: 2 years
 Full-time study: 1 year

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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.



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openuniversity.co.uk/q68
 Call
0300 303 5303





BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and a second subject

Computing & IT studied with a second subject can open career opportunities in various sectors.

This degree combines computing & IT and a second subject – choose from business, design, mathematics, psychology and statistics. You'll divide your time equally between the computing & IT modules and the complementary subject modules. So, the name of your degree will include your second subject, e.g. BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Design.

Why this qualification?

- Tailor a study programme to meet your needs and interests.
- Choose from four focus options within the computing & IT strand.
- Choose from five subject options.

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 a second subject (W42)
openuniversity.co.uk/w42

Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and a second subject (T13)
openuniversity.co.uk/t13

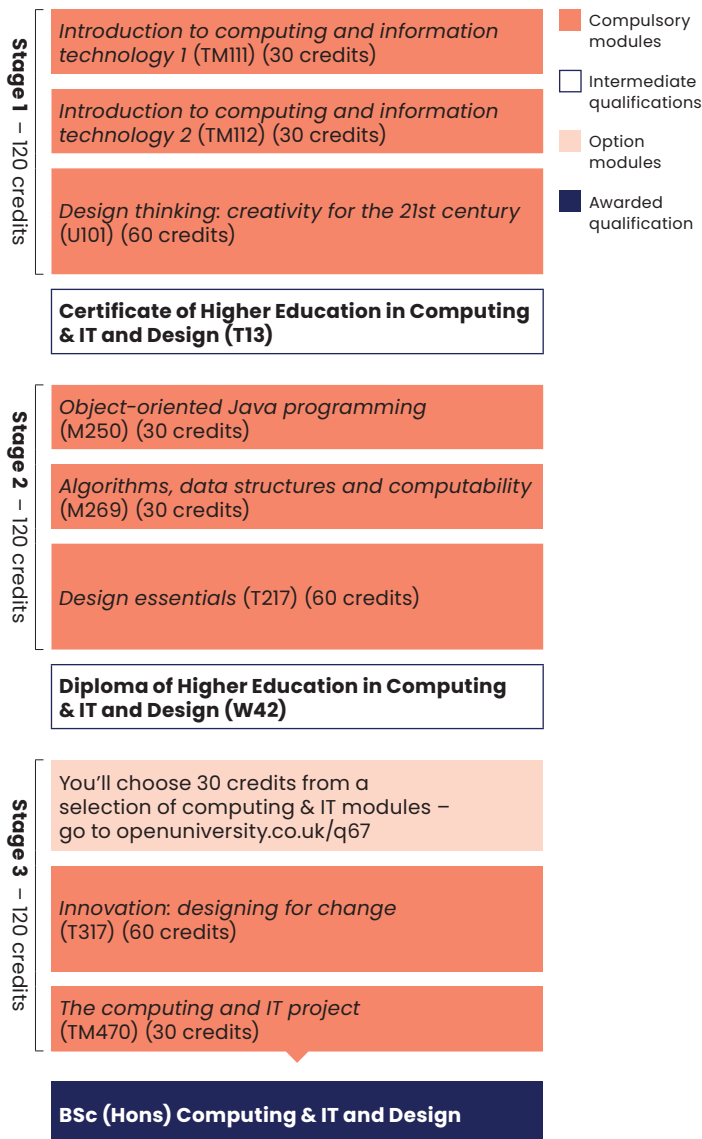
Qualification structure

You'll choose:

1. **One** focus area from:
 - **communications and networking**
 - **computer science**
 - **software development**
 - **web development.**
2. **One** second subject from:
 - **business**
 - **design**
 - **mathematics**
 - **psychology**
 - **statistics.**

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

Example route



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

At a glance

Course code Q67

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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 **a balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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/q67
Call
0300 303 5303



BSc (Hons) Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence

Our artificial intelligence-focused computer science degree combines foundational computer science principles with specialised coursework in AI.

This computer science degree delves into algorithms data structures, and programming languages while exploring advanced AI topics such as machine learning, neural networks and natural language processing. Through hands-on projects, you'll gain practical experience in problem-solving, data analysis and AI development. You'll also gain insight into how AI technologies are created, utilised and integrated into various industries, preparing you for artificial intelligence or data science careers or further academic pursuits.

Why this qualification?

- Learn about the latest developments in artificial intelligence.
- Develop programming, computing and mathematical skills.
- Acquire transferable skills applicable to computing and AI professions.
- Gain hands-on experience through projects and practical applications of AI technologies.

Are you ready?

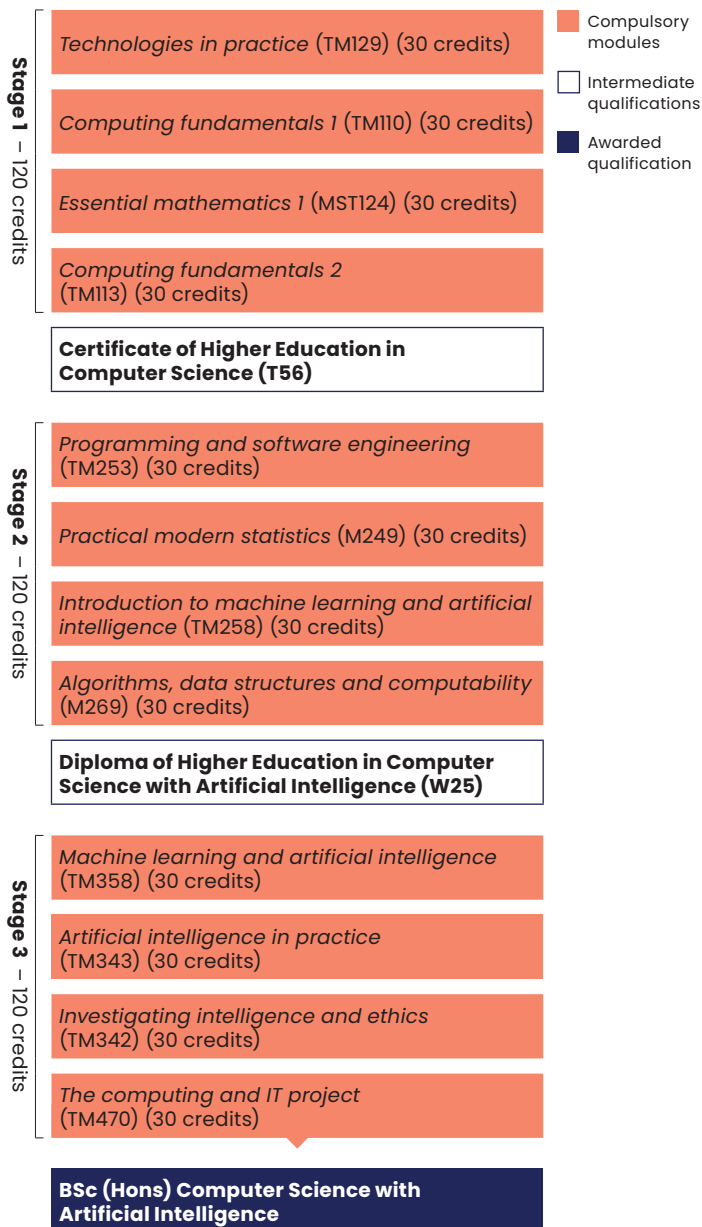
Your mathematical skills must be appropriate to study at this level. Check you're ready at openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence (W25)
openuniversity.co.uk/w25

Certificate of Higher Education in Computer Science (T56)
openuniversity.co.uk/t56

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code R88

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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 **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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.



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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?

- Practise 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.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Computing with Electronic Engineering (W92)
openuniversity.co.uk/w92

Certificate of Higher Education in Computing and Engineering (T47)
openuniversity.co.uk/t47

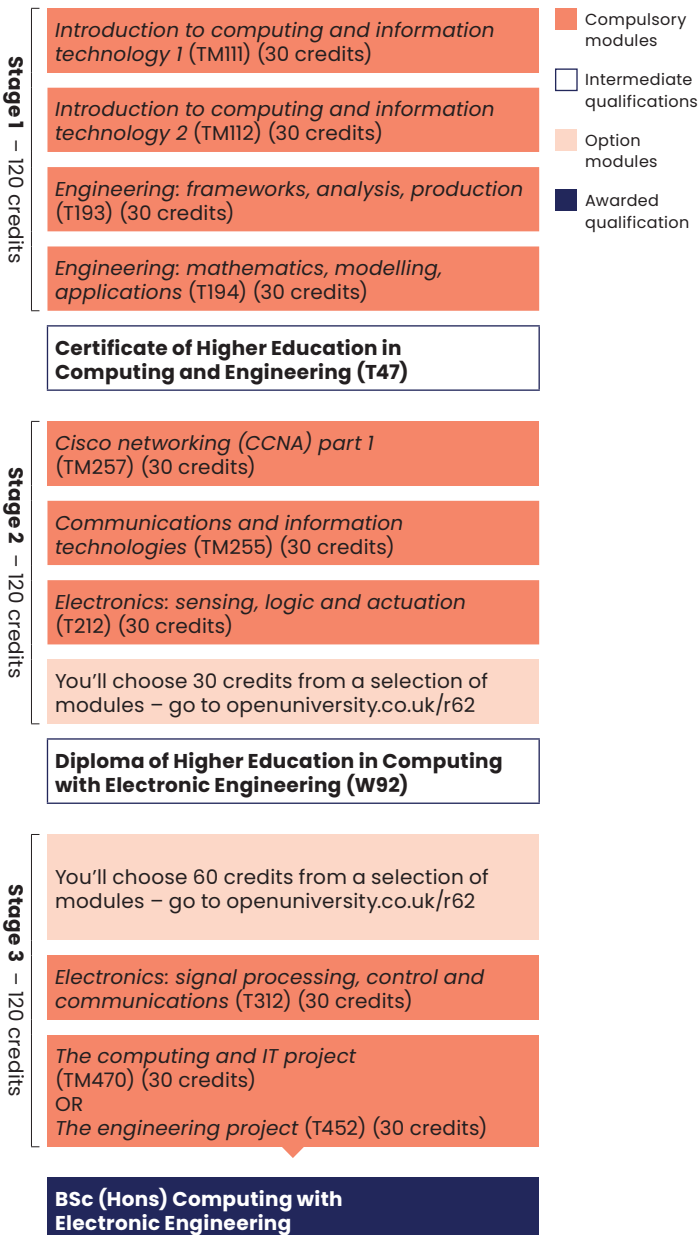
Qualification structure

You'll choose **one** focus area from:

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

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

Example route



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

At a glance

Course code R62

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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 are available (e.g. PDF)

Online forum

Compulsory

Collaborative work

Compulsory

More online

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Diploma of Higher Education in Network Engineering

We've developed this network engineering diploma in collaboration with employers and businesses so that you get the specific knowledge and skills required for your career as a network engineer.

Designed around professional practice in the industry, this diploma will develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours employers want. You'll first build a foundation of computing and mathematical knowledge and skills. Then, learn the fundamental technologies and techniques relevant to the role of a network engineer – an in-demand and valued profession. The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) recognises this diploma of higher education as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in England: approving it as meeting occupational standards for the digital sector.

Why this qualification?

- Study an IfATE-approved Higher Technical Qualification.¹
- Enhance your employability with a qualification that meets employer-led occupational standards.
- Gain career-specific and transferable knowledge and skills.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

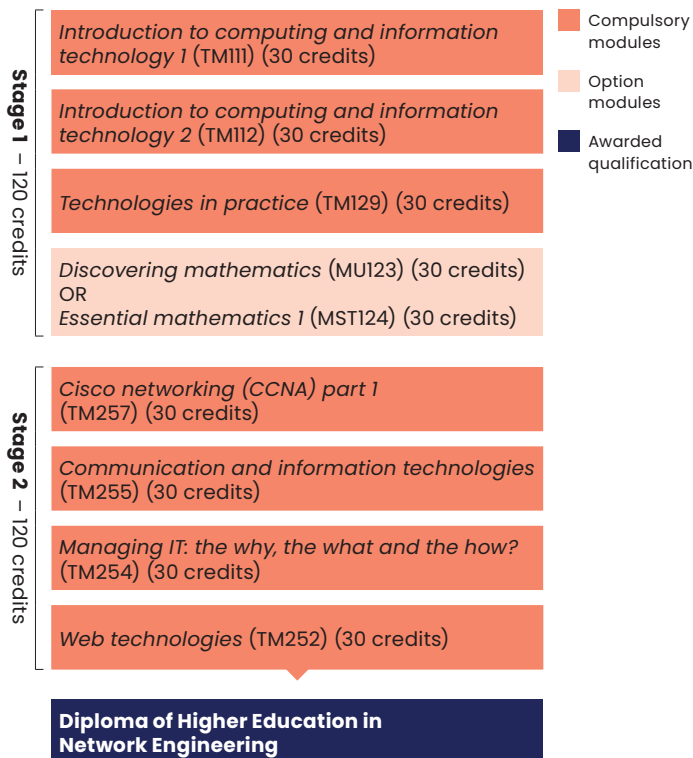
¹ IfATE recognition and HTQ (Higher Technical Qualification) status applies only in England.



Are you ready?

Your mathematical skills must be appropriate to study at this level. Check you're ready at openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths.

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code W19

Total credits 240

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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: 4 years

Full-time study: 2 years

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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.



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Diploma of Higher Education in Software Development

We've designed this software development diploma in collaboration with employers and businesses so that you get the specific knowledge and skills required for your career as a software developer.

Designed around professional practice in the industry, this diploma will develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours employers want. You'll first build a foundation of computing and mathematical knowledge and skills. Then, learn the fundamental technologies and techniques relevant to the role of a software developer – an in-demand and valued profession. The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) recognises this diploma of higher education as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in England: approving it as meeting occupational standards for the digital sector.

Why this qualification?

- Study an IfATE-approved Higher Technical Qualification.¹
- Enhance your employability with a qualification that meets employer-led occupational standards.
- Gain career-specific and transferable knowledge and skills.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

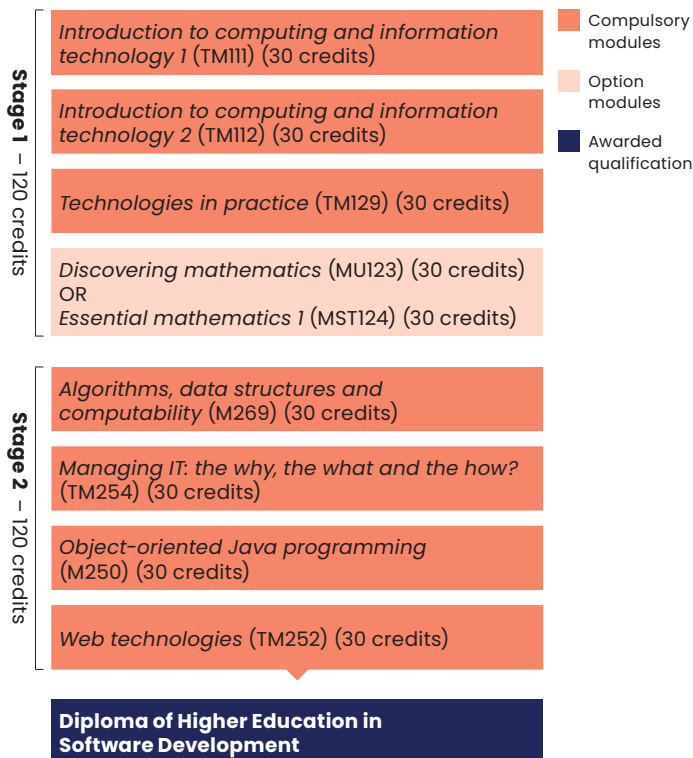
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Are you ready?

Your mathematical skills must be appropriate to study at this level. Check you're ready at openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths.

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code W20

Total credits 240

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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: 4 years

Full-time study: 2 years

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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.



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Call
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BSc (Hons) Cyber Security

Our cyber security degree combines three sought-after computing streams: networking, cyber security and digital forensics. It gives you a thorough understanding of socio-technical systems and skills to prevent or respond to cyber security incidents. In addition, it will develop your ability to critically analyse and apply digital solutions to security examinations and digital forensic investigations. You'll also acquire an appreciation of the tools, techniques and legal requirements.

With its well-balanced theory and practice, the degree programme has a strong technical focus. You'll develop your understanding of how networked cyber systems function and their potential abuse. The course focuses on the relationships between technology, people, processes, the physical environment and cyber security. You'll be able to pursue a wide array of career paths across all sectors.

Why this qualification?

- Study curriculum aligned with The Cyber Security Body of Knowledge (CyBOK) and the Chartered Institute of Information Security (CISec) framework.
- The growing demands of the cyber security sector and a shortage of skilled professionals will increase job opportunities.
- Develop your understanding of how cyber security fits into business and commerce through applied learning.
- Demonstrate your knowledge and skills through a substantial independent cybersecurity-related project.

Meet our academics

Arosha Bandara, Professor of Software Engineering, and his colleagues work in cyber security and human behaviour. Discover how his research helps people manage their privacy at openuniversity.co.uk/academics.

Are you ready?

Your mathematical skills must be appropriate to study at this level. Check you're ready at openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths.

Qualification structure

	Compulsory modules	Option modules	Awarded qualification
Stage 1 – 120 credits	Introduction to computing and information technology 1 (TM111) (30 credits)		
	Introduction to computing and information technology 2 (TM112) (30 credits)		
	Technologies in practice (TM129) (30 credits)		
	Discovering mathematics (MU123) (30 credits) OR Essential mathematics 1 (MST124) (30 credits)		
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Cisco networking (CCNA) part 1 (TM257) (30 credits)		
	Communications and information technologies (TM255) (30 credits)		
	Cyber security (TM256) (30 credits)		
	Web technologies (TM252) (30 credits)		
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Cisco networking (CCNA) part 2 (TM357) (30 credits) OR Communications technology (TM355) (30 credits) OR IT systems: planning for success (TM353) (30 credits) OR Web, mobile and cloud technologies (TM352) (30 credits)		
	Information security (TM311) (30 credits)		
	Systems penetration testing (TM359) (30 credits)		
	The computing and IT project (TM470) (30 credits)		

BSc (Hons) Cyber Security

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

At a glance

Course code R60

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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 **a balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials are 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.



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Diploma of Higher Education in Cyber Security Technology

We've developed this cyber security technology diploma in collaboration with employers and businesses so that you get the specific knowledge and skills required for your career as a cyber security technologist.

Designed around state-of-the-art technology and professional practice in the industry, this diploma will develop the knowledge, skills, and behaviours employers want. You'll first build a foundation of computing and mathematical knowledge and skills. Then, learn the fundamental technologies and techniques relevant to the role of a cyber security technologist – an in-demand and valued profession. The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) recognises this diploma of higher education as a Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ) in England: approving it as meeting occupational standards for the digital sector.

Why this qualification?

- Study an IfATE-approved Higher Technical Qualification.¹
- Enhance your employability with a qualification that meets employer-led occupational standards.
- Gain career-specific and transferable knowledge and skills.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

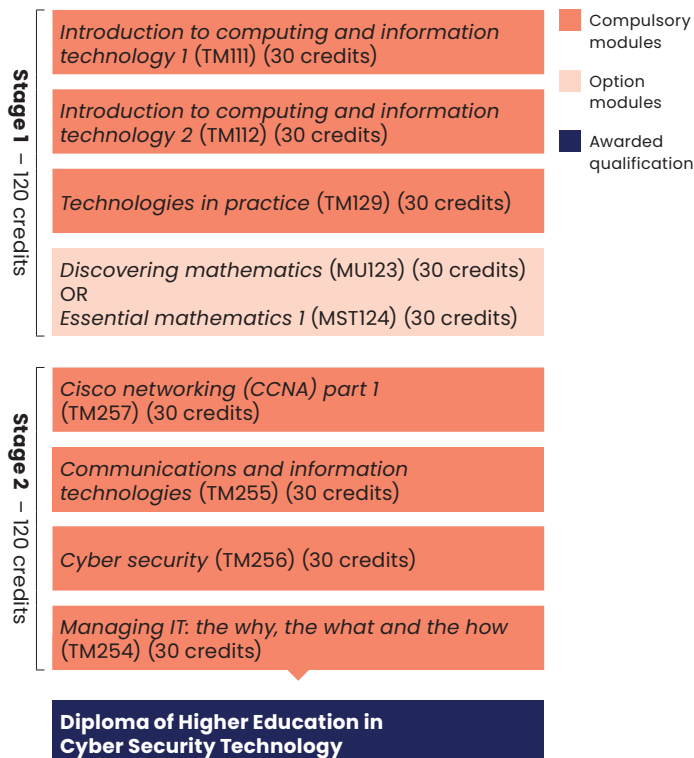
¹ IfATE recognition and HTQ (Higher Technical Qualification) status applies only in England.



Are you ready?

Your mathematical skills must be appropriate to study at this level. Check you're ready at openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths.

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code W26

Total credits 240

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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: 4 years

Full-time study: 2 years

Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

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

Online forum

Compulsory

Collaborative work

Compulsory

More online

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BSc (Hons) Data Science

Data plays a vital role in every private and public sector enterprise; understanding how to use data to inform decision-making has never been more critical.

This degree equips you with the skills to explore and analyse complex data sets, and solve practical problems using applied mathematics, statistics and computing. You'll gain a good grounding in mathematical and statistical methods, which provide the foundation for data analysis. Additionally, you'll learn relevant computing skills, including machine learning and artificial intelligence elements, and gain experience using statistical software.

In a world increasingly turning to data for decision-making, there's a high demand for data scientists in various sectors, including commerce, finance, health and information technology.

Why this qualification?

- Develop familiarity with mathematical, statistical and computational data modelling techniques.
- Build your software expertise, including in the widely used Python and R languages.
- Gain experience in communicating and critically commenting on data analysis results.
- Increase your employability – data scientists are highly sought after in many sectors.

Find out more

More or Less explains – and sometimes debunks – the numbers and statistics used in political debate, the news and everyday life. The Radio 4 programme is a BBC/Open University co-production and contributes to increasing public awareness of, interest in and understanding of mathematics and statistics.

Are you ready?

Check you've got the mathematics skills needed at openuniversity.co.uk/mst124.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Data Analysis (W77)
openuniversity.co.uk/w77

Certificate of Higher Education in Data Analysis (T42)
openuniversity.co.uk/t42

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Compulsory modules	Introducing statistics (M140) (30 credits)
	Intermediate qualifications	Introduction to computing and information technology 1 (TM111) (30 credits)
	Option modules	Essential mathematics 1 (MST124) (30 credits)
	Awarded qualification	Introduction to computing and information technology 2 (TM112) (30 credits)
Certificate of Higher Education in Data Analysis (T42)		
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Compulsory modules	Analysing data (M248) (30 credits)
	Intermediate qualifications	Algorithms, data structures and computability (M269) (30 credits)
	Option modules	Mathematical methods (MST224) (30 credits)
	Awarded qualification	Practical modern statistics (M249) (30 credits)
Diploma of Higher Education in Data Analysis (W77)		
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Compulsory modules	Applied statistical modelling (M348) (30 credits)
	Intermediate qualifications	Machine learning and artificial intelligence (TM358) (30 credits)
	Option modules	You'll choose 60 credits from: Applications of probability (M343) (30 credits) Computational applied mathematics (MST374) (30 credits) Data management and analysis (TM351) (30 credits) Graphs, games and designs (MST368) (30 credits) Interaction design and the user experience (TM356) (30 credits) Mathematical statistics (M347) (30 credits)
BSc (Hons) Data Science		

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

At a glance

Course code R38

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Apr 2026

Register by 12 Mar 2026

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 **a balance of print and online**

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

Online forum

Optional

Collaborative work

Optional

More online

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



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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 computing and IT modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or 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.



The flexibility of the Open degree helped keep things new and exciting. Plus, studying all these different topics means I now have a skill set that's unique to me.



Luke Simmons
BSc (Hons) Open

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)
openuniversity.co.uk/w34

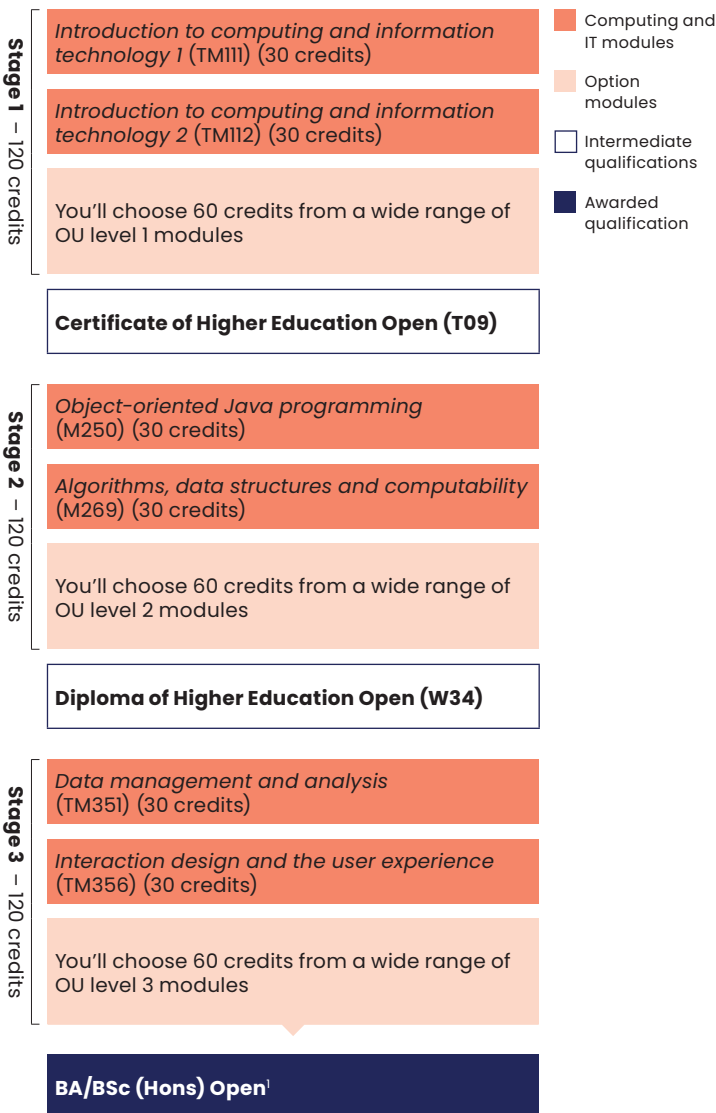
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)
openuniversity.co.uk/t09

How you can focus your Open degree on computer science

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on one aspect of computing and IT, such as computer science, 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



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.

At a glance

Course code QD

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025
Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026
Register by 8 Jan 2026

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

More online

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



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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.

Our BSc (Hons) Combined STEM allows you to study more than just one STEM subject – to fit your personal and professional needs, interests and aspirations. The flexibility of this degree makes it relevant to a wide range of jobs and industries – many of which require proficiency in a range of STEM-based skills. It can help you develop your existing career or start a new one.

Why this qualification?

- Choose modules from across STEM subjects or focus on one or two areas.
- Include up to 60 credits from other subjects such as business or a language at Stages 1 and 2.
- Switch direction if your needs or interests change.
- Count university-level credits you've gained from elsewhere.

Study routes if you want to focus on a subject related to computing and IT

- Applied mathematics.
- Communications and networking.
- Computer science.
- Data science.
- Software development.
- Web development.

Student loans for degree holders

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

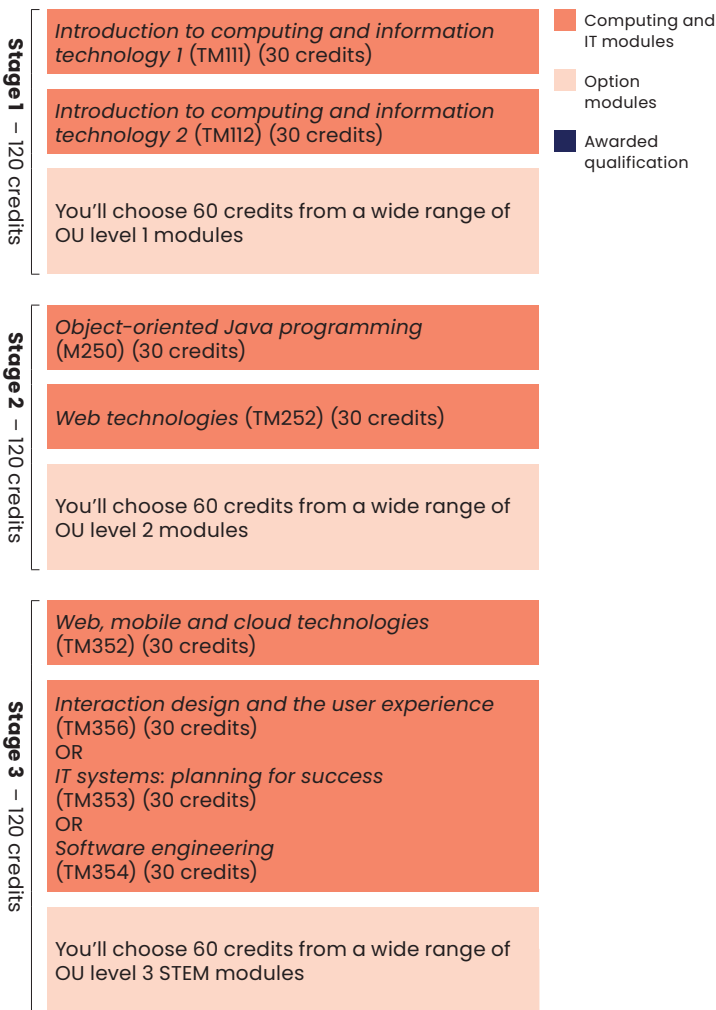
You can apply for a second loan if you live in England or Wales and want to re-skill or upskill in a STEM subject, such as computing and IT.

For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/quals.

How to focus your combined STEM degree on web development

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

Example route



BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

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

At a glance

Course code R28

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2025

Register by 11 Sep 2025

Feb 2026

Register by 8 Jan 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Depending on the modules you choose, we may assess you in some 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 BSc (Hons) Combined STEM can be made up of a range of modules, the learning materials provided, use of online forums and inclusion of collaborative work will depend on the modules you choose

More online

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



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Cyber security

MSc in Cyber Security (F87)	52
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Systems thinking

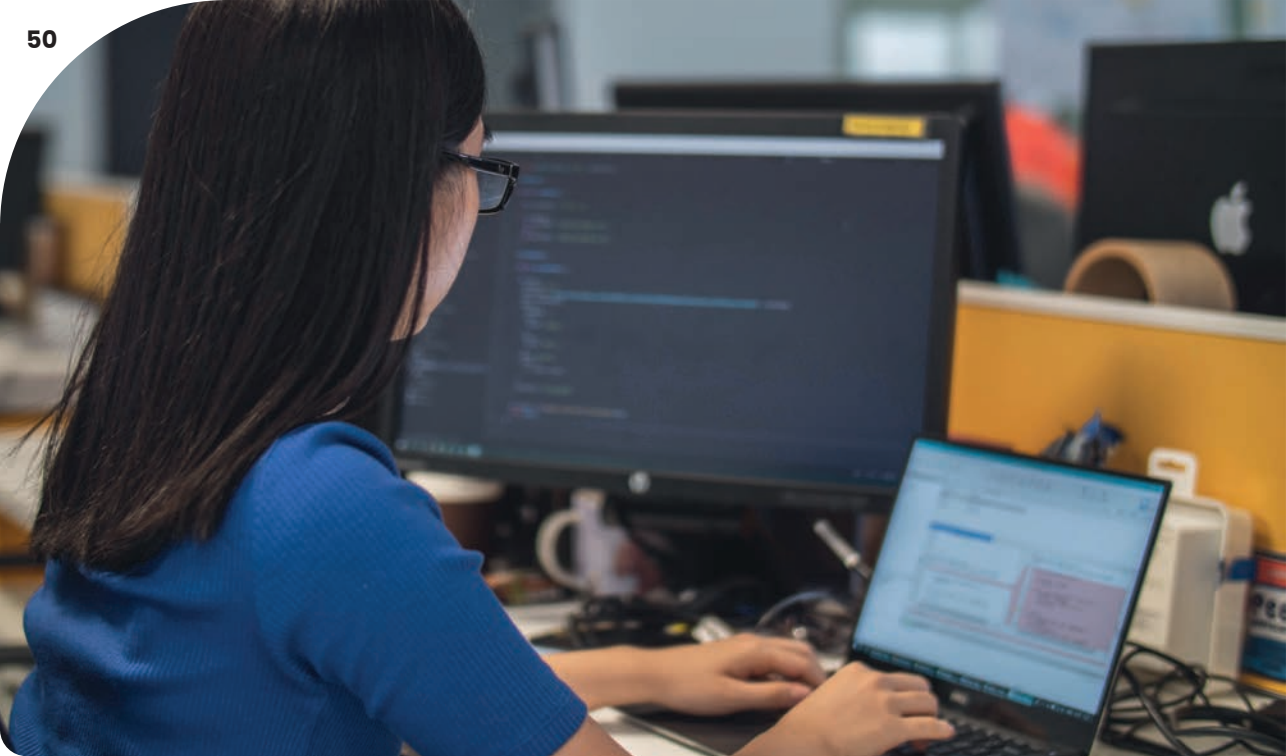
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MSc in Computing

This qualification covers various topics, incorporating transferable skills applicable to professional development, including cyber security, software development and IT management, plus options in innovation management and systems thinking.

A flexible, broad route lets you select modules to suit your needs or choose one of the BCS-accredited Software Engineering or Information Security and Forensics routes to develop in-depth specialist knowledge. Finally, finish with an independent project on a topic of your choice.

Accreditation

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, accredits the Information Security and Forensics route and Software Engineering route.

- meeting the academic requirement for Chartered IT Professional,
- for the award of Euro-Inf Bachelor Quality Label on behalf of EQANIE,
- and on behalf of the Engineering Council for Incorporated Engineer if you include module T802.



Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (E81)
openuniversity.co.uk/e81

Postgraduate Certificate in Computing (K22)
openuniversity.co.uk/k22

Qualification structure

The example below shows the **broad route**; other routes vary. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/f66 for details.

Modules	Credits	Code
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You'll choose at least 60 credits from:

<i>Information security</i>	30	M811
<i>Digital forensics</i>	30	M812
<i>Software development</i>	30	M813
<i>Software engineering</i>	30	M814
<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
<i>Data management</i>	30	M816

You'll choose up to 60 credits from:

<i>Systems security</i>	30	M817
<i>Network security</i>	30	T828
<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
<i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB871
<i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB872

Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (E81)

You'll choose either 60 credits from:

Research project 60 T802

Or 60 credits from:

MSc project: researching in context 30 T803

Plus 30 credits from any modules at OU level 3 or above

MSc in Computing

- Option modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

At a glance

Course code F66

Total credits 180

Start dates

Nov 2025

Register by 9 Oct 2025

May 2026

Register by 9 Apr 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Study duration

Part-time study: 3 years

More online

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



Visit
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MSc in Cyber Security

Cyber security is a growing concern – there's a significant skills gap and global demand for cybersecurity professionals. Our MSc, provisionally certified by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ, develops the skills you need to pursue a career in the industry

The course covers various topics, including digital forensics and information, network and systems security. It also incorporates transferable skills applicable to professional development and finishes with a substantial independent project.

Accreditation

Provisionally certified by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), a part of GCHQ.

Certified Degree



in association with
National Cyber
Security Centre

Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma
in Cyber Security (E96)
openuniversity.co.uk/e96

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Information security</i>	30	M811
<i>Digital forensics</i>	30	M812
<i>Systems security</i>	30	M817
<i>Network security</i>	30	T828
Postgraduate Diploma in Cyber Security (E96)		

You'll choose either 60 credits from:

<i>Research project</i>	60	T802
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Or 60 credits from:

<i>MSc project: researching in context</i>	30	T803
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Plus 30 credits from:

<i>Software development</i>	30	M813
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<i>Software engineering</i>	30	M814
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<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
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<i>Data management</i>	30	M816
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<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
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<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
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MSc in Cyber Security

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

Module availability is subject to change.

At a glance

Course code F87

Total credits 180

Start dates

Nov 2025

Register by 9 Oct 2025

May 2026

Register by 9 Apr 2026

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Study duration

Part-time study: 3 years

More online

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



Visit
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MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice

This MSc has the development of holistic thinking skills and appreciation of multiple perspectives at its core. Systems thinking skills are relevant in many areas, such as business, development, engineering, environment, health, IT, and organisational change.

You'll gain insights into how other people think about situations and learn to apply concepts, tools and techniques developed by systems thinkers. You'll choose option modules from business management, development management,

engineering, environmental management and innovation management. The final project extends your ways of thinking and acting in practice to improve a complex situation of interest to you.

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.

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

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB871
<i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB872
Postgraduate Certificate in Systems Thinking in Practice (C72)		
You'll choose 60 credits from:		
<i>Financial markets and the financing of organisations</i>	30	B815
<i>Managing in a changing world</i>	30	B870
<i>Creating and sustaining value</i>	30	B872
<i>Sustainable creative management</i>	15	BB842
<i>Entrepreneurship in context</i>	15	BB851
<i>Leadership and management of public services</i>	15	BB852
<i>Contemporary issues in organisations</i>	15	BB853
<i>Global development in practice</i>	60	D890
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801
<i>Understanding global development</i>	60	DD870
<i>Information security</i>	30	M811
<i>Digital forensics</i>	30	M812
<i>Software development</i>	30	M813
<i>Software engineering</i>	30	M814

<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
<i>Data management</i>	30	M816
<i>Network security</i>	30	T828
<i>Manufacture materials design</i>	30	T805
<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
<i>Making environmental decisions</i>	30	T891
<i>Sustainable organisations: theory and practice</i>	30	T892
<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830
Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28)		
You'll choose either 60 credits from:		
<i>Research project</i>	60	T802
Or 60 credits from:		
<i>MSc project: researching in context</i>	30	T803

You'll choose either 60 credits from:

Research project 60 T802

Or 60 credits from:

MSc project: researching in context 30 T803

Plus, another 30 credits from the option modules

MSc in Systems Thinking in Practice

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

Module availability is subject to change.

At a glance

Course code F47

Total credits 180

Start dates
Nov 2025
Register by 9 Oct 2025

May 2026
Register by 9 Apr 2026

Entry requirements

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

Study duration

Part-time study: 3 years

More online

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



Visit
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MSc in Technology Management

This MSc provides the knowledge and skills to shape 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 technological innovation, strategic development and management.

You'll choose option modules from business management, computing and IT, engineering, environmental management and systems thinking. 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.

Related qualifications

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

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

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
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You'll study the following:

<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
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<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
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You'll choose 60 credits from:

<i>Managing in a changing world</i>	30	B870
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<i>Creating and sustaining value</i>	30	B872
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<i>Sustainable creative management</i>	15	BB842
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<i>Entrepreneurship in context</i>	15	BB851
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<i>Leadership and management of public services</i>	15	BB852
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<i>Contemporary issues in organisations</i>	15	BB853
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<i>Information security</i>	30	M811
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<i>Digital forensics</i>	30	M812
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<i>Software development</i>	30	M813
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<i>Software engineering</i>	30	M814
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<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
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<i>Data management</i>	30	M816
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<i>Network security</i>	30	T828
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<i>Manufacture materials design</i>	30	T805
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<i>Making environmental decisions</i>	30	T891
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<i>Sustainable organisations</i>	30	T892
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<i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB871
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<i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB872
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<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830
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Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Management (E08)

You'll choose either 60 credits from:

<i>Research project</i>	60	T802
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Or 60 credits from:

<i>MSc project: researching in context</i>	30	T803
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Plus, 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.

At a glance

Course code F36

Total credits 180

Start dates

Nov 2025

Register by 9 Oct 2025

May 2026

Register by 9 Apr 2026

Entry requirements

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

Study duration

Part-time study: 3 years

More online

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



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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.

Qualification structure

Route 1	Route 2	
Study 180 credits specialising within one of the following broad study areas	Study a minimum of 120 credits within one study area	+ 60 credits from any other study area
Arts, Humanities, Music and Language	Arts, Humanities, Music and Language	Arts, Humanities, Music and Language
Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare	Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare	Education, Psychology, Health Science and Healthcare
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law	Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law	Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law
		Further professional development
MA/MSc Open	MA/MSc Open	

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.

At a glance

Course code F81

Total credits 180

Start dates

Sep 2025
Oct 2025
Nov 2025
Feb 2026
May 2026

Entry requirements

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: 2–3 years



More online

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



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Register for your course

We recommend registering as early as possible to secure your place. Once you're registered, you'll have access to our learning tools, materials and student support to help you get started.

Undergraduate study

1. Register

Go to your chosen qualification webpage, select your start date and click 'Register now'.

2. Choose your module(s)

Select the module(s) you want to study in your first year. Some may be compulsory, while you may select others from a list of options.

3. Organise your funding

Tell us how you'll be funding your chosen module(s). You'll find all your options at openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees.

4. Complete your registration

Confirm your funding method. That's it – you're ready to start learning.

Learn more about how to apply at openuniversity.co.uk/ug-apply.

Postgraduate study

To work towards a postgraduate qualification, register on a module that counts towards it.

1. Choose your qualification

Once you've decided on a qualification, go to our website for the full course details and entry criteria you'll need to meet.

2. Register on your first module(s)

Modules within postgraduate qualifications have more detailed entry requirements, so make sure you've read these before registering.

3. Arrange your funding

You'll find all your options at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees.

4. Send us evidence that confirms you meet the entry requirements

Once we've assessed and approved your evidence, your registration is complete.

Learn more about how to apply at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-apply.

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you might be able to count that study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the modules you need to study with us.



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Useful information

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You could study with the OU wherever you are in the world.

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Students with additional study needs

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- Email us from our website openuniversity.co.uk/contact
- Call our Student Recruitment team on **0300 303 5303**

Lines are open (UK time) Monday to Friday: 08:00–17:30

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- Call our Student Recruitment team on **028 9032 3722**

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