The Open University

The future is open



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Open Qualifications Prospectus

Welcome to the home of online learning



Have it all with The Open University and discover a more flexible way to achieve a career-boosting qualification.

Our globally recognised courses are designed to fit around you – your job, family and social life. Study flexibly online when and where you like, all with the support of dedicated tutors and the UK's biggest student community.

There's no limit to what you can achieve. Ready to unlock a world of possibilities?

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Rated gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework

TEF 2023 Gold

Top 3 in the UK for employability

uni compare 2024

Top 6 in the UK for course quality

uni compare 2024

Ranked in the top third of UK universities for research excellence

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The experts in online learning

Study at a world-leading university known for teaching excellence.

Trusted

Join the largest UK university for undergraduate education.

Unrivalled flexibility

Learn online when and where suits you.

Choose your pace

Achieve a degree in three years or take things slower – you decide.

Earn while you learn

Many students balance studies with their careers.

87% of alumni

Say the OU helped them achieve their career goals.

Tailored career support

To help you navigate your future.

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University that works for you

The Open University is truly open to all. We're proud to have pioneered a more flexible way of learning so that anyone, anywhere has the opportunity to transform their lives through top-quality education.

Study when and where suits you

We'll provide you with all the learning materials you need, so you can study online whenever and wherever you like.

Learn from the best

Join one of the UK's top six universities for course quality. You'll have a dedicated tutor supporting you from day one. These subject specialists will mark your assignments, provide meaningful feedback and keep you moving forward.

See your favourite subjects brought to life

Each week you'll work your way through a series of engaging, expertly-designed modules, all at your own pace. You'll also have an online study planner to keep on top of any deadlines and track your progress.

Be supported at every step

You'll have a whole community to support you from your first module to after you graduate. Connect with other students through tutorials and online forums, share ideas and cheer each other on. You can also turn to our friendly support teams for help with everything from balancing your studies to career planning.

> "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 student



See for yourself at a Virtual Open Day

Discover life-changing learning from your sofa. Book your spot at one of our online events to learn what it's like to study with us and hear from our inspiring students and support teams.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/open-days** to find out more.

Why students choose the OU

Skills-boosting courses, tailored support and freedom you won't find anywhere else. Discover just a few of the reasons why millions have chosen the OU.

1
Award-winning teaching

We've spent over 55 years perfecting how to teach and support students wherever they are. Our courses are powered by the latest in learning innovation, from award-winning remote labs and our extended-reality studios, to skills-packed modules designed to inspire. It's why the OU is one of an elite group of universities to reach the gold standard of teaching excellence.

2
Courses that flex around real life

The OU gives you unrivalled flexibility to study online from home or on the move. With options to complete a degree in three years, take things at a slower pace, or even take a breather if you need to.

3
Earn a degree while earning a living

You'll have the flexibility to earn while you learn and study around your career. All with award-winning careers support and guidance from day one.

4
Top-quality education at an affordable price

Our tuition fees are among the most affordable in the UK. And with student loans, grants and scholarships, we can help you find the funding option that makes sense to you.

5
We're open to all

We believe that everyone should have the support and opportunity to transform their lives. That's why most of our undergraduate courses don't come with entry requirements. If you bring your ambition, we'll provide the support and guidance to help you achieve it. We also proudly welcome more students with disabilities than any other UK university and will help to make sure you have the support and tools to succeed, however you learn best.



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.

Open Masters

Choose modules from a range of subjects to build a masters degree individual to you.

Discover your ideal course

Find the course to match your ambition.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/course-types**

Shape your career

You'll gain so much more than a qualification with the OU. We'll help you develop the skills and confidence you need to thrive in your career – whether you're just starting out, changing direction or ready to progress.



"With the OU, you're not just improving your career prospects, you're learning about yourself at the same time. I have no doubt this degree will open doors for me in the future, it's already driven me forward professionally."

Jack Bristow
OU graduate

Award-winning careers guidance

You'll unlock award-winning careers support and resources from the moment you start studying. We'll help you plan your career goals, perfect your CV and navigate the jobs market.

Connect with hundreds of employers

Attend networking events and find local and national jobs, internships and volunteering opportunities from employers like HMRC, Network Rail and IBM.

Gain key employability skills

We work with employers and industry experts to embed employability into our teaching. You'll not only gain subject knowledge but also develop important problem-solving, communication and time management skills that will set you apart.

Put what you learn into practice right away

By studying flexibly online, you can apply what you learn to the real world, right away. It's why our students tell us they can gain new roles and even promotions, all while they're still studying.

Careers support after you graduate

All this support will continue up to three years after you finish your qualification. So you can feel confident taking that next step.

97% of users would recommend our award-winning careers services and tools

Top 3 in the UK
for employability

Discover the support, guidance and tools waiting for you.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/careers**

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**



Qualifications designed by you, for you

If you find there are a range of subjects that interest and inspire you, discover the freedom to study them all with an Open qualification.

Studying an Open qualification with us will allow you to:

- **build a multidisciplinary qualification that's unique to you**
- **choose modules from a wide range of subject areas**
- **adapt your study to fit your evolving career ambitions or personal interests**
- **count previous university study towards your qualification.**

Undergraduate

BA/BSc (Hons) Open

Our BA/BSc (Hons) Open is an honours degree with a difference. Here you can set the direction of your learning by choosing modules from a wide range of subject areas.

BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

With the BSc (Hons) Combined STEM you can tailor an honours degree to your unique interests and needs from a range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) modules.

Diploma of Higher Education Open

Our Diploma of Higher Education Open is a recognised qualification in its own right, but it also makes up Stages 1 and 2 of a BA/BSc (Hons) Open. This means if you want to continue studying towards an honours degree, you're part-way there.

Certificate of Higher Education Open

Design your own qualification to get a general grounding in one or more subject(s), or take the first step towards a BA/BSc (Hons) Open or Diploma of Higher Education Open.

Postgraduate

MA/MSc Open

Our MA/MSc Open is the perfect choice if you want to design a masters degree individual to you from a selection of over 50 modules. Its innovative structure means you can include modules from a wide range of subject areas.

> The beauty of an Open degree is that you can select your own modules and create a degree that's unique to you. Achieving my OU degree has had huge benefits. My knowledge has increased significantly and I'm now a more confident communicator.

Hina Asif Alam
BSc (Hons) Open

Freedom to be flexible

Our Open qualifications are some of the most flexible qualifications on offer. You'll choose modules from a wide range of subject areas to build a multidisciplinary qualification that's specific to your interests.

Benefit from your previous study

If you've studied at university before, you could count your previous studies towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the number of modules you need to study.

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

Boost your career prospects

Research by the Institute of Student Employers shows that 80% of graduate employers look for graduates of any subject. Having 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 variety of topics, equipping you with a wide range of expertise and capabilities through multidisciplinary study which, in today's competitive job market, are sought after. You'll have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:

- initiative, self-management and resilience
- commercial awareness
- communication
- collaboration
- digital literacy
- numeracy
- problem-solving.

Looking for a specific subject?

If you'd like to know more about a qualification in a particular subject, like our BA (Hons) History or MSc in Engineering, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/courses**.

You're on your way

Take the next step by reading more about our Open qualifications, before registering for your chosen course.



Building your qualification

Undergraduate

When you study with the OU, 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:

The different 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.

The credits you need

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

The modules available

- With each module you pass you'll earn a set number of credits, usually 30 or 60.
- Modules are chosen from a range of options.

Access module[1]
An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.

Stage 1

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

120 credits

Certificate of Higher Education

Stage 2

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

240 credits

Diploma of Higher Education

Stage 3

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

360 credits

Honours Degree

[1] Only available in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of 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

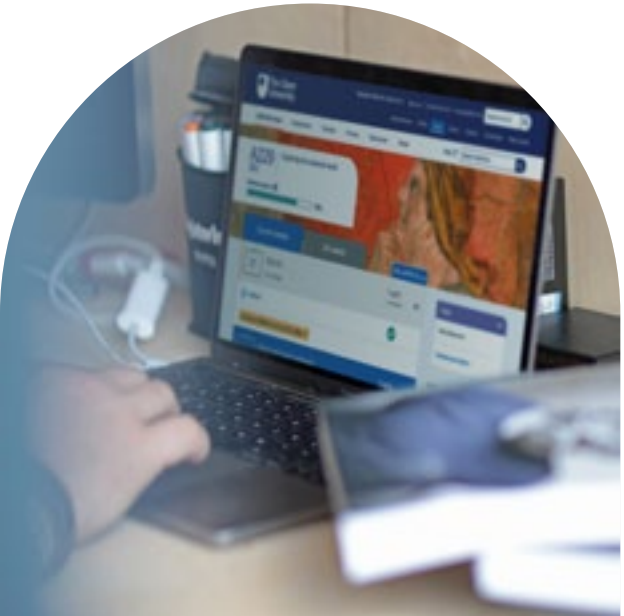
Postgraduate qualifications are made up of credits.

You'll need 180 credits to gain the MA/MSc Open.

You build up credits by passing modules. These can be selected to suit your interests and career goals, with the freedom to specialise in one area, or combine subjects for a truly interdisciplinary approach.

Getting started

For more information on how to build your studies to gain the MA/MSc Open, see pages 33–35.



Learn more

Find out more about postgraduate study at the OU.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual**

Prepare for success 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.

If you'd like to build confidence before starting a qualification, an Access module could be a great first step. It helps you understand what university study involves, and gives you the chance to refresh your skills and explore your interests. Many students who've felt unsure find it provides a strong foundation and sets them up to succeed in their future studies.

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 May and August, we also offer a fast-track option which allows you to complete your module in just 16 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 if you would like 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.

***Arts and languages Access module* (Y031)**

Gain a broad and diverse introduction to a variety of subject areas: art history, English language, English literature, history, religious studies, classical studies, and music.

Also available as *Arts and languages Access module: fast-track* (YXFT031).

***Business and law Access module* (Y035)**

Develop an understanding of business and law while gaining confidence in academic writing and building study skills.

Also available as *Business and law Access module: fast-track* (YXFT035).

***Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module* (Y034)**

Explore some of our most popular subjects, such as psychology, childhood and youth, early years, health and social wellbeing, sport, education, and social sciences.

Also available as *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module: fast-track* (YXFT034)

***Science, technology and maths Access module* (Y033)**

Grow your knowledge in a range of technical subjects, including science, engineering and design, environment, mathematics, and computing and IT.

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



You could study for free

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

To qualify, you must:

- be resident in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address
- be eligible to pay a UK fee
- meet the income threshold criteria, for more information visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access**
- have not completed one year or more of any full-time undergraduate programme at FHEQ or CQFW level 4/SCQF level 7 or above, and not successfully completed 30 credits or more of OU study within the last 10 years.

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 £1,022
- the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, it's £1,105
- Ireland, it's £962
- Northern Ireland, it's £325
- Scotland, it's £334
- Wales, it's £359.

You can pay up front 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

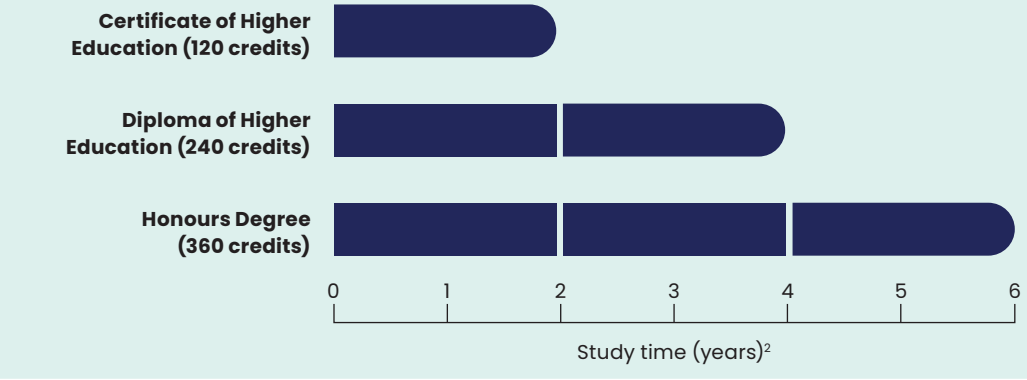
We give you the flexibility to choose the amount of study you want to take on each year. That means you can get the qualification you want in a timeframe that works for you.

Undergraduate qualifications

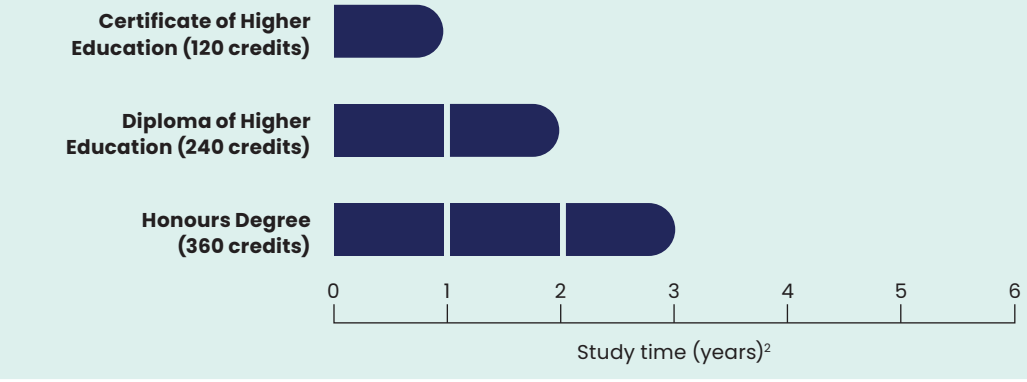
How long it will take to gain your qualification depends on the course you've chosen and the amount of credits you study each year. Studying 60 credits a year is half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. To complete your studies at a pace equivalent to full-time, you'll need to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

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

Part-time study | 60 credits a year | 16–18 study hours a week



Full-time study[3] | 120 credits a year | 32–36 study hours a week

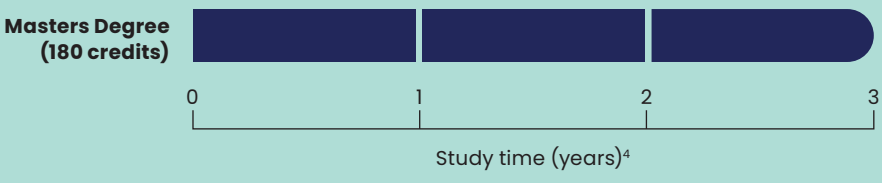


[1] Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.
[2] Study time is the period between starting your first module and completing your last module. It doesn't include the time we need to release your module result(s) or award 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

All of our postgraduate courses are offered as part-time study. For the MA/MSc Open, you can choose from 15, 30, 60 and 90-credit modules, allowing flexibility in the duration and order of your studies. However, the guide below offers an idea of how long your qualification could take.

Part-time study | 60 credits a year | 16–20 study hours a week



[4] 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 may be able to transfer the academic credit you've been awarded 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 Student Union, OU Community forums and range of societies and groups mean you're connected to one of the UK's largest student communities.

Your Student Union awaits

Open SU is the union for Open University students. Led by a team of enthusiastic student leaders, it exists to represent, support, and connect the student community. You'll automatically become a member, and there's no fee.

Open SU is on a mission to make a positive difference for all OU students. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- Join a club, society, or support group to find like-minded students.
- Explore discounts, past exam papers, and a shop with OU merchandise.
- Have your say and boost your skills through volunteer opportunities or by becoming a student representative.
- Take part in any of our online or in-person events taking place throughout the year.

To find out more, visit **oustudents.com**.

Open SU

> 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
- use the tutorial booking system
- 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
- 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 choice of modules, 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, visit **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 up front. We've given you an idea of the costs below:

Where you live	Cost per year		Total cost at current prices		
	60 credits a year	120 credits a year	Certificate of Higher Education (120 credits)	Diploma of Higher Education (240 credits)	Honours Degree (360 credits)
England[1]	£4,088	£8,176	£8,176	£16,352	£24,528
Northern Ireland[2]	£1,300	£2,600	£2,600	£5,200	£7,800
Scotland[2]	£1,336	£2,672	£2,672	£5,344	£8,016
Wales[2]	£1,436	£2,872	£2,872	£5,744	£8,616
Ireland[2]	£3,848	£7,696	£7,696	£15,392	£23,088
Outside the UK and Ireland[2]	£4,420	£8,840	£8,840	£17,680	£26,520

[1] 2026/27 prices (exceptions apply). Fees typically increase annually. In England, fees are subject to fee limits, as set out in the University's Fee Rules (openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).
[2] 2026/27 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
A Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan is a popular way to fund your undergraduate studies, and it's available regardless of your income. In fact, 85% of OU students in England fund their studies this way.

You don't have to pay anything up front. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £25,000.

For courses starting from January 2027, student finance is changing. For more information visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees**.

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'll likely be eligible if your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you're on certain benefits, and you're studying at least 30 credits a year. The fee grant and top-up funding aren't loans, so you won't need to pay any of it back.

WALES

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan
A Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan is a popular way to fund your undergraduate studies, and it's available regardless of your income. In fact, over 80% of OU students in Wales fund their studies this way.

You don't have to pay anything up front. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £29,385.

Already have an undergraduate degree?

If you already hold an honours degree or higher-level qualification and you're looking to re-skill or up-skill, you could still be eligible for funding to study eligible qualifications.

Maintenance grants
You could be eligible for up to £4,590 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
If you're under 60, 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 Scholarship[3]
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' Scholarships Fund[3]
If you are, or have recently been, an unpaid carer, you may be able to study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Disabled Students' Allowance[3]
You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund[3]
If you've been injured in, or due to, military service, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full undergraduate qualification.

Employer sponsorship
Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

Sanctuary Scholarship[3]
If you've been displaced from your homeland for political, economic, ethnic, environmental, or human rights pressures, you could be eligible to study for free.

Scholarship for Black Students[3]
If you identify as being from a Black background, you could study a full undergraduate qualification for free.

Study-related costs[3]
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.

[3] 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 loan of up to £13,206 from Student Finance England or up to £19,635 from Student Finance Wales.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money is paid directly to you and can be used towards your course fees and living costs.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've self-funded 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:

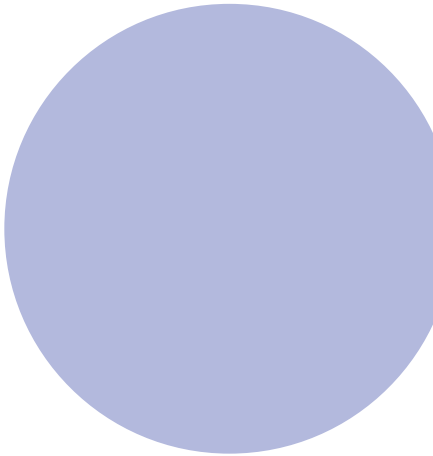
- be resident in England or Wales
- be under 60 years old
- be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years in England and no more than four years in Wales
- not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
- be studying your qualification from the beginning.

OUSBA postgraduate-linked loan
If you're eligible for a postgraduate loan from Student Finance England or Wales, you'll receive your funding in instalments. However, you'll only start receiving these instalments after you've paid your tuition fees and no sooner than two weeks after the module starts. This means you'll need to cover your fees before you receive your loan.

An Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA) postgraduate-linked loan can help. It lets you pay your tuition fees upfront so you can register for your course. You can then use the instalments from your government postgraduate loan towards your OUSBA payments.

This loan is provided to any eligible student by Open University Student Budget Accounts Limited, which is a subsidiary firm of the University.

For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/ousba-linked**.



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 £32,745 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold. So, for example, if you earn £36,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £292.95 that year (9% of £3,255). That's just £24 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must be:

- resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
- studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.

Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for loan or grant funding or you live outside the UK, we offer a range of other funding options.

OUSBA loan
Pay your fees in instalments with a loan from Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd. See right for more information.

Card payments
Pay for each module with a debit or credit card in one quick, simple payment.

Mixed payments
Combine your payment options to fund your studies the way you want.

Other support

Disabled Students' Allowance[1]
You could receive financial support to help with study costs associated with your disability.

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund[1]
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.

OU bursaries[1]
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 costs[1]
If you're on a low household income, or receive certain benefits, you might be eligible for additional funding for study-related costs, such as travel, internet access and stationery.

[1] UK residents only.

Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

Some students fund their studies through a loan from OUSBA. You'll be offered this option when you register with us, as long as you're a resident of the UK, the European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, or the 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**.

Open University Student Budget Accounts Limited is a subsidiary firm of The Open University.

Find out more

Find out more about postgraduate fees and funding.

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



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BA/BSc (Hons) Open

No two students or career paths are the same. That's why the Open degree puts you in charge. This flexible honours degree gives you the freedom to study modules from across all our subject areas. It's your qualification; study at your own pace and choose the modules that interest you most.

Why choose an Open degree?

Our BA/BSc (Hons) Open, or Open degree, is multidisciplinary, which means it allows you to combine different subjects. Studying in this way, across subjects, can help you gain valuable skills needed for today's competitive job market, showing employers that you're flexible and adaptable. We offer support and guidance to help you build a degree that's unique to your career aspirations or personal interests.

Choose the qualification that's right for you

If you're keen to experience university study but aren't ready to commit to a degree, you have the option to study towards a certificate or diploma of higher education.

These qualifications take less time to study – as they require fewer credits – but still offer you the opportunity to design a flexible and multidisciplinary qualification. You can also progress to a degree at a later date if you decide that's what you want to do.

On completion

When you've achieved 360 credits, you'll be awarded either a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BSc) honours degree. Whether you qualify for a BA or a BSc (Hons) Open will be determined by the number of credits you have from modules suitable for a BA or for a BSc.

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you might be able to count that towards your BA/BSc (Hons) Open. This could save you time and money by reducing the number of modules you need to study to complete your qualification.

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

Related qualifications

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

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

Qualification structure

Like most OU degrees, the BA/BSc (Hons) Open has three stages and each stage is made up of 120 credits. But with an Open degree you can choose modules from any of the following subject areas:

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Design
- Education, Childhood and Youth
- Engineering
- Environment and Development
- Environmental sustainability
- Health and Social Care
- Health and Wellbeing
- Languages
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Sport and Fitness.

You'll study your degree like this:

Access module (optional)[1]
Prepare for OU study and build your confidence with an optional Access module. Find out more on page 12.

Stage 1 – 120 credits

You'll start with **60 credits** from a wide choice of key introductory modules.

Next, you'll choose **60 credits** from a wide range of OU level 1 modules across different subject areas.

Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

You'll study **120 credits** from a wide range of OU level 2 modules.

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You'll study **120 credits** from a wide range of OU level 3 modules.

BA/BSc (Hons) Open[2]

Optional Access module
Option modules
Intermediate qualifications
Awarded qualification

[1] Only available in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland.
[2] 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 2026
Register by 10 Sep 2026

Feb 2027
Register by 7 Jan 2027

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:
- Computer-marked assignments
- Tutor-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 will depend on the modules you choose to study

More online

Find out more about this course including the range of modules and some suggested study routes.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/qd**
Call **0300 303 5303**

Building your BA/BSc (Hons) Open

As an Open degree student, you get to choose from a vast range of different modules from our named degree programmes. We know that with so much choice available, you may need some help deciding which modules to study. We're here to help guide you through planning your qualification and selecting your modules.

Planning your studies

Studying more than one subject as part of your Open degree provides an exciting opportunity to think about the ways in which those subjects intersect and influence each other.

Before you start considering which modules to register for, think about:

- the subjects that interest you
- the skills you already have
- the subjects and/or skills that will help you fulfil your career or personal ambitions
- subjects you may have studied before
- how much time you have available to study
- when you want to start studying.

Stages in the Open degree

Stage 1

Your first modules will provide you with a foundation in your chosen subject(s) and help develop general study skills. You may want to focus on one subject – such as science or the humanities – but there's nothing to stop you studying modules from entirely different areas.

For certain subject areas, such as biology, economics, or psychology, you may need to include particular modules at Stage 1, or have previous study, so that you're prepared for Stage 2 and 3. But don't worry, we can help you choose the right module at the right stage.

We also have online tools and tests that will help you decide if you're ready for some specialist subjects.

Stage 2

After Stage 1, you may have some ideas about the subjects you want to follow. You can start to focus on one, two, or choose different subjects that reflect your wider interests.

Stage 3

Stage 3 is focused on the study of specialist topics. Remember that the modules you select at Stage 2 and Stage 3 should ideally build on your studies at previous levels. We recommend you carefully plan your Stage 1 and 2 modules to prepare you for your chosen Stage 3 study.

You may want to think about the modules you're interested in at Stage 3 and work backwards.

Top tip

Our friendly Student Support Teams are there to help you plan your different stages so they can guide you through this process.

Give yourself time to read module descriptions as they will include any advisory or formal entry requirements (called pre-requisites) which will help you plan your study.

Making your learning count (YXM130)

This flexible module allows you to count different types of learning towards one of our undergraduate Open qualifications. For example, you can include study from free online resources, such as OpenLearn, as part of this module. As you study *Making your learning count*, you'll reflect on what you've learned previously and choose additional free courses to complete the required 30 credits for the module. The subjects you select are entirely up to you. Please note that only non-credit-bearing study can be counted towards this self-selected learning.

Find out more at **openuniversity.co.uk/count**.

Suggested subject routes

You don't have to build your qualification from scratch if you don't want to.

We've developed over 40 optional suggested subject routes you can follow. Each subject route is worth 180 credits, the equivalent of half a degree.

These routes guide you through a specific subject area so that you complete the right modules at Stage 1 to help prepare you for Stage 2 and 3 study.

For example, if you know you want to study **Psychology and Business and Management** you could follow the routes below:

	Business and Management	Psychology
Stage 1	*An introduction to business and management* (B100)	*Exploring psychological worlds: thinking, feeling, doing* (D110)
Stage 2	*Shaping business opportunities* (B207)	*Applying psychology* (D250)
Stage 3	*Strategic management* (B302)	*Counselling and forensic psychology: investigating crime and therapy* (DD310)
	180 credits	**180 credits**

BA/BSc (Hons) Open (360 credits)

You can find more suggested subject routes on our website, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/qd** to find out more.

Student Support Teams

Planning your Open degree can be exciting, but we also know the choice of modules is huge. But you're never alone in planning your qualification. Our Student Support Teams are here to help.

Made up of experienced academics, educational advisers and other staff with subject-specific expertise, they'll provide advice and guidance both on your module choice and on qualification planning.

If there is a specific subject area you would like to concentrate your study on, they can help ensure you include the necessary Stage 1 modules to help you succeed in the later stages.

If you decide to change direction in your subject areas, they can help with module choice and preparation.

We understand your interests and aims can change over time, and that's ok. The flexibility of the Open degree means you have the ability to change your plans, and our Student Support Teams are always on hand to help guide you. We can work with you to adapt your study plans and ensure your focus is in line with new goals.

Get in touch to find out more, call **0300 303 5303**.



BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

This flexible honours degree combines science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects, also known as STEM.

Our BSc (Hons) Combined STEM lets you create a specialist degree from a wide range of modules and study routes, building a qualification that's unique to you.

Some of the study routes we currently offer are:

- Astronomy and planetary science
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Communications and networking
- Data science
- Design
- Earth sciences
- Engineering
- Environmental sustainability
- Health science
- Mathematics education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sport and fitness
- Web development.

Why this qualification?

- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Choose modules from across STEM subjects or focus on one or two areas.
- Be supported by our team of advisers, who'll help you make the best choice of modules.
- Study to fit evolving career ambitions or personal interests.
- Open up your career prospects.
- Flexibility to include up to 60 credits of non-STEM modules such as in business or a language in each of the first two stages.

Qualification structure

The BSc (Hons) Combined STEM has three stages, each comprising 120 credits. Stage 1 provides underpinning knowledge and skills for more advanced study at Stages 2 and 3, and you should carefully plan your Stage 1 and 2 modules to prepare you for your chosen Stage 3 study.

Access module (optional)[1]
Prepare for OU study and build your confidence with an optional Access module. Our *Science, technology and maths Access module* (Y033/YXFT033) is great preparation for STEM qualifications. To find out more, see page 12.

Stage 1 – 120 credits

You'll start with **60 credits** from a wide choice of key introductory STEM modules.

Next, you'll choose **60 credits** of free choice modules from a wide range of OU level 1 modules across different subject areas.

Your first modules will give you a foundation in your chosen STEM area(s) and help develop general study skills. You may want to focus broadly on STEM subjects, or study modules from different subject areas, such as education or language.

Stage 2 – 120 credits

You'll study **60 credits** from a wide range of OU level 2 STEM modules.

You'll study **60 credits** of free choice modules from a wide range of OU level 2 courses.

After Stage 1, you'll likely know the direction you want to follow. You can start to focus on your chosen STEM specialism, and choose subjects that reflect your wider interests.

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You'll study **120 credits** from a wide range of OU level 3 STEM modules.

Stage 3 is focused on the study of specialist topics and issues and will ideally build on your previous STEM modules at Stages 1 and 2.

BSc (Hons) Combined STEM

Optional Access module
Option modules
Awarded qualification

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

At a glance

Course code R28

Total credits 360

Start dates
Oct 2026
Register by 10 Sep 2026

Feb 2027
Register by 7 Jan 2027

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:
- Computer-marked assignments
- Tutor-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 different 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 including the range of modules and some suggested study routes.

Visit **openuniversity.co.uk/r28**
Call **0300 303 5303**



What can I do with an Open qualification?

80% of graduate employers are interested in abilities rather than specific subjects studied, and an Open qualification is an ideal way to showcase your abilities across a broad range of skills. The employers we work with know that diversity brings great strength.

Employers describe OU students as 'self-starters', 'adaptable', 'diverse', 'determined' and 'ambitious'.

Whether you study a degree, diploma or certificate, all of our Open qualifications can help you achieve your life and career goals.

On completion, our experienced careers team will help you present your Open qualification to employers and the valuable skills it has given you. As well as showing you have achieved your desired Open qualification, you can also include your module choices in CVs and applications to highlight the subjects you have studied.

Careers and Employability Service

By becoming an OU student, you will have full access to our quality-certified, award-winning Careers and Employability Service to support you on your study journey and help you realise your future potential. We help a wide range of students at all stages of their working lives achieve personal, study and career goals, and we are proud that 97% of students using this service would recommend it to other students.

> The best element of OU study was gaining confidence in myself. It has benefitted my personal development hugely and served as a stepping stone for my planned move into teaching.

Christine Soerjowidjojo
BSc (Hons) Open

What our students say

Find out why these students chose to study an Open degree with the OU, and how their experience has impacted their lives.

"When I first started my OU studies, my motivation came from wanting to learn about new things and increase my understanding of topics which already interested me.

The flexibility of the Open degree helped keep things new and exciting. I studied numerous different topics like creative writing, literature, history, art, language and business management and the modules were fun and interesting. This allowed me to learn new things whilst also honing my fundamental interests. Plus, studying all these different topics means I now have a skill set that's unique to me.

I love to travel and the OU set up meant that I could explore the world while also keeping in touch with my tutors and fellow students.

My tutors were magnificent and my fellow students offered fantastic support. One encouraged me to use my travel experience as inspiration for my writing. This is something that naturally inspires me, and the fantastic comments, encouragement and feedback from my tutor meant I gained the confidence to find my voice.



I had no idea of what the OU would be for me when I began. I now have a degree but, more importantly, I have the pride of completing something I once believed would never happen."

Luke Simmons
BA (Hons) Open



"I've always wanted to go to university, but I couldn't afford to pay the tuition fees without any support.

I wasn't sure at the very beginning if I could do everything remotely, so the idea of the OU was a bit daunting. My dad had already studied with the OU, and because he spoke so favourably about it, I thought I would give it a try.

I studied in the evenings, during weekends and at work during lunchtime. My employer was in favour of me doing that. They valued it, and they thought that it would be good for my career progression and for them as well. They saw that I would be able to gain my qualification and increase my knowledge and skills.

One of the real advantages of an OU degree is that you can apply the learning almost immediately in your job."

After graduating, Ali's studies made a good impression on his next employer, too.

"They were impressed not just with the degree but because I had demonstrated that I'm able to work full-time and study full-time and manage everything that comes along with it.

You have to remember your end goal. Have that in the back of your mind all the time. It's achievable. You can do it."

Ali Salik
BSc (Hons) Open

Find your postgraduate course

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

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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 in one of the following broadly related study areas:

- Arts, Humanities, Music and Language
- Education, Psychology and Health Science and Healthcare
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law.

Route 2: You can choose to study a **minimum 120 credits** in one study area (chosen as your area of specialism) and take **up to 60 credits** from any other study area, including:

- Further professional development modules.

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 in one of the following broad study areas	Study a **minimum of 120 credits** in 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**		

Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Professional Practice (K48)

This qualification builds on your professional experience and continuing professional development (CPD), helping you turn workplace learning into deeper insight and impact. You'll explore the theory and evidence behind effective practice, critically evaluate your CPD, and apply new ideas to your role.

You can use credits gained from this qualification towards the MA/MSc Open.

Find out more at **openuniversity.co.uk/k48**.

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**.

Advance your independent learning (YXM830)

As part of your planning, you may want to consider studying *Advance your independent learning* (YXM830). This innovative module offers the flexibility to explore a topic of your choice at masters level, developing your postgraduate skills in investigation, research, critical engagement, and reflection. You'll produce a final assessment on a topic agreed with your tutor. For more details, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/advance**.

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 2026
Oct 2026
Nov 2026
Feb 2027
May 2027

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

"The MA/MSc Open degree at the OU allows you to pick and choose your modules. I've opted to focus around two thirds of my degree on education and the rest on business, including HR and corporate finance. I'm hoping that the skills and knowledge I've acquired from my degree will help me climb the ranks."

Elly Holmes
currently studying MA/MSc Open

More online

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

Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/f81
Call
0300 303 5303



How to apply

Undergraduate study

Ready to start your OU journey? Let's get going. It's as simple as:

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. You'll find all your options here **openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees**.
4. **Complete your registration**
   Confirm your funding method.
   That's it – you're ready to start learning.

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

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

Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you may be able to transfer the academic credit you've been awarded towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the number of modules you need to study with us.

Learn more at **openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer**

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 your evidence has been assessed and approved, your registration will be complete

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

Useful information

Study from outside the UK

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

Find out more by visiting **openuniversity.co.uk/international** or call **+44 (0)300 303 0266**.

Students with additional study needs

When you register, we'll ask if you have a physical or mental health disability, health condition, or specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) that could affect your study. If you do, we'll give you more detailed information about how we can help.

For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/disability** or call us on **0300 303 5303**.

Equality and diversity

We're committed to creating an inclusive university community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

We do this by challenging inequality, celebrating diversity and ensuring everyone has the support needed to achieve their goals.

Find out more by visiting **openuniversity.co.uk/equality**.

Students under the age of 16

Very exceptionally, we accept applications from gifted students under the age of 16.

Call us on **0300 303 5303** if you'd like to apply.

Sustainability and the OU

We embed sustainability across all aspects of your learning, equipping you with science-based knowledge for social and environmental justice, transformational skills, and the courage and confidence to be a force for regenerative practices in all areas of your life.

For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/sustainability**.

Responsible Futures

accredited institution

Data protection

We record your personal information when you contact us. We use this to manage enquiries, registration, study, examination and other services. We may record calls to help us improve our service to you. When you contact us, we'll tell you more about how we treat your personal information.

For more information, visit **openuniversity.co.uk/privacy**.

Other ways to read this prospectus

You may find it easier to access information from our website at **openuniversity.co.uk**.

We can supply this prospectus as a printed booklet, PDF and in other formats. Please call **0300 303 5303**, or email us from our website at **openuniversity.co.uk/contact**.

Explore our other prospectuses

Learn more about the qualifications we offer in other subject areas.

Subject-specific prospectuses

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Design, Engineering and Technology
- Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport
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