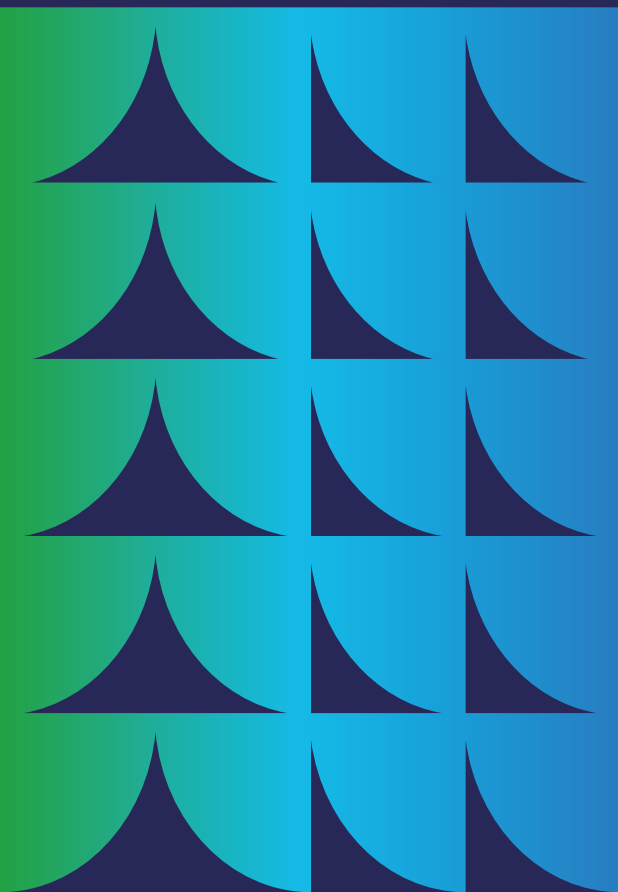


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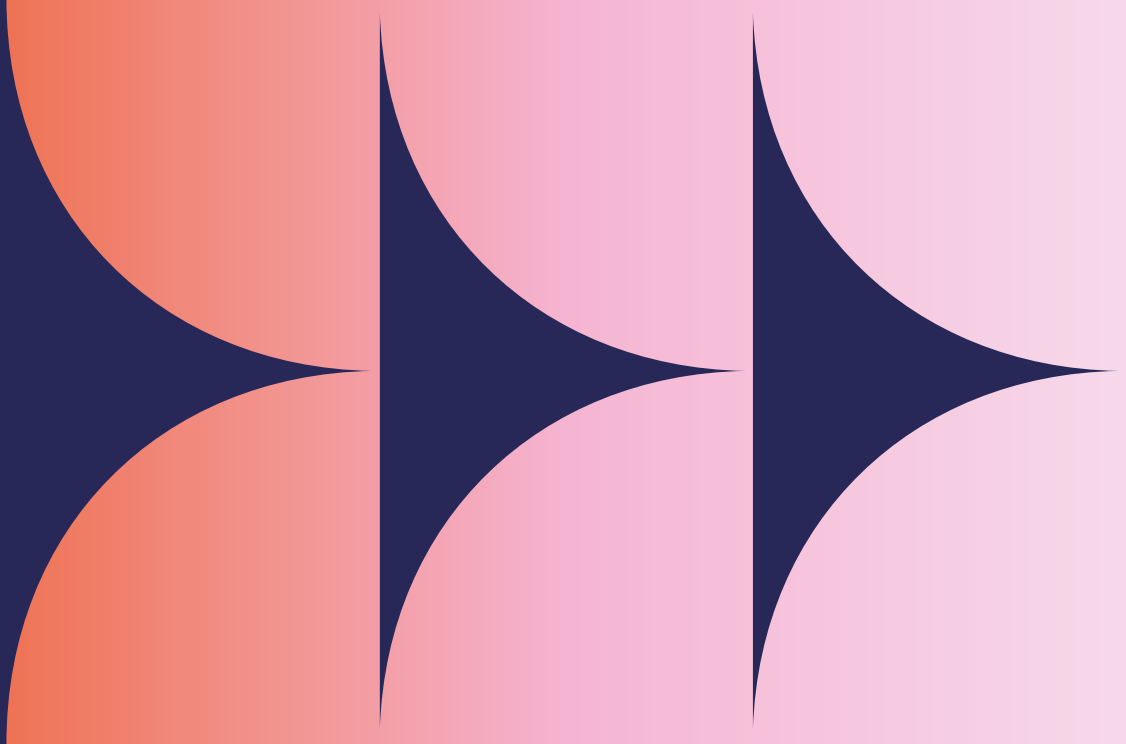


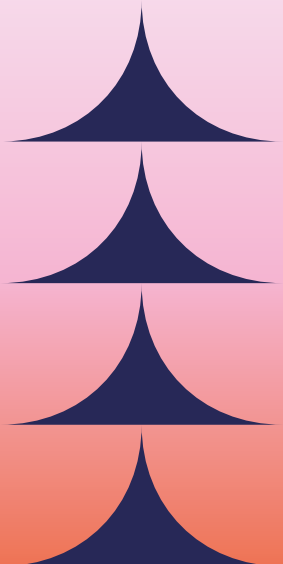
The future is open

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.

- Get a step closer to your dream career.
- Gain a globally recognised, high-quality university education.
- Explore your passion and what you're capable of.
- Create a better life for you and your family.
- Start the next chapter in your learning journey.

Over two million people have already transformed their futures with us. Now it's your turn.





Start achieving your goals here and now

Welcome to The Open University

This prospectus is the start of your journey and will cover:

- ▶ **what you can study**
- ▶ **how long it'll take**
- ▶ **how distance learning works**
- ▶ **your funding options**
- ▶ **how to register.**

We bring university to you. We've pioneered supported distance learning for over 50 years and are the world leaders in high-quality distance education.

Our flexible approach to learning means you can study from home around your job, family and life. So you can gain a recognised qualification without putting your life on hold. Plus, you'll receive expert tutor support every step of the way and join our community of learners in the UK and across 157 countries worldwide.

The Open University was established by Royal Charter on 23 April 1969. We've come a long way since then, constantly innovating our teaching and research at every step to make sure that our founding mission – enabling access to education for all – remains as relevant now as it did over 50 years ago.

- An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 80% of FTSE 100 companies sponsoring staff to study with us.
- More CEOs and Managing Directors of UK companies have studied with us than any other UK university.
- 87% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- 70% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- We are the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Throughout our 49-year partnership with the BBC, we've co-produced numerous TV and radio series – like *Forensics: The Real CSI*, *Bad People*, the Radio 4 programme *All in the Mind* and Sir David Attenborough's *Frozen Planet II*.

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University that works for you

The Open University is proud to be unconventional. We don't believe there's a right order to do things in life, only what's right for you. We're here to help you get where you want to be.

Learn on your terms

Learning with us is flexible and supportive, guided by expert tutors every step of the way.

We'll give you all the essential course resources and materials you need. Plus, our dedicated Student Support Team is always there to help you if you need advice.

- You decide when and where you learn.
- You can keep on earning while you learn.
- You can fit study around other life commitments.
- You can fund your studies in a way that suits you.

Learn from the best

With our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors, you'll receive innovative, insightful teaching from subject specialists, many of whom combine their teaching work with academic or industry roles.

Spark your imagination

From online tutorials, to books, to the virtual learning environment, you'll study using a variety of digital and physical resources. So, however you learn best, we'll keep you inspired.

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.

Additional study support

Did you know that 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

Module discussion groups are there for you to talk about your subject, coursework or to share study methods. You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal social media groups set up by your fellow students.

When you register, you'll become a member of our Students' Association. This community gives you the chance to meet fellow students and help influence University decisions. For more information, visit oustudents.com.

Get social with us

- Facebook [@OUstudents](https://www.facebook.com/OUstudents)
- Twitter [@OUstudents](https://twitter.com/OUstudents)
- Instagram [@OUstudentslive](https://www.instagram.com/OUstudentslive)



The OU has given me a confidence in myself that I never thought I would have. I believe in myself completely now and know I can achieve anything I want.



Gina Guerriero
OU graduate

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 our unique approach to learning, which means you don't have to put your life on hold.

Bringing university to you, wherever you are

We've continuously developed our supported distance learning method for over 50 years. Our resources are designed so that you can fit a high-quality university education around your busy life.

With the OU, you can study whenever and wherever you like.

We're respected

A combination of education and experience is highly sought after and can greatly enhance your employment prospects. An OU qualification allows you to put what you learn into practice immediately. You'll be able to show you're dedicated, driven and committed – personal qualities that are valued in any workplace.

We're flexible

Studying with the OU allows you to work as you learn and apply your new skills and knowledge in the real world.

There's no such thing as a typical OU student. You'll decide how and when you want to study. Our tutors and Student Support Teams are used to helping students balance study with other commitments.



We're a thriving community

You'll be joining 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 170,000 students study with us each year. Come and join them.

We're open to all

We believe that your ability isn't only based on your previous qualifications. That's why there are no formal academic entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses.

Find out what you'll need to study our postgraduate courses at openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready.

More information

Find out more about The Open University.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/learning



Qualifications to suit you

With over 200 qualifications 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.

Foundation degree

Focus on a subject related to what you're doing now, either workwise or voluntarily.

Named degree

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

Open degree

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

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 that is 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. We've made it happen with a unique, flexible, student-centred approach.

We will:

- ▶ help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- ▶ provide a flexible learning experience that works for you and your life
- ▶ use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- ▶ support you every step of the way.

You will:

- ▶ learn from high-quality materials that are designed with you in mind
- ▶ benefit from continuous innovation and accessible learning, whatever your circumstances
- ▶ have access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- ▶ gain a qualification that is respected by employers around the world.



Student stories

Every year, thousands of students take the life-changing step of studying with us.

Hear directly from some of our inspirational students and discover how being an OU student is helping them to achieve their ambitions.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/stories



Welcome to Psychology and Counselling

Our School of Psychology and Counselling is the UK's largest provider of university-level education in psychology. Here you'll be introduced to various approaches to psychological research and learn about the scientific study of the human mind, behaviour and people in social contexts.

Studying Psychology and Counselling with us will allow you to:

- ▶ **be eligible to claim the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership on completion of one of our BPS-accredited degrees**
- ▶ **develop essential transferable work-related skills, including problem-solving, critical thinking and reasoning, statistical analysis and research methods**
- ▶ **apply your learning to real-world problems and situations, such as criminal investigations, race and gender equality, relationships and therapy.**

You'll benefit from expertise across a range of different faculties, as members of the School work in close collaboration with academics in the Faculty of Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies, and the Faculty of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Undergraduate

At undergraduate level, we offer a range of certificates, diplomas, a foundation degree and honours degrees.

Four of our qualifications are BPS-accredited single honours degrees:

- Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Psychology with Counselling.

You can study psychology in combination with another subject, for example, in our BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology and BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies.

We also offer a Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology, a Foundation Degree in Counselling – which is also available as a Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling – and a Certificate of Higher Education in Psychology.

Diplomas and certificates of higher education are also available for some subject combinations, such as the Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology.



the british
psychological society
accredited

I want to move towards supporting children's development, and psychology is the perfect way to do that. Hopefully, by specialising in the topic through the OU, I can continue to learn the vital skills for something such as developmental psychology. And of course, I know that The Open University offers postgraduate courses which also tie into my interests, so I think I'll be looking to continue studying with them as long as possible and develop my skills as much as I can.

Samuel Wicks
Currently studying towards BSc (Hons) Psychology

Postgraduate

At postgraduate level, we offer the MSc in Psychology which includes cognitive, social, forensic and counselling psychology, and the MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies, where you'll examine real life criminal cases as you learn about a broad range of forensic psychology topics. We have a Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry, which can be the starting point for either of these masters degrees.

In addition, if you've completed an undergraduate honours degree and are seeking an accredited programme of study to meet your career goals, our MSc in Psychology (Conversion) offers Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the British Psychological Society.

Credible qualifications, valued by employers

Achieving Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership of British Psychological Society (BPS) is the first step towards the professional qualifications required to become a Chartered Psychologist. Four of our undergraduate honours degrees and the MSc in Psychology (Conversion) are accredited to provide this.

While studying BPS-approved Psychology qualifications you can become a BPS student

member, which can be invaluable for keeping up to date with changes within the profession and for networking opportunities.

Our other postgraduate qualifications (MSc in Psychology and MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies) offer the opportunity to develop critical appraisal skills in evaluating psychological research and practice, as well as your ability to clearly communicate to different audiences.

The Diploma of Higher Education or Foundation Degree in Counselling will help prepare you to become a professional counsellor. By the end of your studies, and with appropriate practice, supervision and personal development, you should be able to apply for accreditation with a number of professional bodies such as the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

Boost your career prospects

Open University Psychology and Counselling qualifications build vital skills and attributes that employers value very highly, such as collaboration, digital literacy, analysis, initiative and self-awareness. Whether or not you later choose to pursue postgraduate vocational training as a practitioner psychologist or counsellor, studying these subjects can also be the first step towards exciting job opportunities,

postgraduate study and vocational training in a range of professional areas, such as:

- market and social research and data analysis
- mental health, third sector and community support roles
- guidance and advisory roles
- marketing communications and public relations
- psychotherapy and counselling
- policing roles
- youth services, teaching and social work
- human resources, recruitment, selection, management and training roles.

You're on your way

That's step one done. Now take the next by reading more about our Psychology and Counselling qualifications, before registering for your chosen course.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/courses



Building your qualification

Undergraduate

You'll need to build up a certain number of credits to gain your qualification. Here's how it works:

The different stages

- Complete one stage for a certificate of higher education, two stages for a diploma of higher education or foundation degree, and three stages to gain 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. This means that to earn an honours degree, 360 credits are required in total.
- Credits are gained by successfully completing modules.

The modules available

- With each module you successfully complete you'll earn a set number of credits, usually either 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.

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 or Foundation degree

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.

Read more

Find out more about how you work towards an undergraduate qualification.



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

Postgraduate

Postgraduate qualifications are made up of a set number of credits. You build up credits by successfully completing modules.

You'll need:

- 60 credits to gain a postgraduate certificate
- 180 credits to gain a masters degree.

Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.

Getting started

All you need to do is choose which qualification you want to study and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

Pattern A – MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies, MSc in Psychology

60 credits
at postgraduate level.

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry

A further **120 credits**
at postgraduate level, totalling **180 credits**.

Masters degree

Pattern B – MSc in Psychology (Conversion)

90 credits
at postgraduate level.

A further **90 credits**
at postgraduate level, totalling **180 credits**.

Masters degree

Read more

Find out more about how you work towards a postgraduate qualification.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual



Prepare for study with an Access module

We're different to other universities because we're open to people based on their potential rather than their prior qualifications. Our students come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds, so we offer a choice of starting points depending on how confident you are in your study skills.

You can choose to dive straight into your qualification at Stage 1, or you can get started with an optional Access module. If you aren't sure where to start, you can find more information on the best starting point for you on our website, visit openuniversity.co.uk/ready.

An Access module is a great place to start if you want a gentle introduction to Open University study. It can also help you find out more about your interests and where you want your learning to take you.

Access modules are currently only available for students resident in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland.

How Access modules work

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, including fees and funding, administrative support, and study-related guidance. Your Access module materials are a blend of printed and online resources. You'll engage with the materials to complete tasks such as online quizzes and tutor-marked assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

Access modules start in February, May and October and usually last for 30 weeks. Each week requires around nine or ten hours of study. If your module has the fast track option, you can increase your study time and complete your Access module in just 18 weeks.

What you need

You'll get access to your module website and your books and other printed materials will be posted out to you. All you need is:

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

What you can study

Each Access module covers relevant topics and develops the skills you'll need as you continue your chosen qualification.

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. Each area is introduced and explained at a gentle pace, perfect if you want to get to grips with something new.

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)*
- *Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)* – also available as *Science, technology and maths Access module: fast track (YXFT033)*



Do you qualify for a free Access module?

You can study an Access module for **free** if you:

- live in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address, and
- have a personal income of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits, and
- have completed less than one year of a 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.



Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be successful when they advance to OU Stage 1 study.

How much does an Access module cost?

If you don't qualify to study for free, the cost depends on where you live.

- In England, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man it's £866.
- In Northern Ireland it's £276.
- In the Republic of Ireland it's £831.
- In Scotland it's £282.
- In Wales it's £328.

You can pay up front by debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – for more information, see 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.



The Access module really helped equip me with the necessary skills, which in turn gave me the confidence to go on and study at degree level.

Tim Walker
OU student



More information

Find out more about our Access modules.



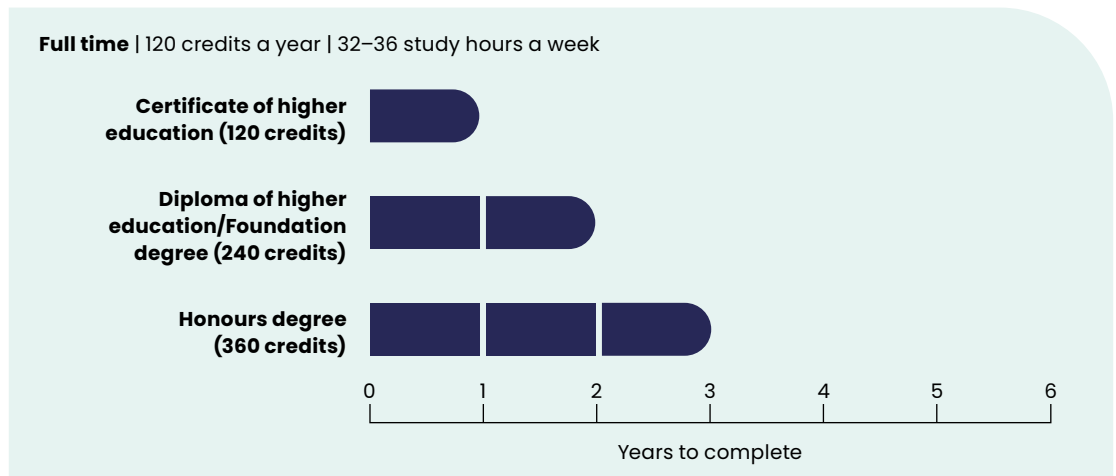
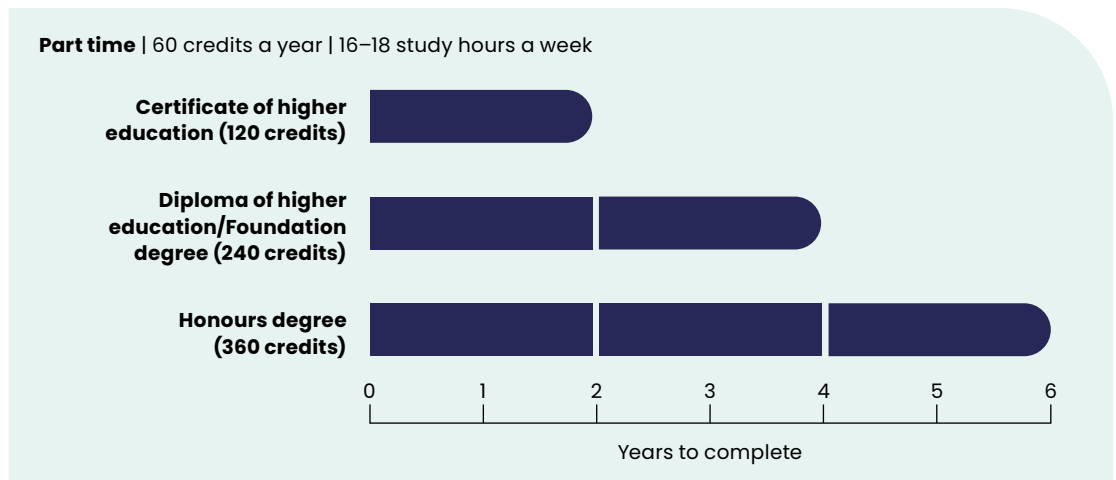
Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access

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

Most of our students study part time, gaining 60 credits a year. That's like studying at half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. If you want to complete your study at full-time equivalent intensity, you'll need to gain 120 credits per year.



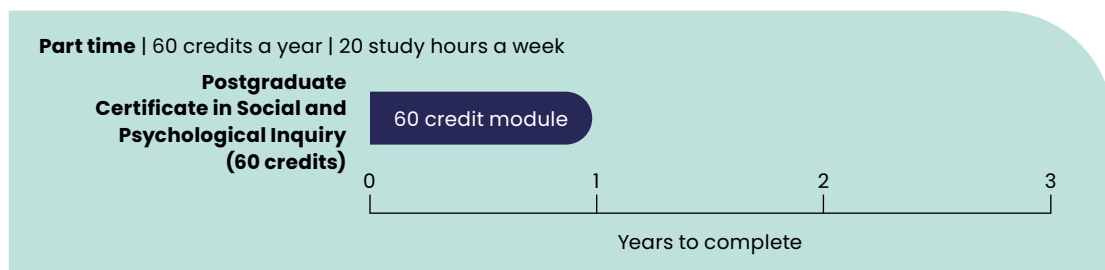
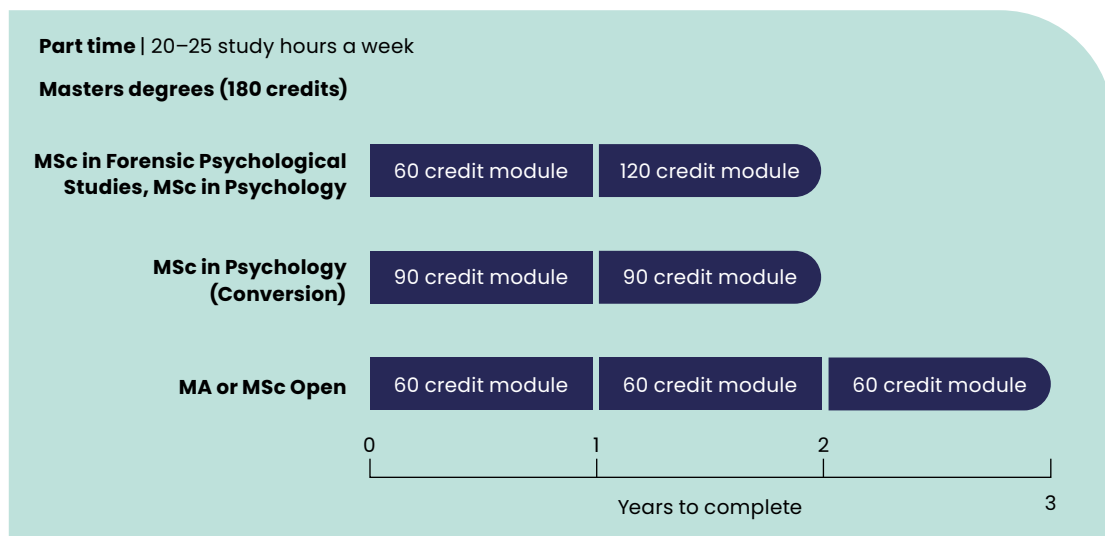
Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information. All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you choose to study at a full-time equivalent intensity.

Postgraduate qualifications

How long it will take 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 usual timescales for individual module completion are shown below.

- 60 credit module – typically nine months.
- 90 credit module – typically ten months.
- 120 credit module – typically twelve months.

The guide below gives you an idea of how long it could take you to gain your qualification.



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

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 number of modules you need to study.

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

More information

Find out more and use our time planner tool.



Visit openuniversity.co.uk/time



Supporting you to succeed

You're never alone when you're studying with The Open University. Your community of expert tutors and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

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 support over the phone, through email, or online.

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.



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



Your Students Association awaits

The Open University Students Association is a lot like a student union. Run by students, for students, it gives you access to our services and opportunities. You're automatically a member, and there's no fee.

It exists to help you make the most of your time studying, promote your interests and ensure the OU is more than just a place of learning – it's a student community.

Led by a team of elected students, and supported by hundreds more, the Association:

- offers student support services

- creates opportunities to engage in a vibrant and inclusive student community
- is a strong, effective and accountable representative body for all OU students
- works in partnership with the OU to enhance the student experience.

Whether you're looking for like-minded students, a club, society or support group, you'll discover something for you.

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



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
- choose and enrol on your next module
- visit our online Help Centre
- access your virtual learning environment.

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 online
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

- a computer with internet access. Don't worry if you haven't got access to one right now – you could receive financial support to help you buy one
- 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 earn.

Undergraduate 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. We've given you an idea of the costs below:

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND AND OUTSIDE THE UK (EXCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND)

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
60	£3,462
120	£6,924

The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today's prices, is £20,772. In England, that's three-quarters the cost of an equivalent qualification offered at a campus-based university – a saving of 25%.²

¹ 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

² Based on maximum chargeable fees for the 2023/24 academic year.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ³
60	£1,104
120	£2,208

The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today's prices, is £6,624.

³ 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁴
60	£3,324
120	£6,648

The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today's prices, is £19,944.

⁴ 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally 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 ⁵
60	£1,128
120	£2,256

The total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree, based on today's prices, is £6,768.

⁵ 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally 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 ⁶
60	£1,312
120	£2,624

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

⁶ 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules.

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 books or a language dictionary.
- You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.
- A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue. There may also be additional costs for meals and accommodation.

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, 80% 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.

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, stationery or travel to tutorials.

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

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.

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

Bursary for Black Students⁹

If you identify as being from a Black background, you could receive a £500 bursary to help with your study costs.

Carers' Bursary⁹

If you provide unpaid care for a friend or family member who cannot cope without your

support, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

Care Experienced Bursary⁹

If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

Carers' Scholarship Fund⁹

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

Disabled Students' Allowance⁹

You could access financial support towards study costs incurred as a result of 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 OU 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 OU 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, childcare and internet access.

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.
- You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.
- A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue.

Funding your studies

ENGLAND

Postgraduate loan

You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £11,836 from Student Finance England.

- 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 will be written off.

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident in England
- 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.

WALES

Learning grant and maintenance loan

- You could access up to £18,430 of maintenance grants and loans.
- You'll automatically get a £1,000 non-repayable grant, rising to £6,885, depending on your income.
- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money is paid directly to you.
- Payments are made in instalments, spread across however long you're studying.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
- Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You'll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – 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.

To be eligible, you must:

- be a resident in Wales
- be studying for a masters degree (and not already hold a masters degree or higher qualification)
- be under 60 years old.

Wales STEM bursary

If you study towards an eligible Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or Medicine (STEMM) masters, you might also be eligible for an additional £2,000 to help with study or living costs.

Wales 60+ bursary

If you're aged 60 or over at the start of your masters' seasonal academic year, you could receive a non-repayable bursary of up to £4,000 towards study or living costs.

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 £5,500 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 either two or three years, depending on your chosen qualification.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £19,895 in Northern Ireland and £25,375 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £27,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £146.25 that year (9% of £1,625). That's just £12 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must:

- be resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
- be 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

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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

Carers' Bursary¹

If you provide unpaid care for a friend or family member who cannot cope without your support, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

Care Experienced Bursary¹

If you have been in the care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

Creative Writing Scholarship¹

If you identify as being from a Black background, you could be eligible to study our MA in Creative Writing for free.

Disabled Students' Allowance¹

You could access financial support towards study costs incurred as a result of your disability.

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

OU bursaries¹

Available only to OU honours graduates, our bursaries could 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, childcare and internet access.

¹ UK residents only.

Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

When you enrol with us, if you are resident in the UK, European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino or Vatican City State, you'll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.

Here's how it works

OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University. You can then choose to repay OUSBA in either of the following ways:

- 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
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Call
0300 303 5303



Find your undergraduate course

You can register for the 2023/2024 academic year for undergraduate qualifications from 15 March 2023.

We've based the qualification start dates on the first module(s) you can study as part of your qualification.

What is British Psychological Society accreditation?

The British Psychological Society (BPS) sets out requirements for psychology degrees that it accredits as the first part of training to become a professional psychologist. These include specific subject areas that must be studied, training in research methods and the completion of independent empirical work at OU level 3.

If your career plans include becoming a professional psychologist, which may require further training at postgraduate level, then you should choose a BPS-accredited degree.

If you've completed an undergraduate honours degree, our MSc in Psychology (Conversion) offers Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the BPS.

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BSc (Hons) Psychology

As psychology is the study of the mind and human behaviour, it touches every aspect of our lives. This degree explores key questions around why we do the things we do and how we interact with others.

You'll explore how psychologists use research evidence to contribute to debates on forensic psychology, mental health, relationships, child development, employment and much more. You'll gain knowledge and understanding of different areas of psychology, develop valuable analytical and communication skills, and enhance your ability to work both independently and collaboratively. This will put you in a strong position when it comes to employment opportunities.

Why this qualification?

- Build your knowledge and understanding of a broad range of core topics in psychology.
- Focus on your own areas of interest such as child psychology, counselling, forensic psychology, mental health, or sports psychology.
- Gain valuable analytical and communication skills that help to enhance your employability.
- Develop your ability to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Can be the first step towards professional accreditation as a psychologist.

Accreditation

This degree is designed to deliver the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS). To be eligible for GBC you must achieve a 2:2 or higher.



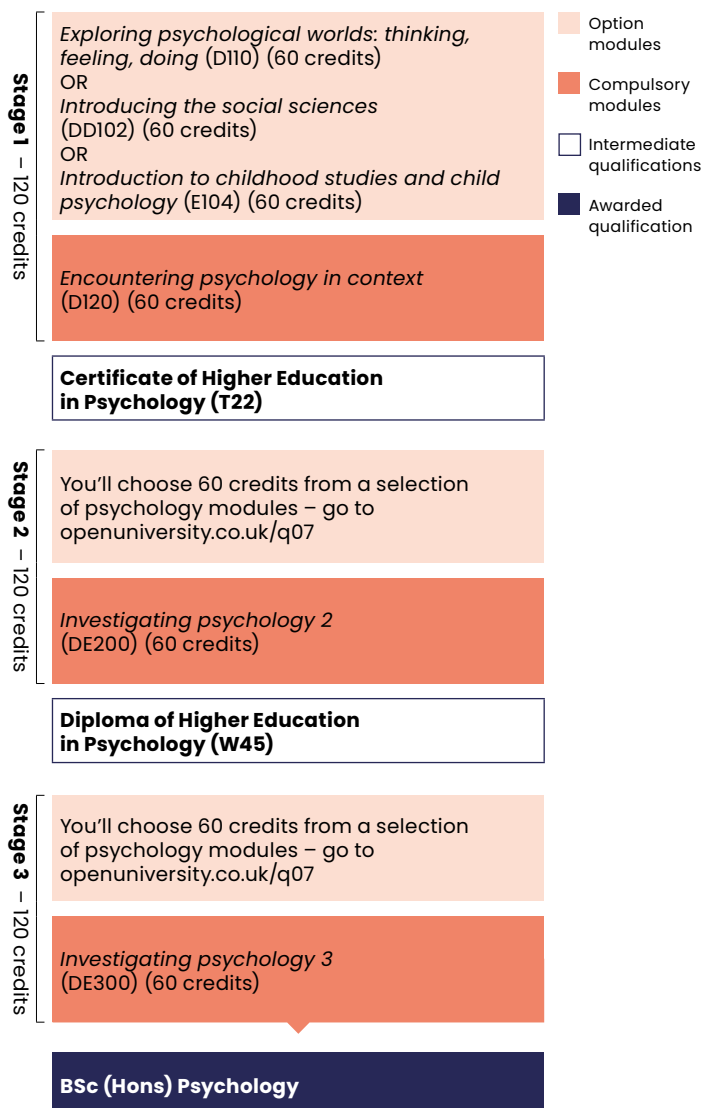
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Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education
in Psychology (W45)
openuniversity.co.uk/w45

Certificate of Higher
Education in Psychology (T22)
openuniversity.co.uk/t22

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code Q07

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

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: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

Electronic versions of printed materials 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/q07
 Call
0300 303 5303



BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology

What makes people harm others? What is a psychopath? How can victims of crime be helped? Forensic psychology explores these and other relevant questions relating to psychology, crime and justice.

This degree begins by providing a broad understanding of the core areas of psychology and progresses through a range of applied psychology topics before focusing on counselling and forensic psychology. You'll also have the opportunity to undertake a forensically orientated research dissertation in the final module.

By completing this degree, you'll gain a practical understanding of psychology as well as advanced analytical and communication skills, while enhancing your ability to work both independently and collaboratively. All of which will prove invaluable to your career development.

Why this qualification?

- Covers key concepts, theories, methods and debates in forensic psychology.
- Gives you an appreciation of different perspectives within psychology and the ability to evaluate them critically.
- Builds advanced analytical and communication skills and enhances your employability.
- Relevant to careers in the criminal justice system, the care and resettlement of offenders, victim support, crime prevention and social justice.

Please note that to practise as a forensic psychologist requires postgraduate-level training.

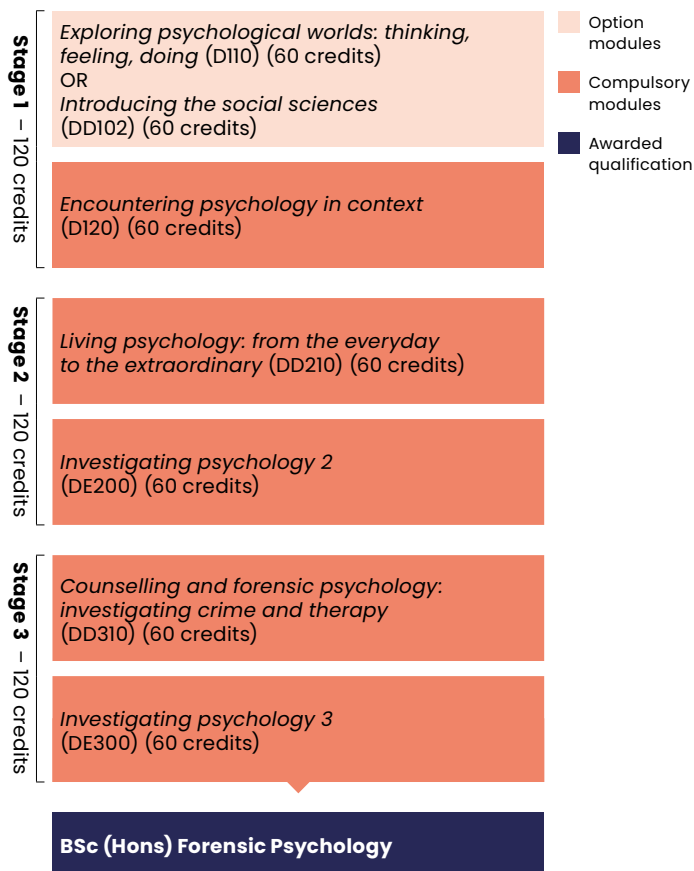
Accreditation

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Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code Q82

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

More online

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BSc (Hons) Social Psychology

In this degree you'll consider how social psychology can be applied to contemporary life. You'll explore psychology more broadly, gaining insights into people's behaviour.

Why do good people do bad things? What does it mean to be a good citizen? What role do digital technologies play in our relationships? How have gender identities changed? And has globalisation made people across the world more similar, or do old differences persist? You'll examine these and many other important psychological questions about the relationship between individual psychology and the complex social world.

The Open University has a long-standing reputation for cutting-edge research in social psychology. You'll draw on this research strength to consider debates on a wide range of social issues including equality, prejudice, migration, and happiness and well-being.

And you'll learn how psychology is critical to understanding employment, mental health, and relationships.

Why this qualification?

- Explore how social psychologists study people as social beings in different contexts.
- Investigate the connections between individual lives and social problems.
- Gain an appreciation of different perspectives within psychology and the ability to evaluate them critically.
- Prepare for a wide range of career opportunities including social justice, public policy, media and communications.
- Can be the first step towards professional accreditation as a psychologist.

Accreditation

This degree is designed to deliver the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS). To be eligible for GBC you must achieve a 2:2 or higher.



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Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code Q83

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Meet our academics

Professor of Psychology Catriona Havard's main focus of research is facial recognition. Her eyewitness research has led to the development of new techniques to reduce the false identification rates that can lead to wrongful convictions. Even hairstyles can make more of an impact than we realise. Her recent research indicates that hair might be an important cue for unfamiliar face matching tasks and can influence own-race bias in facial identification.

Learn more about Catriona's work at openuniversity.co.uk/facial-recognition-research.

More online

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



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BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling

Psychological therapies are rooted in psychological understanding, so this degree combines a strong foundation in psychology with a specific focus on how counselling works and how it can help people change.

You'll consider how counsellors and psychologists use research evidence to contribute to debates on different counselling approaches, mental health conditions, diagnosis and treatment options. And how psychology is critical to understanding mental health, relationships, education and employment.

Why this qualification?

- Covers the key concepts, theories, methods and debates in psychology and counselling.
- Gives you an appreciation of different perspectives within psychology and the ability to evaluate them critically.
- Explains how psychological theories and research are applied, particularly within counselling practice.
- Can be the first step towards professional accreditation as a psychologist.

Please note that completion of this degree does not qualify you to practise as a counselling or clinical psychologist, psychotherapist or counsellor, as further training is required to work therapeutically with clients.

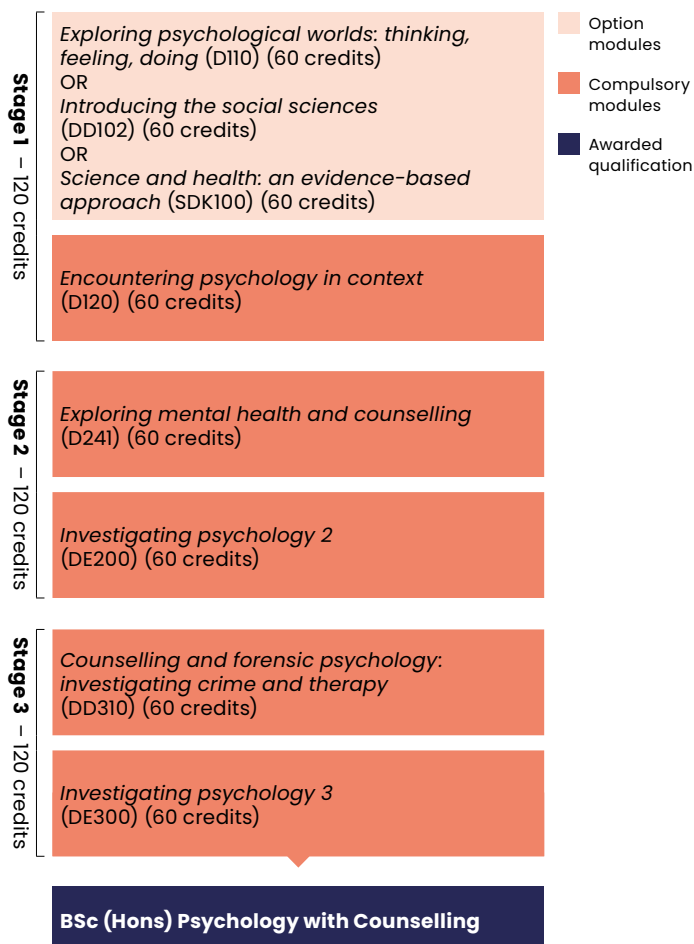
Accreditation

This degree is designed to deliver the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS). To be eligible for GBC you must achieve a 2:2 or higher.



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Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code Q84

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023
Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024
Register by 11 Jan 2024

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

Study duration

Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

More online

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BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Psychology)

This flexible degree combines the study of interdisciplinary social science and sociology with psychology.

You'll gain a firm grounding in knowledge and ideas central to the social sciences and sociology. This will be complemented by an exploration of psychology through a range of real-world issues including love, sexuality and artificial intelligence, before opting to study either social psychology or counselling and forensic psychology.

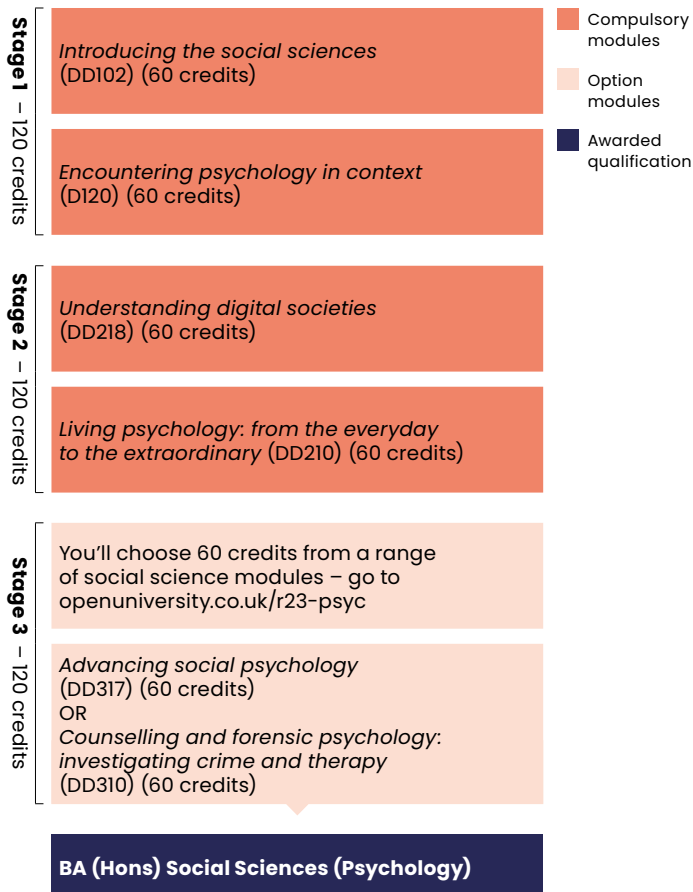
On completion of this degree, you'll be able to apply psychological and social theories, data analysis and analytical techniques to a variety of topics that affect individuals and society.

Why this qualification?

- Specialise in psychology within a broad interdisciplinary social sciences degree.
- Explore topical real-world problems to understand the behaviours of individuals and groups.
- Have the option to focus on investigating crime and therapy or social psychology.
- Gain the ability to evaluate evidence and communicate specialist ideas to different audiences.
- Opens up employment opportunities in private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

Please note that this degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code R23

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

More online

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BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Psychology

Computing & IT studied with psychology can open career opportunities in various sectors.

This degree combines computing and IT with psychology, which will help you examine issues such as the social aspects of computing and IT developments. You'll learn how psychological research addresses real-life issues, such as how psychology has both learned from and informed the development of artificial intelligence and how people interact in online environments.

Why this qualification?

- Combine complementary subjects – psychology and computing & IT.
- Choose from four focus options within the computing & IT strand.

- Build your understanding of psychological concepts and how they apply to everyday life.
- Study the growing area of internet psychology and how being online affects behaviour.

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



Please note that this degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Psychology (W42)
openuniversity.co.uk/w42

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

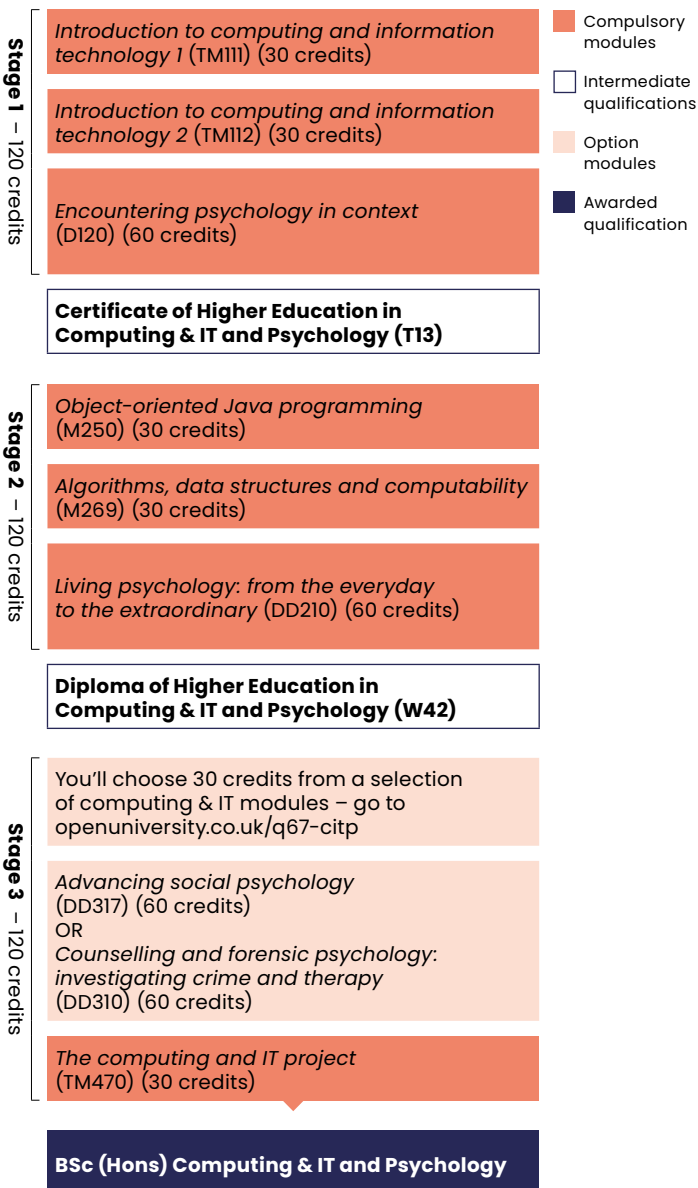
Qualification structure

You'll choose **one** computing and IT focus area:

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

The example route shows **computer science**; 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 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

Apr 2024

Register by 7 Mar 2024

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: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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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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BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology

Criminology and psychology help make sense of crime, criminalisation, criminals and victims. This qualification will provide you with a critical understanding of both subjects.

You'll become able to question and develop your own beliefs and understandings about crime and harm. In doing so, you'll consider criminal acts and human motivations, but also look beyond them by examining the social conditions in which crime occurs, the exercise of power in response to crimes, the nature of conflicts when people interact (individually, in groups or as nations) and how and why societies determine what they will and won't tolerate.

Why this qualification?

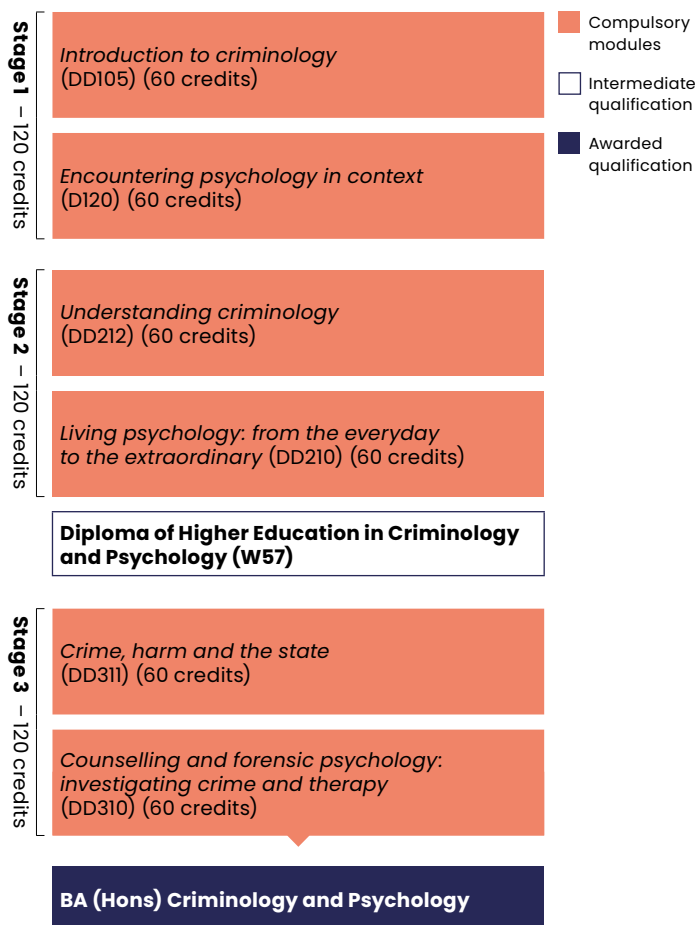
- Helps you understand how criminology makes sense of crime, harm, criminal justice and criminalisation.
- Shows how psychology explains human interaction and conflict and interprets crime and victimisation.
- Takes a distinctive and original approach to teaching criminology and psychology.
- Enhances your employability in areas such as the criminal justice system and social services.

Please note that this degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.

Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology (W57)
openuniversity.co.uk/w57

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code Q98

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

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: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Meet our academics

Lecturer in Criminology Dr Keir Irwin-Rogers' research centres on the happiness, health and wellbeing of children and young people, with a particular focus on reducing social harm and interpersonal violence in their lives. As part of the Public Health, Youth & Violence Reduction (PHYVR) project, he seeks to understand the mechanisms, seen in Scotland, where prevention and education rather than policing and justice have seen radical reductions in violent crime.

Learn more about Keir's work at openuniversity.co.uk/keir.

More online

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



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BA (Hons) Philosophy and Psychological Studies

Philosophy and psychology seek to answer profound questions about ourselves, our minds, our behaviour, and our place in the social and physical universe.

This degree addresses a range of philosophical questions, including questions about ethics, politics, science, religion, art, and the self. It covers core approaches in social, cognitive and developmental psychology, and applied aspects of professional practice.

You'll learn to read and understand scientific and philosophical texts, use different research methods, communicate clearly and logically, and work and think independently.

Why this qualification?

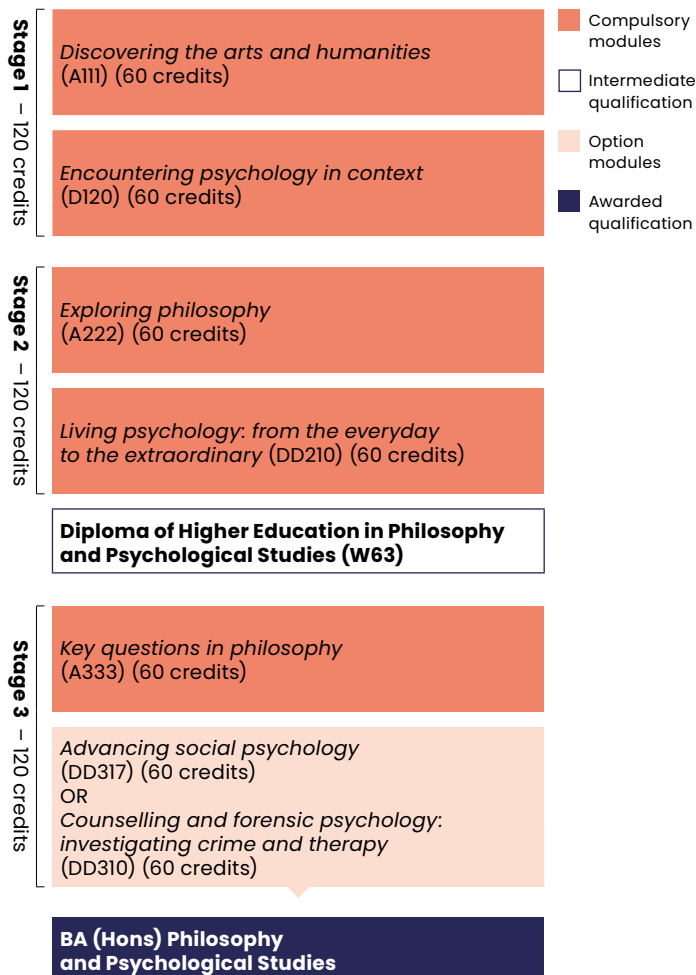
- Investigate profound questions about human minds and behaviour from two complementary perspectives.
- Develop clear, logical thinking and communication skills.
- Learn to construct and analyse informed, reasoned arguments.
- Understand and use a range of research methods.

Please note that this degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.

Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education in Philosophy and Psychological Studies (W63)
openuniversity.co.uk/w63

Qualification structure



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

At a glance

Course code Q43

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

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: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

More online

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



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Foundation Degree in Counselling

The value of counselling to improve wellbeing and quality of life is increasingly recognised. From everyday worries to serious mental health issues like chronic anxiety and depression, counsellors and psychotherapists are helping us cope.

This qualification, developed in partnership with the Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body (CPCAB), will prepare you to become a professional counsellor – equipping you with the theoretical understanding and practical skills required to work in this field.

You'll engage in a unique mix of learning experiences, including practical, work-based learning in CPCAB courses delivered in conjunction with local Further Education colleges or other registered training providers, and knowledge-based modules provided by the OU. If you already have the required CPCAB qualifications, you can top these up with the OU modules needed to achieve this qualification.

We offer the same programme as a Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling (W09), which might be more appropriate if you live or work in Scotland.

Why this qualification?

- Enables you to qualify as a professional counsellor and work with a diverse range of people and issues (such as mental health problems, relationship problems and trauma).
- Combines prior work-based learning at a local college with OU knowledge-based modules.
- If you already have the required CPCAB qualifications, you can top up to the foundation degree by studying just the knowledge-based modules.

Accreditation

This qualification provides the required hours of specified learning which – with appropriate practice, supervision and personal development – will enable you to apply for individual accreditation with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).

If you are considering this qualification you should ensure that the relevant CPCAB courses are delivered in your area, and that you are aware of the CPCAB course entry requirements and fees. Please check with CPCAB (www.cpcab.co.uk) for more details.

Qualification structure

This 240-credit foundation degree has two stages, each comprising 120 credits. You will study a combination of CPCAB courses and OU modules.

Stage 1 – 120 credits

CPCAB Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling (120 credits)

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

Route 1

CPCAB Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling (30 credits)

OR

CPCAB Level 5 Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory (30 credits)

OR

CPCAB Level 5 Diploma in Counselling Children and Young People (30 credits)

Exploring mental health and counselling (D241) (60 credits)

Brain, mind and mental health (SK298) (30 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Route 2

Death, dying and bereavement (K220) (60 credits)

OR

Living psychology: from the everyday to the extraordinary (DD210) (60 credits)

OR

Mental health and community (K240) (60 credits)

OR

Psychology of childhood and youth (E219) (60 credits)

Exploring mental health and counselling (D241) (60 credits)

Foundation Degree in Counselling

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

At a glance

Course code X09

Total credits 240

Start date

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Entry requirements

See openuniversity.co.uk/x09 for full details

Assessment

Based on a mix of:

CPCAB courses:

- Tutor assessed candidate portfolio
- CPCAB assessed audio recording and written paper under exam conditions

OU modules:

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

Study duration

Part time: 4–5 years

Full time: 3–4 years

Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

More online

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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 psychology modules with modules from other disciplines that are of interest to you. 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 fact that the OU has the option of choosing an Open degree is fabulous. So many people I have spoken to wish that they'd had this option at university rather than going down one route.



Carol Dow
BA (Hons) Open

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)
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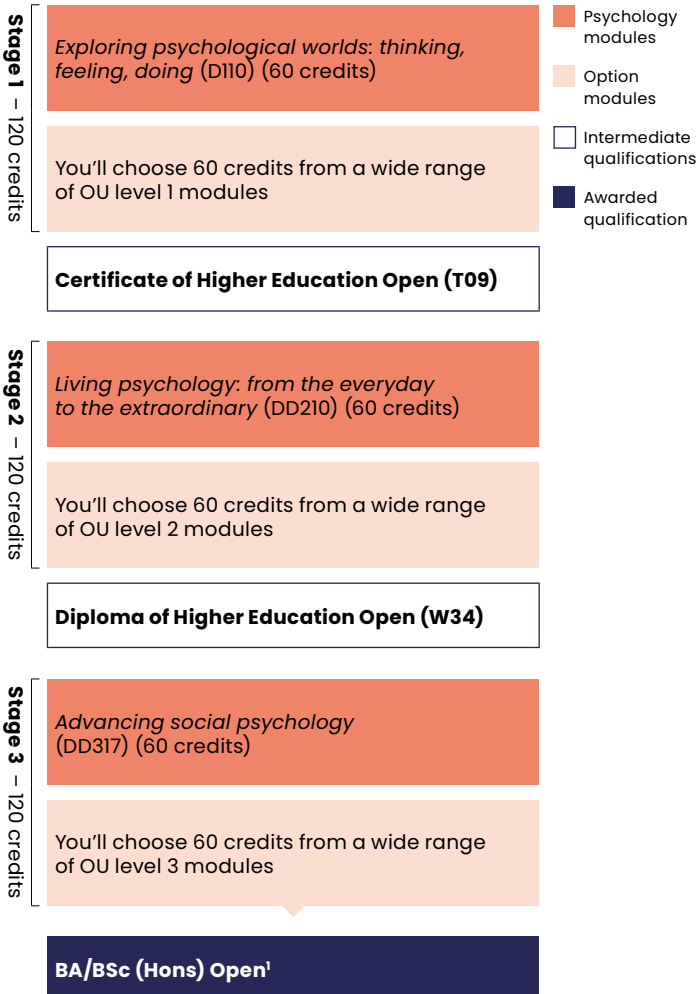
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)
openuniversity.co.uk/t09

How you can focus your Open degree on psychology

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on aspects of psychology 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 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

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: 6 years

Full time: 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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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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Open masters	
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At a glance

Course code F92

Total credits 180

Start date

Sep 2023

Register by 10 Aug 2023

Entry requirements

UK honours degree without BPS accreditation (2:2 at least) or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2 years

MSc in Psychology (Conversion)

This masters degree offers you the opportunity to gain your first qualification accredited by the British Psychological Society.



the british
psychological society
accredited conversion award

You'll develop a comprehensive and critical understanding of the key concepts, theories, methods and debates in psychology. This will include critically examining how psychological theories and research methodologies are applied in real world settings and assessing different kinds of evidence from quantitative and qualitative data. You'll also gain an awareness of the importance of ethical issues in the practice of psychology.

By completing this rigorous masters degree, you'll build your numeracy, literacy, communication, presentation, observational, cognitive and organisational skills as appropriate to the discipline.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Critically exploring psychology 1</i>	90	D810
<i>Critically exploring psychology 2</i>	90	D811
MSc in Psychology (Conversion)		

■ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

More online

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



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LIVING WITH LOSS

- Keep them
- not worry
- not think
- take up a hobby
- get a pet
- buy new clothes

Be interested in
- what they think
- what they want
- what is the language
- what they say

WANTED



At a glance

Course code F73

Total credits 180

Start date
Oct 2023
Register by 14 Sep 2023

Entry requirements
UK honours degree
(2:2 at least) or equivalent

Study duration
Part time: 2 years

MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies

This masters degree enables you to gain an advanced understanding of forensic psychology, while enhancing your analytical and communication skills, as well as your research literacy.

Taking a case-based approach where you examine real-life criminal cases, you'll learn about a broad range of topics relevant to forensic psychology. You'll develop an understanding of the reciprocal relationship this field of research has with law enforcement, legal practice, policy, public opinion and the media.

This qualification also considers international differences in forensic theory, research and practice.

Please note:

- *When studying forensic psychology, you will encounter sensitive topics and case details (e.g. relating to murder, rape, child sexual abuse and terrorism) which might be upsetting.*
- *This masters degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.*

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)

<i>Investigating forensic psychology</i>	120	DD802
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MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

More online

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



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Call
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At a glance

Course code F74

Total credits 180

Start date
Oct 2023
Register by 14 Sep 2023

Entry requirements
UK honours degree
(2:2 at least) or equivalent

Study duration
Part time: 2 years

MSc in Psychology

This masters degree provides a valuable opportunity to gain an advanced understanding of a range of areas in psychology, including cognitive, social, forensic and counselling psychology.

Through bespoke teaching materials on current topics and using cutting-edge research, by the end of your studies you'll be able to source and review psychological research independently, evaluate its relevance for complex real-life issues, assess its validity, and clearly communicate your findings to a range of different audiences.

You will also gain an understanding of the reciprocal relationship psychological research has with medicine, public policy, public opinion and the media.

Please note:

- *Some of the module content (e.g. in relation to forensic psychology) addresses sensitive topics which might be upsetting.*
- *This masters degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.*

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801
Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)		
<i>Evaluating psychology: research and practice</i>	120	DD803
MSc in Psychology		

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

More online

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



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Call
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MA/MSc Open

Do you want the freedom to create a personalised course of study across a range of academic disciplines? Then our MA/MSc Open is ideal.

Put simply, the MA/MSc Open gives you choice. It allows you the freedom to tailor your qualification to suit you. Choose modules and microcredentials from a wide range of related subject areas to fit your professional needs and personal interests.

Qualification structure

To gain this qualification, you need **180 credits**. There are two routes through this qualification:

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 120 credits** within one study area (chosen as your area of specialism) and take up to **60 credits** from any other study area, including:

- Further professional development.

Module and microcredential availability are subject to change.

Arts, humanities, music and language

Title	Credits	Code
<i>MA Creative Writing part 1</i>	60	A802
<i>MA Art History part 1</i>	60	A843
<i>MA Philosophy part 1</i>	60	A853
<i>MA Classical Studies part 1</i>	60	A863
<i>MA Music part 1</i>	60	A873
<i>MA History part 1</i>	90	A883
<i>MA English literature part 1</i>	90	A893
<i>Introduction to translation theory and practice</i>	60	L801

Education, psychology, health science and healthcare

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801
<i>Children and young people's worlds</i>	60	E808
<i>Educational leadership: agency, professional learning and change</i>	60	EE811
<i>Addressing inequality and difference in educational practice</i>	60	EE814
<i>Applied linguistics and English language</i>	60	EE817
<i>Learning and teaching: educating the next generation</i>	60	EE830
<i>Technology-enhanced learning: foundations and futures¹</i>	60	H880
<i>Non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing</i>	60	K803
<i>Introduction to mental health science</i>	60	S826

¹ Module hosted on FutureLearn.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Information security</i>	30	M811
<i>Digital forensics</i>	30	M812
<i>Software development</i>	30	M813
<i>Data management</i>	30	M816
<i>Calculus of variations and advanced calculus</i>	30	M820
<i>Analytic number theory I</i>	30	M823
<i>Advanced mathematical methods</i>	30	M833
<i>Coding theory</i>	30	M836
<i>Space science</i>	60	S818
<i>Environmental science challenges</i>	30	S831
<i>Finite element analysis: basic principles and applications</i>	30	T804
<i>Manufacture materials design</i>	30	T805
<i>Network security</i>	30	T828
<i>Environmental monitoring and protection</i>	30	T868
<i>Making environmental decisions</i>	30	T891

Business, finance, human resources and law

Title	Credits	Code
<i>The role of the human resource professional</i>	30	B810
<i>Financial markets and the financing of organisations</i>	30	B815
<i>Financial strategy and governance</i>	30	B816
<i>MA International relations part 1</i>	90	D818
<i>Exploring legal meaning</i>	30	W820
<i>Exploring the boundaries of international law</i>	30	W821
<i>Business, human rights law and corporate social responsibility</i>	30	W822

Further professional development

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Sustainable creative management</i>	15	BB842
<i>Supply chain management</i>	15	BB849
<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>Management of uncertainty: leadership, decisions and action²</i>	15	BZFM801
<i>Management of change: organisation development and design²</i>	15	BZFM802
<i>Global development in practice¹</i>	60	D890
<i>Understanding global development</i>	60	DD870
<i>Mentoring and coaching in professional learning²</i>	15	EZFM802

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Developing educational leadership in practice²</i>	15	EZFM803
<i>Online teaching: creating courses for adult learners²</i>	15	HZFM881
<i>Online teaching: evaluating and improving courses²</i>	15	HZFM882
<i>Mental health: working with children and young people²</i>	15	KZFM801
<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
<i>Sustainable organisations: theory and practice</i>	30	T892
<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
<i>Agile leadership and management²</i>	15	TZFM850
<i>Continuing professional development in practice</i>	30	U810
<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830

¹ Module hosted on FutureLearn.

² Microcredential hosted on FutureLearn.

At a glance

Course code F81

Total credits 180

Start dates

Sep 2023

Oct 2023

Nov 2023

Feb 2024

May 2024

Entry requirements

Entry to this qualification will typically require a UK honours degree or equivalent qualification relevant to your intended specialist area of study

Study duration

Part time: 3 years

What are microcredentials?

10–12 week professional development courses from The Open University hosted on our partner platform, FutureLearn. For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/counting-microcredentials.

More online

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



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Call
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Registering is easy

Undergraduate study

1. Register

Go to your chosen qualification webpage, select your preferred 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 others may be selected 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. Once you're registered, you'll get access to our learning tools, materials and the student support that'll help you get going.

For more on the registration process, visit 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 your evidence has been assessed and approved, your registration will be complete.

For more on the registration process, visit 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 number of modules you need to study with us.



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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 whether 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.

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Equality and diversity

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

We challenge inequality and anticipate and respond positively to different needs so that everyone can fulfil their ambition.

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Students under the age of 16

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Other ways to read this prospectus

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- Call our Student Recruitment team on **0300 303 5303**

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In Northern Ireland

- Email northernireland@open.ac.uk
- Call our Belfast office on **028 9032 3722**

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- Email ireland@open.ac.uk
- Call our Enquiry and Advice Centre in Dublin on **(01) 6785399** or our Belfast office on **+44 (0)28 9032 3722**

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