



The Open
University

**FREE
YOUR
AMBITION**

Your 2021/2022

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Prospectus



Welcome to The Open University. Whether you're seeking inspiration, looking to change direction or searching for a new beginning, you're in the right place.

- The roadmap to your new career.
- An opportunity to gain new skills.
- The chance to explore your passion.
- A way to create a better life for you and your family.
- The next chapter in your learning journey.

**Whatever you want to achieve, we're here to help you make it happen.
Join over two million people who've freed their ambition with us.**

**YOUR AMBITION
OUR MISSION.**





YOUR NEXT ACHIEVEMENT STARTS HERE

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.

Welcome to The Open University

We've pioneered distance learning for over 50 years. This pioneering spirit is why we are experts in delivering distance education, both in the UK and across 157 countries worldwide, and why we lead the way for innovative teaching and research.

Every day, we support our students to achieve their goals around other important things in their lives. It's what we do.

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

- An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 77% 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.
- 86% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- 74% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- We are the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Throughout our 48-year partnership with the BBC, we've co-produced numerous TV and radio series – like Sir David Attenborough's *Blue Planet II* and *A Perfect Planet*.

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BRINGING UNIVERSITY TO YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE

At The Open University, we pride ourselves on being unconventional. There's no right order to do things in life, only what's right for you. We'll 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

Our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors deliver innovative, insightful teaching and many combine their work as tutors 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 openuniversity.co.uk/ousa.

Get social with us

-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudentslive

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There's been a lot on in the last few years; we had my son, I moved jobs, and I moved house again. The OU's flexibility certainly does make things easier, it really complements that kind of lifestyle.

”

Jack Brooke
OU graduate

HOW DO WE COMPARE WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES?

An OU qualification is exactly the same as one from a campus-based university, but our unique approach to learning means you don't have to put your life on hold.

Distance is in our DNA

We've been bringing university to our students, wherever they are, for over 50 years. Our resources are designed for distance learning, and we know how to best fit study around busy lives.

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. Now it's your turn to 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



WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

Whatever the change you want to make, whatever your goal, it starts here with one of over 200 qualifications. You can study towards a degree or start with a certificate or diploma of higher education 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 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.

FIND OUT MORE

Find the course to match your ambition.



Visit
[openuniversity.co.uk/
course-types](https://openuniversity.co.uk/course-types)

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH US

Since we were founded, over 50 years ago, we've helped more than two million people realise their potential.

• • • We will:

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

• • • You can expect:

- materials that are designed with you in mind
- continuous innovation and accessible learning, whatever your circumstances
- access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- qualifications that are respected by employers around the world.



Open Diaries

The Open Diaries is a collection of videos from our students and tutors, sharing what it's like to take that life-changing step.

Keen to hear more from people who decided to make that change?



Visit
**openuniversity.
co.uk/diaries**



WELCOME TO ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Whatever the change
you want to make,
whatever your ambition,

it starts here

Why should you study Arts and Humanities with us?

You could be joining the 50,000 students who are currently fulfilling their ambition within the arts and social science faculty - one of the largest and most diverse here at The Open University.

We're recognised for the strength of our interdisciplinary approaches and academics, who are of international standing.

Our undergraduate modules have been developed using leading research, and from this we've been recognised as world class and internationally excellent.

Human culture, in all its varieties, provides rich possibilities for study. Here you can explore anything from art history to music, creative writing to philosophy. Within each engaging and insightful module, we provide higher education that holds a reputation for excellence in both teaching and research.

Undergraduate

Our undergraduate subject areas are made up of:

- arts and humanities
- art history and visual cultures
- classical studies
- English literature
- English literature and creative writing
- English language and literature
- history
- history and politics
- music
- philosophy and psychological studies
- politics, philosophy and economics
- religion, philosophy and ethics.

Postgraduate

Our postgraduate qualifications develop critical, analytical and research skills, helping to boost your career or prepare you for further studies at doctoral level. You can study for a Masters degree in:

- art history
- classical studies
- creative writing
- English
- history
- music
- philosophy.

We also offer a Postgraduate Certificate and a Postgraduate Diploma in Humanities.

Boost your career prospects

Our arts and humanities qualifications don't limit you to a career in the arts, although they can be a starting point for that too. Research by the Institute of Student Employers shows 85% of graduate employers welcome graduates of any subject. Our qualifications equip you with the skills they need, like communication, digital literacy and self-management.

As well as the critical thinking and skills gained from studying, you'll develop many qualities that employers particularly value in Open University students. These will help you gain entry to further training, postgraduate study and entry-level roles in a wide range of career areas, such as:

- teaching and education
- museums and heritage organisations
- arts organisation
- copywriting and editing
- journalism
- publishing
- public relations and communications
- charities and voluntary sector
- local government
- the Civil Service.

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I absolutely love the course and my eyes have been opened to a new world that I wasn't aware of before. Studying with the OU has not only given me knowledge, it has boosted my confidence and given me the courage to start exploring new career opportunities that weren't accessible to me before.

”

Julia Clark
BA (Hons) Classical Studies

Step one, complete.

You're well on your way to making that life change, page by page, step by step. Take the next one by continuing to read about arts and humanities qualifications, then register 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, 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 module

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

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

Stage 1

120 credits

Certificate of higher education

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

Stage 2

240 credits

Diploma of higher education

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

Stage 3

360 credits

Honours degree

READ MORE

Find out more about credits and modules and how you work towards a qualification.



Visit
openuniversity.
co.uk/credits

Postgraduate

You'll need to build up a set number of credits, which is done by successfully completing modules. You'll need:

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

With each module you successfully complete, you'll earn a set number of credits. 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 – MA in English, MA in History

120 credits at postgraduate level.

120 credits

Postgraduate Diploma in Humanities

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

180 credits

Masters degree

Pattern B – MA in Art History, MA in Classical Studies, MA in Creative Writing, MA in Music, MA in Philosophy

60 credits at postgraduate level.

60 credits

Postgraduate Certificate in Humanities

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

180 credits

Masters degree

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.

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 every 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.

Arts and languages Access module (Y031)

Gain a broad and diverse introduction to nine subject areas. Study art history; English language; English literature; creative writing; modern languages; history; religious studies; classical studies; and music. This fascinating module is ideal if you're looking to explore your creative side and hone your study skills.

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

We offer two other Access modules, which are more relevant to other subject areas:

- *People, work and society Access module (Y032)*
- *Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)*



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
- are studying the module as part of an OU qualification (this doesn't apply if you live in Scotland)
- have a household income (or, in Scotland, a personal income) of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits
- 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 £792.
- In Northern Ireland and Scotland it's £264.
- In Wales it's £321.

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, 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, see page 18.

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I chose an Access module to get me back into education. I'm now working towards an honours degree. This wouldn't have been possible without the OU.

”

Michelle Brennan
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.

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

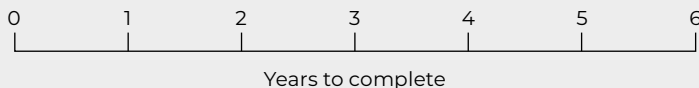
Certificate of higher education (120 credits)



Diploma of higher education (240 credits)



Honours degree (360 credits)



Full time | 120 credits a year | 32–36 study hours a week

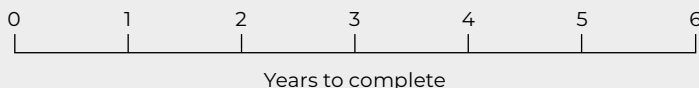
Certificate of higher education (120 credits)



Diploma of higher education (240 credits)



Honours degree (360 credits)



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:

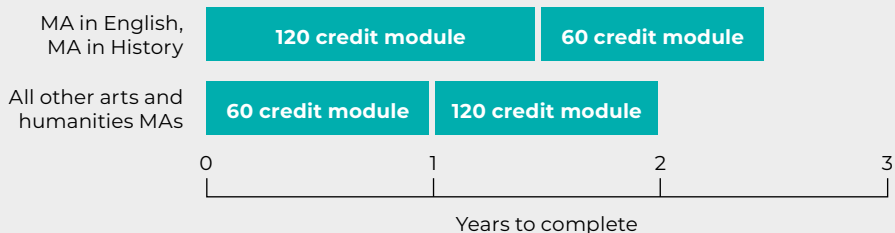
—60 credit module – typically nine months.

—120 credit module – typically 12 months.

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

Part time | 16 study hours a week

Masters degree (180 credits)

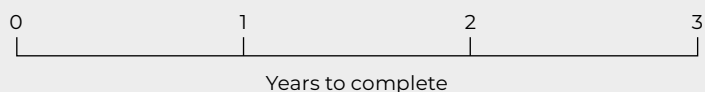


Postgraduate diploma (120 credits)

120 credit module

Postgraduate certificate (60 credits)

60 credit module



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

To find out more and use our time planner tool.



Visit
openuniversity.co.uk/time



HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

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.

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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

READ MORE

Find out more about how you'll be supported during your studies.



Visit
**[openuniversity.co.uk/
community](https://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 and your tutor's contact details
- 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.



Ready for the next step?

Read on to discover more about how we can help you fund your studies and the qualifications you could earn.

YOUR FEES AND FUNDING OPTIONS

UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

We believe cost shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your potential. That's why our tuition fees are among the most competitive in the UK. Whatever your circumstances, we're here to help you find a way of funding your studies that suits your circumstances.

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 up front. We've given you an idea of costs below:

FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ¹
60	£3,168
120	£6,336

In England, the total cost for a 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £19,008. That's two-thirds the cost of an equivalent qualification offered at a campus-based university – a saving of over 30%.²

¹ 2021/22 prices; fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

² Based on maximum chargeable fees for the 2021/22 academic year.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year ³
60	£1,284
120	£2,568

In Wales, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £7,704.

³ 2021/22 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year ⁴
60	£1,056
120	£2,112

In Northern Ireland and Scotland, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £6,336.

⁴ 2021/22 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

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 AND WALES

Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

If you live in England or Wales 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 and Wales fund their studies this way.

Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything up front. 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 after 30 years will be written off.

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

Income each year before tax	Monthly repayment ⁵
Up to £27,295	£0
£29,000	£1279
£34,000	£5029

⁵ Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You'll repay 9% of what you earn over £27,295. For example, if you earn £29,000, you'll repay £153.45 that year (9% of £1,705). That's just £12.79 per month.

Already have an undergraduate degree?

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

WALES

If you live in Wales, you can also apply for maintenance grants and, if you need one, a top-up maintenance loan, to help with living costs.

Maintenance grants

You could be eligible for up to £4,500 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.

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.

NORTHERN IRELAND

If you live in Northern Ireland, you could be eligible for a fee grant and/or loan to help towards the cost of your tuition fees.

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

If you live in Scotland, 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.

Other support

Carers' Bursary

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 Bursary

If you have been in 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.

Disabled Students' Allowance

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

Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund

If you've been injured in, or due to, military service, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full Open University qualification.

Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

Study related costs

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.

Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for student loan or grant funding, 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.

FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



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

POSTGRADUATE STUDY

With The Open University, a world-class postgraduate qualification is an investment you can afford. Whatever your circumstances, we'll help you find a funding method that suits you.

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 up front. To find the total fee for your qualification, visit our website.

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Funding your studies

ENGLAND

Postgraduate loan

If you live in England, you could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £11,570 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 under 60 years old
- be a resident in England
- 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

If you live in Wales, you can apply for financial support over the duration of your qualification. And if you're studying towards an eligible science-related qualification, or are aged 60+ when you start your studies, you could be eligible for additional bursary funding.

Learning grant and maintenance loan

- You could access up to £18,025 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's 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
- studying for a masters degree
- 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

If you live in Northern Ireland or Scotland, you could be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £5,500 from Student Finance Northern Ireland or 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, £19,390 in Northern Ireland and £25,000 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 £180 that year (9% of £2,000). That's just £15 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible you must be:

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

Other support

Carers' Bursary

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 Bursary

If you have been in 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.

Disabled Students' Allowance

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 bursaries

Available only to OU honours graduates, our bursaries could help lower the cost of your postgraduate study.

Study related costs

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.

Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for loan or grant funding, 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.

Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

When you enrol with us, 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 and then you can choose to repay OUSBA:

- in a single sum before your course starts. There's no interest to pay with this option
- in monthly instalments of up to a year. With this option interest does apply.

The interest rate is fixed for the duration of the course (representative APR 5.1%). If you're worried about affordability or a poor credit history, you can apply for a joint loan application with a third party. This could be with a partner, sibling or friend, for example.

As a responsible lender, OUSBA carries out affordability checks as part of the application process.

To find out more about OUSBA, visit openuniversity.co.uk/ousba.

FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about postgraduate fees and funding.



Visit
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pg-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees)
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FIND AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

You can register for the 2021/2022 academic year for undergraduate qualifications from 18 March 2021.

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

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BA (HONS) ARTS AND HUMANITIES

From poetry to song, and from sculpture to short stories, the extraordinary range of human culture offers rich possibilities for study.

This broad and absorbing course develops a deep understanding of the world we live in and how we got here, covering a fascinating variety of perspectives, periods and subjects – including art history, classical studies, creative writing, English language and English literature, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and religious studies.

Why this qualification?

- Study a wide range of subjects and specialise in one or two disciplines.
- Learn how to approach the arts from an academic perspective, construct an argument, and communicate your ideas effectively.

— Develop your skills of critical thinking, analysis, and working independently, which are highly valued by employers.

— Study subjects that are relevant to a variety of careers, such as advertising, education, legal work, and journalism.

Routes through this degree

You can choose a specialist route through the degree by focusing on one or two of the following subjects in a number of combinations: art history, classical studies, creative writing, English language, English literature, French, German, history, music, philosophy, religious studies or Spanish. Alternatively, you can take a broader route, studying a range of arts and humanities modules.

Your choice of specialism will be included in the name of your degree, for example:

- with one specialism – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Arts and Humanities (Art History)
- with two specialisms – Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Arts and Humanities (Art History and Religious Studies).

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (W59)
openuniversity.co.uk/w59

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

You can choose a specialist route through the degree by focusing on one or two of the following subjects in a number of combinations:

- **art history**
- **classical studies**
- **creative writing**
- **English language**
- **English literature**
- **French**
- **German**
- **history**
- **music**
- **philosophy**
- **religious studies**
- **Spanish**

The example route shown below is **Art History and Religious Studies**. Other routes will vary; go to openuniversity.co.uk/r14 for details.

Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Discovering the arts and humanities
(A111) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a selection of modules that includes the recommended module *Revolutions* (A113) (60 credits)

☐ Compulsory modules

☐ Option modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Exploring art and visual culture
(A226) (60 credits)

Exploring religion: places, practices, texts and experiences (A227) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Art and its global histories (A344) (60 credits)

Why is religion controversial?
(A332) (60 credits)

**BA (HONS) ARTS AND HUMANITIES
(ART HISTORY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES)**

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

AT A GLANCE

Course code	R14
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-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) ✓
Optional	Online forum ✓
Optional	Collaborative work ✓

MORE ONLINE

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



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BA (HONS) ART HISTORY AND VISUAL CULTURES

This degree will equip you with the knowledge and critical skills to understand the histories and theories of visual, material and spatial cultures.

This will be a rich and rounded experience as you go beyond the contextual study of art, architecture and design. You'll explore the power of images to influence debates, both historically and in the present day, and develop transferable skills in visual literacy. As you progress, you'll acquire critical skills that address the subject area's place in the wider humanities and as a component in the creative and cultural industries.

Why this qualification?

- Explore images and artefacts from a wide range of periods and places.
- Become familiar with different approaches to the study of visual, spatial and material culture.
- Gain skills in visual literacy, criticism and analysis that will make you highly employable.
- Develop your own research project, with the support of your tutor, for the final module of your degree.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education
in Art History and Visual
Cultures (W72)

openuniversity.co.uk/w72

Certificate of Higher
Education in Arts and
Humanities (T32)

openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	<i>Cultures</i> (A112) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Exploring art and visual culture</i> (A226) (60 credits)
	<i>Art and visual cultures in the modern world</i> (A236) (60 credits) – planned for October 2023
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Diploma of Higher Education in Art History and Visual Cultures
	<i>Art and its global histories</i> (A344) (60 credits)
	A new art history project module (A336) (60 credits) – planned for October 2023
BA (HONS) ART HISTORY AND VISUAL CULTURES	

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

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	R27
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-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 Optional ✓
	Collaborative work Optional ✓

MORE ONLINE

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BA (HONS) CLASSICAL STUDIES

This fascinating degree will develop and deepen your understanding of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds through study of ancient literature, language, history, culture, philosophy, art and archaeology. You will encounter a range of periods and places, including Classical Athens and Imperial Rome, and key sites such as Pompeii and those within Roman Britain.

You will develop skills in critical reasoning, research, analysis, interpretation and communication, all of which are valued in the workplace. A degree in classical studies will also enhance your understanding of many aspects of the modern world, by providing perspectives on the origins and development of contemporary societies and cultures.

Why this qualification?

- Explore themes such as classical myth and Roman imperialism through primary sources and scholarly criticism.
- Gain valuable perspectives on the origins and development of ancient Greek and Roman societies, and their cultural legacy.
- Take the opportunity to develop a project based on independent study.
- Develop skills in critical reasoning, research, analysis, interpretation and communication – all much prized in the workplace.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education
in Classical Studies (W62)
openuniversity.co.uk/w62

Certificate of Higher
Education in Arts and
Humanities (T32)
openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Discovering the arts and humanities (A111) (60 credits)

You'll choose either the recommended module *Cultures* (A112) (60 credits) OR *Revolutions* (A113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Exploring the classical world (A229) (60 credits) OR *Classical Latin: the language of ancient Rome* (A276) (60 credits)

You'll choose a second module from those listed above or 60 credits from a selection of arts and humanities modules, go to openuniversity.co.uk/q85

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Myth in the Greek and Roman worlds (A330) (60 credits)

The Roman empire (A340) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) CLASSICAL STUDIES

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

☐ Compulsory modules

☐ Option modules

☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code Q85

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2021
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022
Register by 13 Jan 2022

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:
— Tutor-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 **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

MORE ONLINE

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



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BA (HONS) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This degree explores the English language, its history, diversity and flexibility. You'll learn what distinguishes machine language from human language and how people adapt their ways of communicating in multilingual and multicultural contexts.

You'll investigate how language works at different levels, from words and sounds to text and conversation. You'll also explore English as a creative medium to express humour, thoughts and emotions. You can focus on communication in English or include French, German or Spanish. You may also include English literature and creative writing modules. This degree is not designed to teach English to speakers of other languages.

Why this qualification?

- Explore the history of English, its contemporary diversity and its role as a global language.
- Engage in debates surrounding the position of English in relation to other languages.
- Examine how someone's choice of words and grammar affect their message.
- Learn strategies that promote critical evaluation of texts in relation to their contexts.
- Develop as a communicator, able to synthesise information, assemble arguments and write coherently.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education
in English Language (W85)
openuniversity.co.uk/w85

Certificate of Higher
Education in English
Language (T44)
openuniversity.co.uk/t44

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Introducing English language studies (L101) (60 credits)

You'll choose two 30-credit modules from a selection of English language and modern language modules, go to openuniversity.co.uk/r54

Certificate of Higher Education in English Language (T44)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

English in the world (L201) (60 credits)

Creative writing (A215) (60 credits) OR
Reading and studying literature (A230) (60 credits) OR
Telling stories: the novel and beyond (A233) (60 credits) OR
a modern language module, go to openuniversity.co.uk/r54





Diploma of Higher Education in English Language (W85)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

You'll choose two from:
Children's literature (EA300) (60 credits)
Exploring English grammar (E304) (60 credits)
Language and creativity (E302) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

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

AT A GLANCE

Course code	R54
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
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
	Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓
	Online forum Optional ✓
	Collaborative work Optional ✓

MORE ONLINE

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



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BA (HONS) ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

This degree gives you the opportunity to investigate how the English language is used in a variety of global contexts, and study literature from different historical periods and in diverse cultural settings.

You'll begin by studying interdisciplinary themes before exploring writing and speech in a wide range of forms and developing your skills in the interpretation of both literary and non-literary texts. You'll be able to choose modules from across the field of English, such as creative writing or literature from 1800 to the present.

As you progress, you'll acquire skills of analysis and the ability to comment critically on different kinds of writing and you'll learn to develop and sustain complex arguments.

Why this qualification?

- Learn how to analyse a wide range of texts including novels, poetry and drama.
- Explore the history of the English language and how it has become a global language.
- Have the opportunity to develop a project based on independent study.
- Learn the skills of critical commentary and complex argument that are highly valued in the workplace.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)

openuniversity.co.uk/w61

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Discovering the arts and humanities
(A111) (60 credits)

Introducing English language studies
(L101) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Reading and studying literature
(A230) (60 credits) OR
Telling stories: the novel and beyond
(A233) (60 credits)

English in the world (L201) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Exploring English grammar
(E304) (60 credits) OR
Language and creativity (E302) (60 credits)

Advanced creative writing
(A363) (60 credits) OR
Children's literature (EA300) (60 credits) OR
English literature from Shakespeare to
Austen (A334) (60 credits) OR
Literature in transition: from 1800 to the
present (A335) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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

☐ Compulsory modules

☐ Option modules

☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code Q39

Total credits 360

Start dates

Oct 2021
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022
Register by 13 Jan 2022

Entry requirements

No specific requirements

Assessment

Based on a mix of:
— Tutor-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**

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

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

MORE ONLINE

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



Visit
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Call
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BA (HONS) ENGLISH LITERATURE

English literature is a broad and accessible subject that is important in its own right and offers connections to many other kinds of cultural enquiry.

This wide-ranging, fascinating degree draws on a rich variety of texts and approaches, helping to reveal the extraordinary scope of English literature, from Shakespeare to science fiction, and its importance in today's world. You'll encounter texts from many different historical and cultural settings in genres from novels to drama and poetry.

At first, your studies will take an interdisciplinary approach. Later, more focused modules will help you consolidate your understanding of literary history and critical approaches to all the major literary genres. You can also choose creative writing and English language options.

As you progress, you'll become a more reflective reader of all kinds of writing, and acquire advanced skills in analysis, evaluation and communication.

Why this qualification?

- Learn how to analyse a wide range of texts including novels, poetry and drama.
- Explore the work of famous authors alongside equally fascinating, lesser-known writers.
- Choose between options in creative writing or English language.
- Develop advanced skills in analysis, evaluation and communication that are highly valued in the workplace.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)

openuniversity.co.uk/w61

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	<i>Cultures</i> (A112) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Reading and studying literature</i> (A230) (60 credits)
	<i>Telling stories: the novel and beyond</i> (A233) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<i>English literature from Shakespeare to Austen</i> (A334) (60 credits) OR <i>Literature in transition: from 1800 to the present</i> (A335) (60 credits)
	A second module from the group above OR <i>Advanced creative writing</i> (A363) (60 credits) OR <i>Children's literature</i> (EA300) (60 credits) OR <i>Language and creativity</i> (E302) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) ENGLISH LITERATURE

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

- ☐ Compulsory modules
- ☐ Option modules
- ☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	Q66
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-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
	Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓
Optional	Online forum ✓
Optional	Collaborative work ✓

MORE ONLINE

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



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BA (HONS) ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

This degree offers you the opportunity to study and interpret literature from different historical periods and diverse cultural settings and to develop your writing skills in all major genres, while reflecting on the creative process.

Your early studies will be framed within interdisciplinary themes. You'll then move onto more focused modules in English literature and creative writing, finishing with wide-ranging study of various literary genres from different periods. You'll also expand your writing range by exploring fiction, poetry, life writing and scriptwriting for film, radio and stage; and learn to develop and sustain complex arguments, comment critically on different texts, and reflect on your own writing practice.

Why this qualification?

- Learn how to analyse a wide range of texts including novels, poetry and drama.
- Develop and reflect on your own writing and editing practice in several genres.
- Introduces the world of publishing and the requirements for a professional presentation.
- Gain the skills of complex argument and critical commentary, which are highly valued in the workplace.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)

openuniversity.co.uk/w61

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	<i>Cultures</i> (A112) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Creative writing</i> (A215) (60 credits)
	<i>Reading and studying literature</i> (A230) (60 credits) OR <i>Telling stories: the novel and beyond</i> (A233) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<i>Advanced creative writing</i> (A363) (60 credits)
	<i>English literature from Shakespeare to Austen</i> (A334) (60 credits) OR <i>Literature in transition: from 1800 to the present</i> (A335) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) ENGLISH LITERATURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

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

- ☐ Compulsory modules
- ☐ Option modules
- ☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	Q86
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-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
	Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓
Optional	Online forum ✓
Compulsory	Collaborative work ✓

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BA (HONS) HISTORY

This wide-ranging course will develop and deepen your knowledge of different periods of history from around 1500 to the late twentieth century.

Engaging with such exciting and challenging issues as power and warfare, culture and beliefs, health and medicine, imperialism, class and gender – you'll learn the skills of the historian in studying historical materials; exploring how we understand, interpret and debate past events; and investigating a range of critical approaches.

You'll also acquire critical thinking, analysis, and communication skills that are much in demand in the workplace.

Why this qualification?

- Explore a wide range of historical topics, periods and places.
- Find out what it means to be a historian.
- Have the opportunity to develop a project based on independent study.
- Study with up-to-date teaching materials created by experts in the field.



Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in History (W66)

openuniversity.co.uk/w66

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	<i>Revolutions</i> (A113) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Early modern Europe: society and culture c.1500–1780</i> (A223) (60 credits)
	<i>The British Isles and the modern world, 1789–1914</i> (A225) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Diploma of Higher Education in History (W66)
	<i>Empire: 1492–1975</i> (A326) (60 credits) OR <i>Europe 1914–1989: war, peace, modernity</i> (A327) (60 credits) OR <i>The making of Welsh history</i> (A329) (60 credits)
	You'll choose a second 60-credit module from those above or 60 credits from a selection of history modules. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/q01

BA (HONS) HISTORY

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

- ☐ Compulsory modules
- ☐ Intermediate qualification
- ☐ Option modules
- ☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	Q01
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-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.



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BA (HONS) HISTORY AND POLITICS

This degree will develop and deepen your knowledge of different periods of history while providing a critical understanding of political ideas, institutions, issues and theories.

You'll tackle challenging issues such as power and warfare, security and insecurity, global justice, culture and beliefs, health and medicine, imperialism and resistance, and class and gender. You'll learn the skills of both the political scientist and the historian: studying historical and contemporary problems as well as future trends. You'll also gain an adaptable set of skills that includes critical thinking, and analysis and communication, which can lead in many directions and are greatly valued by employers.

Why this qualification?

- Study a range of periods and societies from 1750 onwards using social scientific theories and historical analysis.
- Offers a choice of modules in each subject to match your interests or requirements.
- Develop skills relevant to political and historical research and writing directed to a range of audiences.
- Gives you the opportunity, tools and guidance to develop an independent project on a subject of your choice.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in History and Politics (W64)
openuniversity.co.uk/w64

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)
openuniversity.co.uk/t32

BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Politics) (R23)
openuniversity.co.uk/r23

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	<i>Investigating the social world</i> (DD103) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world</i> (DD211) (60 credits)
	<i>The British Isles and the modern world, 1789–1914</i> (A225) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Diploma of Higher Education in History and Politics (W64)
	<i>International relations: continuity and change in global politics</i> (DD313) (60 credits) OR <i>Modern political ideas</i> (DD316) (60 credits)
	<i>Empire: 1492–1975</i> (A326) (60 credits) OR <i>Europe 1914–1989: war, peace, modernity</i> (A327) (60 credits) OR <i>The making of Welsh history</i> (A329) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) HISTORY AND POLITICS

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

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

AT A GLANCE

Course code	Q97
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-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 ✓

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BA (HONS) MUSIC

This degree will broaden and deepen your understanding of a range of musical practices encompassing western art music, jazz, popular music, and non-western musics.

You'll develop the technical skills to analyse and create music in different styles, and the critical skills to discuss music in relation to its cultural contexts. You'll also acquire interpretive and reflective skills to develop your own musical practice. Our BA (Hons) Music is open to musicians working in any tradition and at any stage of their musical development.

Why this qualification?

- Study a wide range of musical repertoires and practices, informed by world-leading research.
- Create, analyse, perform, and study the social contexts of music as part of your degree.
- Develop practical music making and performance skills at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.
- Study a subject that's relevant to a wide range of careers including teaching, arts administration, community music, and sound recording.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Music (W65)

openuniversity.co.uk/w65

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

openuniversity.co.uk/t32

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	You'll choose either the recommended module <i>Revolutions</i> (A113) (60 credits) OR <i>Cultures</i> (A112) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Understanding music</i> (A234) (60 credits)
	<i>Music, sound and technology</i> (A232) (60 credits)
	Diploma of Higher Education in Music (W65)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<i>Central questions in the study of music</i> (A342) (60 credits)
	<i>The practice of music making</i> ¹ (CTLU301) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) MUSIC

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

¹This module is offered in collaboration with the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. For further information, see: **Collaborative schemes website** (www.open.ac.uk/collaborative-schemes) and **Trinity Laban website** (www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/study/music/certificate-the-practice-of-music-making)

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

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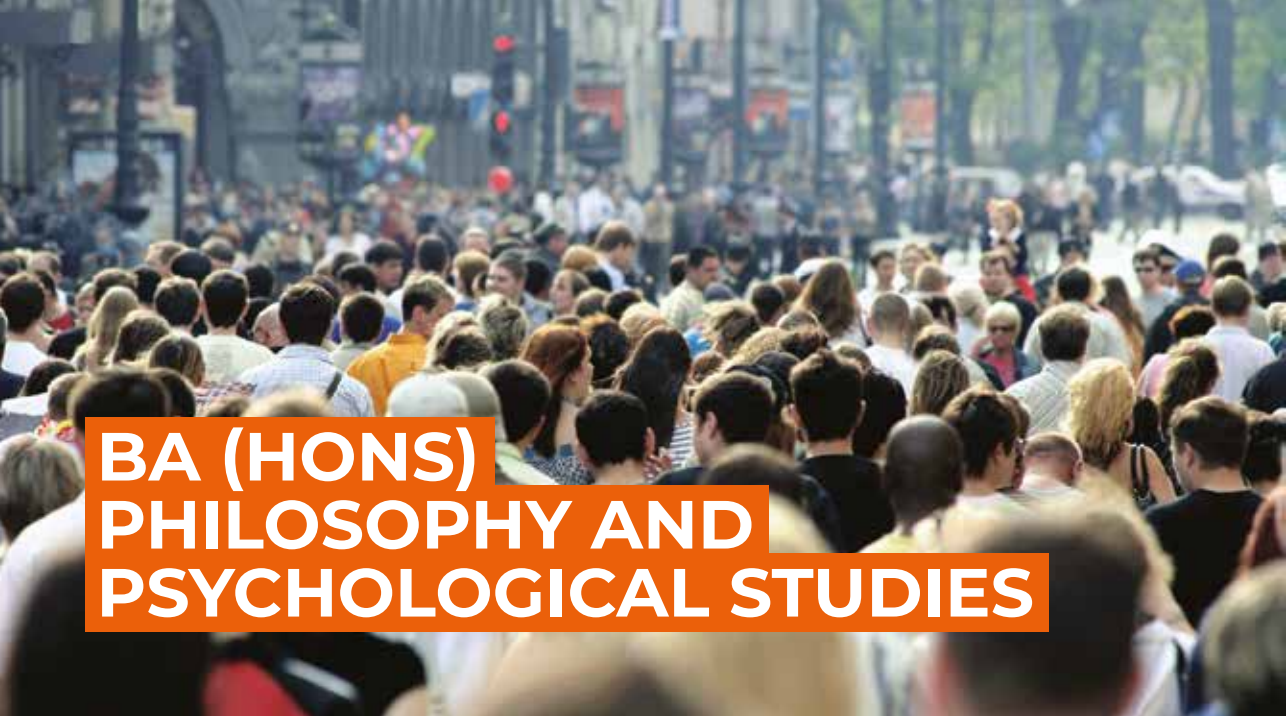
Course code	R25
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021 Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
Study duration	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 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	

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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.

Related qualifications





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

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Discovering the arts and humanities (A111) (60 credits)
	Investigating psychology 1 (DE100) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Exploring philosophy (A222) (60 credits)
	Living psychology: from the everyday to the extraordinary (DD210) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Diploma of Higher Education in Philosophy and Psychological Studies (W63)
	Key questions in philosophy (A333) (60 credits)
	Advancing social psychology (DD317) (60 credits) OR Counselling and forensic psychology: investigating crime and therapy (DD310) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

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

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

AT A GLANCE

Course code	Q43
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
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 ✓

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BA (HONS) POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

Politics, philosophy and economics (PPE) are central to understanding how modern societies are organised and governed. Studying them together gives you a combination of skills that's in high demand across the private, public and non-profit sectors.

PPE is sometimes described as 'the degree that runs Britain' because of the number of politicians who studied it, and this combination gives excellent preparation for other careers in the public and private sectors or for further study. You'll explore and analyse how countries are run, what motivates and constrains their rulers and residents, and what is required for a society to become prosperous and stable.

All three disciplines are presented in an up-to-date form, covering alternative as well as 'mainstream' approaches and firmly rooted in the real world.

Why this qualification?

- Gain insight into debates that dominate the news, and underlying issues.
- Learn skills and techniques to help you analyse and contribute to the discussion.
- Explore how arguments (and public policies) are constructed in theory and tested in practice.
- Increase your employability across the private and public sectors.



Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<i>Investigating the social world</i> (DD103) (60 credits) OR <i>You and your money</i> (DB125) (30 credits) AND <i>Economics in context</i> (DD126) (30 credits)
	<i>Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world</i> (DD211) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<i>Running the economy</i> (DD209) (60 credits)
	<i>Exploring philosophy</i> (A222) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	You will now choose two from three PPE subjects: Politics <i>Modern political ideas</i> (DD316) (60 credits) OR <i>International relations: continuity and change in global politics</i> (DD313) (60 credits) Philosophy <i>Key questions in philosophy</i> (A333) (60 credits) Economics <i>Doing economics: people, markets and policy</i> (DD309) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS

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

- ☐ Option modules
- ☐ Compulsory modules
- ☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	Q45
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021 Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
Entry requirements	No specific requirements
Assessment	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations — Project or dissertation
Study duration	Part time: 6 years Full time: 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	✓
Compulsory	
Collaborative work	✓
Compulsory	

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BA (HONS) RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

A good knowledge and appreciation of ethical and philosophical issues, and how they relate to religious traditions, is crucial in making sense of today's society.

In this qualification you'll explore human systems of thought and practice, both 'secular' and 'religious', in ways which allow you to engage with wide-ranging and often controversial issues affecting different cultures and societies.

You'll investigate a wide range of current questions and themes in these disciplines from both historical and contemporary perspectives. This includes the ethics of war, political justice, multiculturalism, religious nationalisms, the 'sanctity of life' and pilgrimage. In engaging with the core disciplines of religious studies and philosophy, you'll develop critical skills and expertise in a range of key approaches and methodologies.

Why this qualification?

- Engage with key philosophical debates about ethical and other fundamental questions.
- Learn about the traditions of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism as they relate to various cultures and societies.
- Investigate selected classic and contemporary philosophers and a range of religious practices and beliefs.
- Develop skills of critical analysis, empathy and communication relevant to a wide range of careers.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education
in Religion, Philosophy and
Ethics (W79)
openuniversity.co.uk/w79

Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Discovering the arts and humanities (A111) (60 credits)

Revolutions (A113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Exploring philosophy (A222) (60 credits)

Exploring religion: places, practices, texts and experiences (A227) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits


Key questions in philosophy (A333) (60 credits)

Why is religion controversial (A332) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

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

 Compulsory modules

 Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	R45
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
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

The AHRC-funded Heritage in War Project, co-hosted by Professor of Philosophy Derek Matravers, is researching the issues raised by the destruction of cultural property in war zones. Should protection of cultural property be weighed against other priorities, such as human life, in conflict zones? How much should belligerents be obligated to protect cultural heritage? And how should damaged sites be treated in the aftermath of war?

Find out more about Derek's work at openuniversity.co.uk/dm.

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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.

The degree allows you to choose modules from a wide range of subject areas so you can, for example, combine arts and humanities modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or education.

Why this qualification?

- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Choose modules from a wide range of subject areas.
- Study to fit evolving career ambitions or personal interests.
- Open up your career prospects.
- Count previous university study towards your qualification.

Open qualifications and your career

Achieving an Open qualification demonstrates your exposure to different subjects and disciplines, affording you the opportunity to develop a rich world-view in the process. You'll also have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:

- adaptability
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.

Research shows that almost 86% of graduate job vacancies are open to graduates of any subject (Institute of Student Employers, 2019). Employers value the personal qualities needed to achieve a degree through distance learning.

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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.

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Carol Dow
BA (Hons) Open

Related qualifications

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

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

How you can focus your Open degree on creative writing

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on one aspect of the arts and humanities, such as creative writing, 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

Stage 1 – 120 credits

Discovering the arts and humanities (A111) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 1 modules

Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Creative writing (A215) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 2 modules

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Advanced creative writing (A363) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 3 modules

BA/BSc (HONS) OPEN¹

¹Whether 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.

- ☐ Arts and humanities modules
- ☐ Option modules
- ☐ Intermediate qualifications
- ☒ Awarded qualification

AT A GLANCE

Course code	QD
Total credits	360
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 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
	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

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FIND A POSTGRADUATE COURSE

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

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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AT A GLANCE

Course code F33

Total credits 180

Start dates

Oct 2021
Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2 years

MA IN ART HISTORY

Studying art history at postgraduate level will deepen your understanding of art, architecture and visual culture, build your analytical and critical skills, and develop the skills needed for independent study and research.

You will start by exploring the core concepts and recent developments that have shaped art history from Renaissance Italy to the contemporary Caribbean, before building on these foundations to expand your understanding of visual and material objects – incorporating architecture, art and design. You will complete the degree by researching and writing a dissertation on an agreed topic of your own devising.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Art History part 1</i>	60	A843
<i>MA Art History part 2</i>	120	A844

MA IN ART HISTORY

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

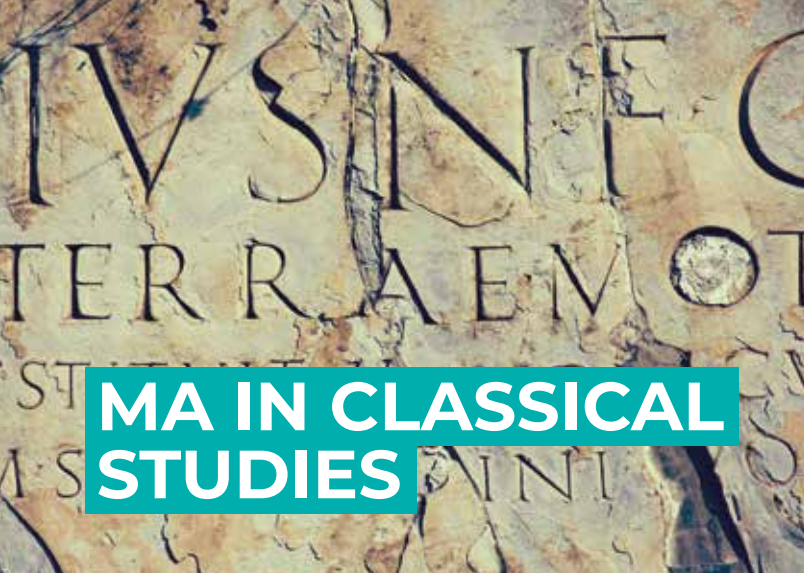
Module availability is subject to change.

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MA IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

AT A GLANCE

Course code F27

Total credits 180

Start dates

Oct 2021

Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2 years

This masters degree examines many different aspects of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds – their literature, languages, history, philosophy, archaeology and material culture – through a scholarly tradition that is both fast-moving and long-standing.

You'll investigate the different disciplinary areas within classical studies and will come into direct contact with a wide range of evidence from classical antiquity. This includes surviving literary texts and material artefacts, which you'll examine from multiple theoretical and methodological perspectives. You'll also acquire and develop research skills that will enhance your knowledge of the ancient Graeco-Roman world and prepare you for independent study culminating in a dissertation.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Classical Studies part 1</i>	60	A863
<i>MA Classical Studies part 2</i>	120	A864

MA IN CLASSICAL STUDIES

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

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MA IN CREATIVE WRITING

This qualification offers you an opportunity to develop your skills as a writer of fiction, poetry and creative nonfiction, and in scriptwriting for film, radio and the stage.

You will be able to write in a genre of your choice and experiment with at least one other through practical and inspiring activities. You will hone your writing practice by sharing, reading and critiquing work in progress, and will work towards producing a substantial piece of your own creative writing to a professional standard.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Creative Writing part 1</i>	60	A802
<i>MA Creative Writing part 2</i>	120	A803

MA IN CREATIVE WRITING

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code F71

Total credits 180

Start dates
Oct 2021
Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements
UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration
Part time: 2 years



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MA IN ENGLISH

Building on your love of literature, this MA offers you rich intellectual challenges, enabling you to develop your independent literary research and analytical skills.

You'll broaden your knowledge and appreciation of different genres, periods, techniques and writers, and the ways in which they have been transmitted and read. In doing so, you'll develop independent skills in literary research that will culminate in a dissertation on a topic and texts of your choice. This course can help you pursue or develop a career in the media, culture and knowledge industries, and other professions that require an understanding of literature and culture, and skills in the creative use of textual analysis.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA English part 1</i>	120	A815
<i>MA English part 2</i>	60	A816

MA IN ENGLISH

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code F58

Total credits 180

Start dates

Oct 2021

Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2.5 years



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AT A GLANCE

Course code F28

Total credits 180

Start dates

Oct 2021

Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2.5 years

MA IN HISTORY

This MA in History provides theoretical and practical training in major themes in local and regional history research methods, project planning and writing.

It explores aspects of British and Irish local and regional history between 1750 and 1950, introducing the key themes of poverty and welfare, crime and policing, the role of families, urban history, religion and industrialisation. Using our world-class collection of online primary source materials, you will be encouraged to produce an independent research project on a topic of your choice.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA History part 1</i>	120	A825
<i>MA History part 2</i>	60	A826

MA IN HISTORY

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

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MA IN MUSIC

AT A GLANCE

Course code F32

Total credits 180

Start dates

Oct 2021

Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2 years

This fascinating introduction to the methods and materials used for music research will suit professionals working in a wide range of music-related settings and is also applicable if you have a leisure interest in music.

Your studies will be firmly based in the digital humanities using creative technologies to develop your research skills and critically analyse different musical sources. You'll encounter a number of musical topics, themes and repertoires from different periods and styles, as you engage with Western, non-Western and popular music.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
MA Music part 1	60	A873
MA Music part 2	120	A874

MA IN MUSIC

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

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MA IN PHILOSOPHY

Studying the MA in Philosophy will hone your ability to think clearly, reason logically, and develop your essay writing, research and analytical skills.

You'll study texts from different periods and philosophical perspectives, including works by Plato, Friedrich Nietzsche, Michel Foucault and Hannah Arendt (pictured), and you'll investigate contemporary debates on environmental aesthetics, consciousness, global justice, emotion, and morality in politics. Finally, you'll undertake a substantial piece of independent research, writing a dissertation on a topic of your choice.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Philosophy part 1</i>	60	A853
<i>MA Philosophy part 2</i>	120	A854

MA IN PHILOSOPHY

☐ Compulsory modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code F30

Total credits 180

Start dates

Oct 2021
Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 2 years



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POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMANITIES

This postgraduate certificate offers you the opportunity to focus on one aspect of the arts that you're most passionate about.

Deepen your understanding of either art history, classical studies, music, philosophy or creative writing, while developing advanced research and analytical skills that will give you the edge in today's competitive job market and prepare you for further academic study.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
Select one from:		
<i>MA Art History part 1</i>	60	A843
<i>MA Classical Studies part 1</i>	60	A863
<i>MA Creative Writing part 1</i>	60	A802
<i>MA Music part 1</i>	60	A873
<i>MA Philosophy part 1</i>	60	A853

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMANITIES

☐ Option modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code C20

Total credits 60

Start dates

Oct 2021
Register by 16 Sep 2021

Entry requirements

UK honours degree
or equivalent

Study duration

Part time: 1 year

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AT A GLANCE

Course code	D35
Total credits	120
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 16 Sep 2021
Entry requirements	UK honours degree or equivalent
Study duration	Part time: 18 months

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMANITIES

This postgraduate diploma will suit anyone with a passion for the arts and humanities. It offers a choice of two study routes – English or history.

The English route explores a rich and varied range of literary texts from ancient times to the present. If you choose to study history, you'll cover local and regional history at an advanced level.

Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
Select one from:		
<i>MA English part 1</i>	120	A815
<i>MA History part 1</i>	120	A825
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMANITIES		

☐ Option modules

☒ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

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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 from a wide range of related subject areas to fit your evolving ambitions or personal interests.

Qualification structure

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 and health science
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Business, finance, human resources and law.

Route 2: You can choose to study 120 credits, specialising within one study area (as above) and take up to 60 credits from any other study area, including:

- Further professional development modules.

Module availability is subject to change.

Arts, humanities, music and language modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Creative Writing part 1</i>	60	A802
<i>MA English part 1</i>	120	A815
<i>MA History part 1</i>	120	A825
<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>Introduction to translation, theory and practice</i>	60	L801

Education, psychology and health science modules

Modules	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>Developing advanced clinical practice</i>	60	K804
<i>Introduction to mental health science</i>	60	S826

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics modules

Modules	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

¹Module hosted on FutureLearn platform.

Business, finance, human resources and law modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Introduction to corporate finance</i>	30	B858
<i>Financial strategy: valuation, governance and ethics</i>	30	B859
<i>Research methods for finance</i>	30	B860
<i>The human resource professional</i>	30	B863
<i>Employment relations and employee engagement</i>	30	B866
<i>Workplace learning with coaching and mentoring</i>	30	B867
<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 modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Investment and portfolio management</i>	30	B861
<i>Derivatives and risk management</i>	30	B862
<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>Global development in practice¹</i>	60	D890
<i>Understanding global development</i>	60	DD870
<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
<i>Managing for sustainability</i>	30	T867
<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>Continuing professional development in practice</i>	30	U810
<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830

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Course code	F81
Total credits	180
Start dates	Oct 2021 Nov 2021 Feb 2022 May 2022
Entry requirements	Entry to this qualification will typically require a bachelors degree or equivalent qualification relevant to your intended specialist area of study
Study duration	Part time: 3 years

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