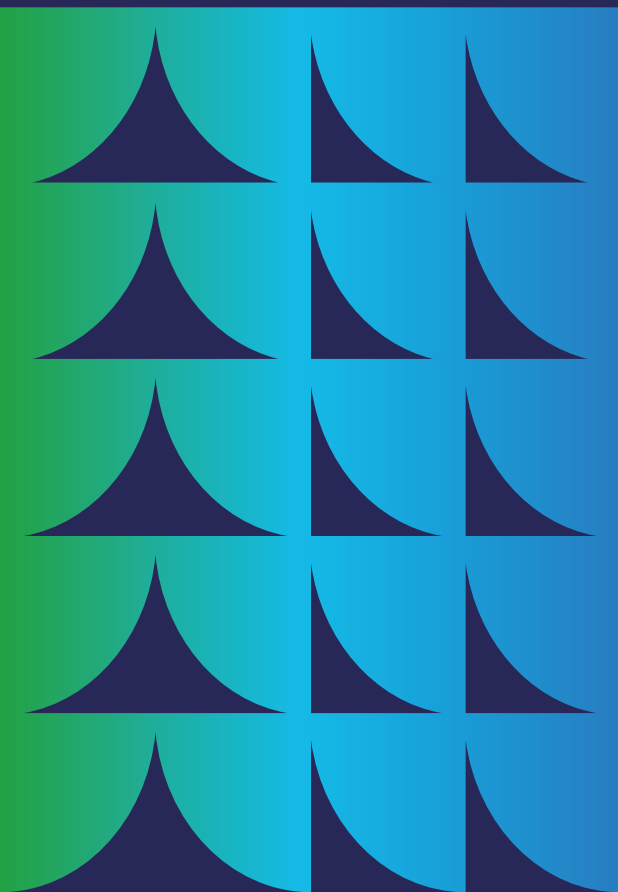


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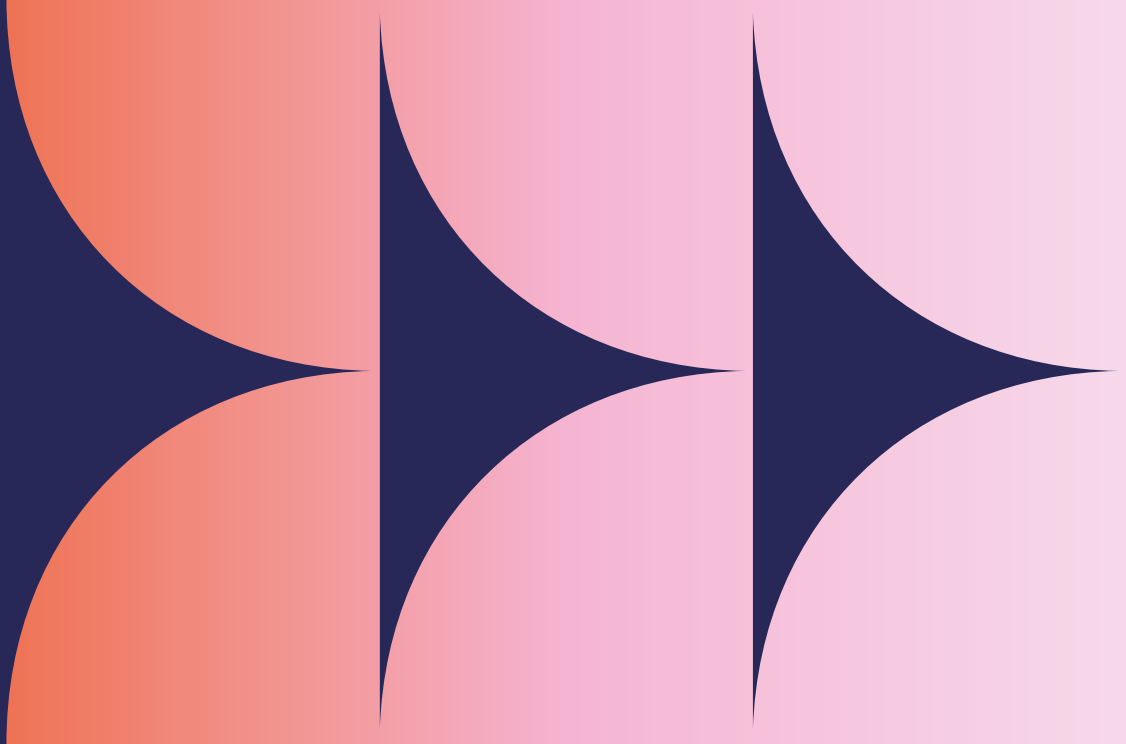


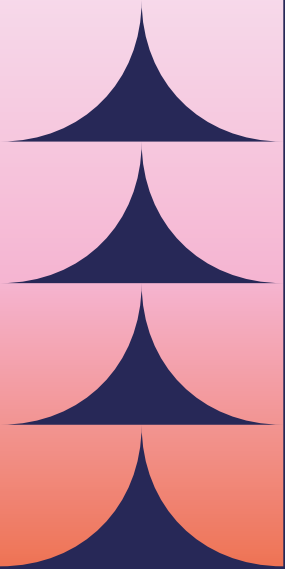
# The future is open

**There's no limit to what you can achieve with The Open University. Unlock a world of possibilities – wherever you are and wherever you want to go.**

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

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





# Start achieving your goals here and now

## Welcome to The Open University

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# University that works for you

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

## Learn on your terms

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

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

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

## Learn from the best

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

## Spark your imagination

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

## Our assessment methods

Depending on your course, we'll use a blend of written assignments, oral and practical assessments, projects, exams, dissertations and portfolios. For more on assessments, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/assessment](https://openuniversity.co.uk/assessment).

## Additional study support

Did you know that we support more disabled students than any other UK university? We'll provide access to tools and guidance and ensure you get the appropriate level of support to make the best of your studies.

## Connect with like-minded students

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

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

### Get social with us

- 📘 @OUstudents
- 📺 @OUstudents
- 📧 @OUstudentslive



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

**Gina Guerriero**  
OU graduate



# How do we compare with other universities?

An OU qualification is just as rigorous and respected as one from a campus-based university, and is highly valued by employers. What's different is our unique approach to learning, which means you don't have to put your life on hold.

## Bringing university to you, wherever you are

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

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

## We're respected

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

## We're flexible

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

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



## We're a thriving community

You'll be joining one of the most diverse, dynamic and inclusive student communities. Whatever your goals, we're here to help and champion you to fulfil your ambition.

More than 170,000 students study with us each year. Come and join them.

## We're open to all

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

Find out what you'll need to study our postgraduate courses at [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready).

### More information

Find out more about The Open University.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/learning](https://openuniversity.co.uk/learning)



# Qualifications to suit you

With over 200 qualifications to choose from, whatever your goal, it's possible with The Open University. You can study towards a degree or start with a certificate or diploma 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.

### Masters degree

Study modules towards an internationally respected qualification while gaining specialist academic, professional, or technical skills.

## Discover your ideal course

Find the course to match your ambition.



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



# Achieve your goals with us

We've been helping people like you realise their potential since 1969. We've made it happen with a unique, flexible, student-centred approach.

## We will:

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

## You will:

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



## Student stories

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

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/stories](https://openuniversity.co.uk/stories)



# Welcome to Arts and Humanities

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.

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 Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – one of the largest and most diverse 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.**

## Undergraduate

You can study for an undergraduate degree in:

- 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 literature
- history
- music
- philosophy.

We also offer a Postgraduate Certificate in Humanities.

## Short courses

If you're short on time, discover our range of inspiring short courses in creative writing; film, media and photography; and music. They're entirely online and flexible, and our specialist Learning Advisers will support you along the way.

Some of our film and media courses have been produced collaboratively with the British Film Institute and our digital photography course has been developed and presented in partnership with The Royal Photographic Society (RPS).

We also have courses to introduce you to creative writing or travel writing, and music courses that range from Dolly Parton to sound systems used in stadium rock.

Find out more at [openuniversity.co.uk/arts-short-courses](https://openuniversity.co.uk/arts-short-courses).

## Boost your career prospects

Our Arts and Humanities qualifications open up a range of careers in the arts, as well as being the starting point for careers in other areas 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, cultural and heritage organisations
- arts organisations
- copywriting and editing
- journalism
- publishing
- public relations and communications
- charities and voluntary sector
- local government
- the Civil Service.



For me, OU study has had a number of benefits. It has kept me in the loop of academic pursuits, for example, and I've gained a lot of knowledge about a diverse range of topics, in addition to an ability to think more critically and to apply the skills I've learned in other situations. I've also learned how to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

**Tasnim Nazeer**  
BA (Hons) English Language and Literature

### You're on your way

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/courses](https://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<sup>1</sup>**  
An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.

Stage 1

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

**120 credits**

**Certificate of higher education**

Stage 2

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

**240 credits**

**Diploma of higher education**

Stage 3

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

**360 credits**

**Honours degree**

<sup>1</sup> Only available in the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland.

## Read more

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



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

## Postgraduate

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

You'll need:

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

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

### Getting started

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

### Pattern A – MA in English Literature, MA in History

**90 credits** at postgraduate level.

A further **90 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**

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

**180 credits**

**Masters degree**

### Read more

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-qual)



# Prepare for study with an Access module

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

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

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

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

## How Access modules work

You'll have a dedicated tutor, who'll provide academic support via email and one-to-one phone tutorials. Your Student Support Team will be on hand to help with everything else, including fees and funding, administrative support, and study-related guidance. Your Access module materials are a blend of printed and online resources. You'll engage with the materials to complete tasks such as online quizzes and tutor-marked assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

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

## What you need

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

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

## What you can study

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

### 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 three other Access modules, which are more relevant to other subject areas:

- *Business and law Access module* (Y035)
- *Psychology, social science and wellbeing Access module* (Y034)
- *Science, technology and maths Access module* (Y033) – also available as *Science, technology and maths Access module: fast track* (YXFT033)



## Do you qualify for a free Access module?

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

- live in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address, and
- have a personal income of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits, and
- have completed less than one year of a full-time undergraduate programme at FHEQ or CQFW level 4/ SCQF level 7 or above, and not completed 30 credits or more of OU study.



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

## How much does an Access module cost?

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

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

You can pay up front by debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – for more information see page 21.

If you're studying an Access module as part of an OU qualification and you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, you could cover the cost with a student loan – for more information see pages 18–19.



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

**Tim Walker**  
OU student



## More information

Find out more about our Access modules.



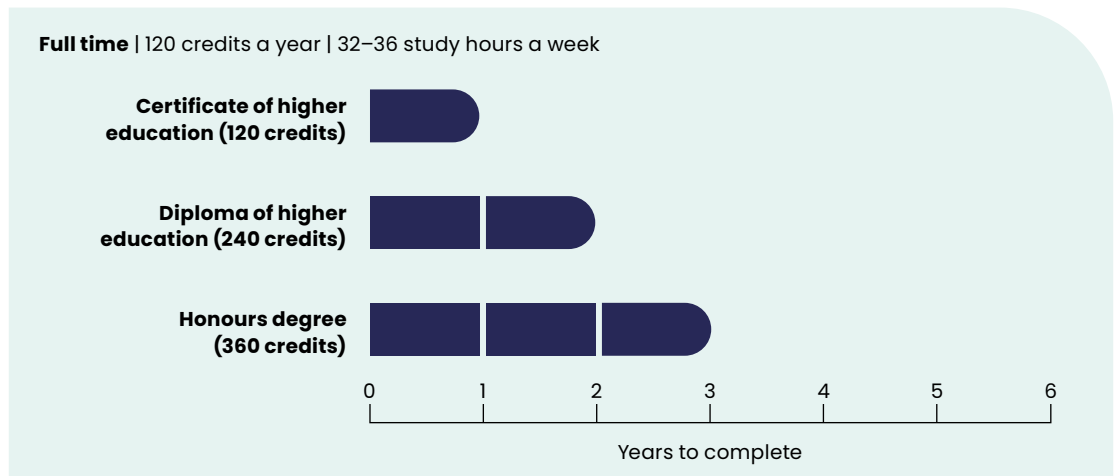
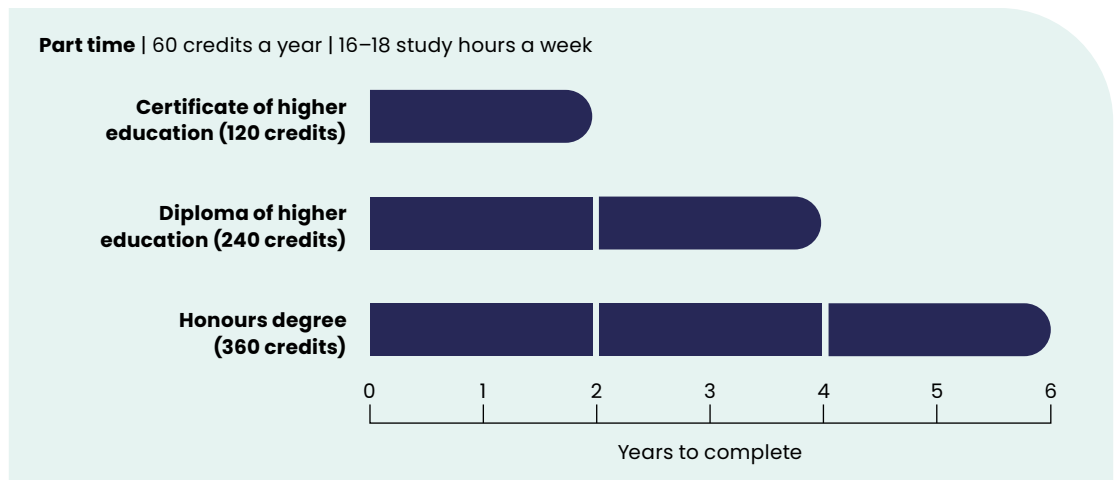
Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access)

# How long your qualification will take

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

## Undergraduate qualifications

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



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



## Postgraduate qualifications

How long it will take to get your qualification depends on how it's structured and the number of credits required. All of our postgraduate courses are offered as part-time study and the usual timescales for individual module completion are shown below:

- 60 credit module – typically nine months.
- 90 credit module – typically 12 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)

MA in English Literature,  
MA in History

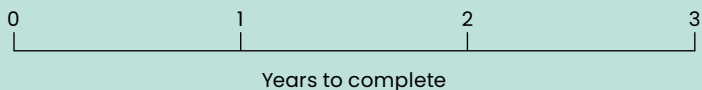
90 credit module

90 credit module

All other arts and  
humanities MAs

60 credit module

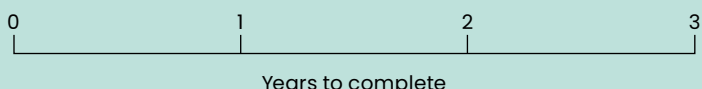
120 credit module



Years to complete

### Postgraduate certificate (60 credits)

60 credit module



Years to complete

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](https://openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer) to find out more.

### More information

Find out more and use our time planner tool.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/time](https://openuniversity.co.uk/time)



# Supporting you to succeed

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

For each module, you'll have a dedicated tutor who'll be your first point of contact for any queries. They'll lead regular tutorials, mark your assignments, provide detailed written feedback, and give support over the phone, through email, or online.

Our Students Association, OU Community forums and range of societies and groups mean you're connected to one of the UK's largest student communities.

## Your Students Association awaits

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

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

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

- offers student support services

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

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

To find out more, visit [oustudents.com](https://www.oustudents.com).



There is a community at The Open University. Everyone supports each other. One tutor that really inspired me was Michael. His words of encouragement gave me a confidence boost. My grades just kept on improving and improving.

**Joe Acaye**  
OU student



## Join our community

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/community](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
- 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](https://openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage) for help and guidance.



## Nearly there

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

# Undergraduate fees and funding options

## How much does it cost?

You'll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, which means you won't have to pay for your whole qualification upfront. We've given you an idea of the costs below:

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

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>1</sup>
60	£3,462
120	£6,924

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

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

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

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>3</sup>
60	£1,104
120	£2,208

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

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

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>4</sup>
60	£3,324
120	£6,648

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

<sup>4</sup> 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules](https://openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>5</sup>
60	£1,128
120	£2,256

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

<sup>5</sup> 2023/24 prices (exceptions apply). Fees normally increase annually. For further information about our fee policy, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules](https://openuniversity.co.uk/fee-rules).

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>6</sup>
60	£1,312
120	£2,624

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

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Your module materials, tuition, assessment and exams are all included in our module fees. There are some additional costs that aren't included.

- You'll need your own computer and internet access.

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

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND

#### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

The best way to fund your undergraduate studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan. In fact, 80% of OU students in England fund their studies this way.

#### Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything upfront. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £25,000.
- Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- Any balance outstanding will be written off after 40 years.

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

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

<sup>7</sup> Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You'll repay 9% of what you earn over £25,000. For example, if you earn £27,000, you'll repay £180 that year (9% of £2,000). That's just £15.00 per month.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Grant

You could be eligible for up to £1,230 a year. The money you receive isn't a loan – you won't need to pay any of it back. The amount you'll be awarded is determined by your household income and the rate at which you study.

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

If you're not eligible for the grant, or if it doesn't cover the full cost of your tuition fees, you can pay in full or in part using an alternative payment method, such as a Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan.

### Course Grant

You may also be eligible for a non-repayable Course Grant of up to a maximum of £265 a year. It's intended to help with course-related costs, such as a computer, internet access, stationery or travel to tutorials.

## SCOTLAND

### Part-Time Fee Grant

You could qualify for a Part-Time Fee Grant and top-up funding to cover 100% of your course fees. You'll likely be eligible if your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you're on certain benefits, and you're studying at least 30 credits a year. The fee grant and top-up funding aren't loans, so you won't need to pay any of it back.

## WALES

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

The best way to fund your undergraduate studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan. In fact, 80% of OU students in Wales fund their studies this way.

#### Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything upfront. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £27,295.
- Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- Any balance outstanding will be written off after 30 years.

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

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

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

### Maintenance grants

You could be eligible for up to £4,500 a year to help with living costs. The money you receive isn't a loan – you won't need to pay any of it back. The amount you'll be awarded is determined by your household income and the rate at which you study.

### Maintenance loans

You'll also be eligible to apply for a non-means-tested maintenance loan, should you need it, to 'top-up' the financial support you've received from grants.

## Self-funded study

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

### OUSBA loan

Pay your fees in instalments with a loan from Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd. See page 21 for more information.

### Card payments

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

### Mixed payments

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

## Other support

### Bursary for Black Students<sup>9</sup>

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

### Carers' Bursary<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>9</sup>

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

### Carers' Scholarship Fund<sup>9</sup>

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

### Disabled Students' Allowance<sup>9</sup>

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

### Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund<sup>9</sup>

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

### Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

### Sanctuary Scholarship<sup>9</sup>

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

### Scholarship for Black Students<sup>9</sup>

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

### Study-related costs<sup>9</sup>

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.

<sup>9</sup> UK residents only.

## Find out more

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees)  
 Call  
 0300 303 5303

# Postgraduate fees and funding options

## How much does it cost?

You'll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, which means you won't have to pay for your whole qualification upfront. To find the total fee for your qualification, visit our website.

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Your module materials, tuition, assessment and exams are all included in our module fees.

There are some additional costs that aren't included.

- You'll need your own computer and internet access.
- For some modules, you may need to buy additional set books, such as fiction or theory books.
- You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.
- A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue.

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND

#### Postgraduate loan

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

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money is paid directly to you.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
- Payments are spread across two or three years.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You'll repay 6% of your income over £21,000. So, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.

To be eligible, you must:

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

### WALES

#### Learning grant and maintenance loan

- You could access up to £18,430 of maintenance grants and loans.
- You'll automatically get a £1,000 non-repayable grant, rising to £6,885, depending on your income.
- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money is paid directly to you.
- Payments are made in instalments, spread across however long you're studying.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
- Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You'll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.

To be eligible, you must:

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

#### Wales STEM bursary

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

#### Wales 60+ bursary

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

## NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

### Postgraduate loan

You could be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £6,500 from Student Finance Northern Ireland or up to £5,500 from the Student Awards Agency Scotland.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- There's no upper age limit.
- Payments are spread over either two or three years, depending on your chosen qualification.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £19,895 in Northern Ireland and £25,375 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £27,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £146.25 that year (9% of £1,625). That's just £12 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible, you must:

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

## Self-funded study

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

### OUSBA loan

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### Card payments

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

### Mixed payments

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

## Other support

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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<sup>1</sup>

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

### Creative Writing Scholarship<sup>1</sup>

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

### Disabled Students' Allowance<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>

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

### Study-related costs<sup>1</sup>

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.

<sup>1</sup> UK residents only.

## Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

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

### Here's how it works

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

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

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

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

To find out more about OUSBA, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/ousba](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ousba).

## Find out more

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# Find your undergraduate course

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

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

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# BA (Hons) Arts and Humanities

From poetry to song, and from sculpture to revolution, 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 broad 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.

- Relevant to a wide range 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, history, music, philosophy, religious studies, French, German or Spanish, or you can study a range of modules from arts and humanities subjects.

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](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w59)

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)

[openuniversity.co.uk/t32](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t32)

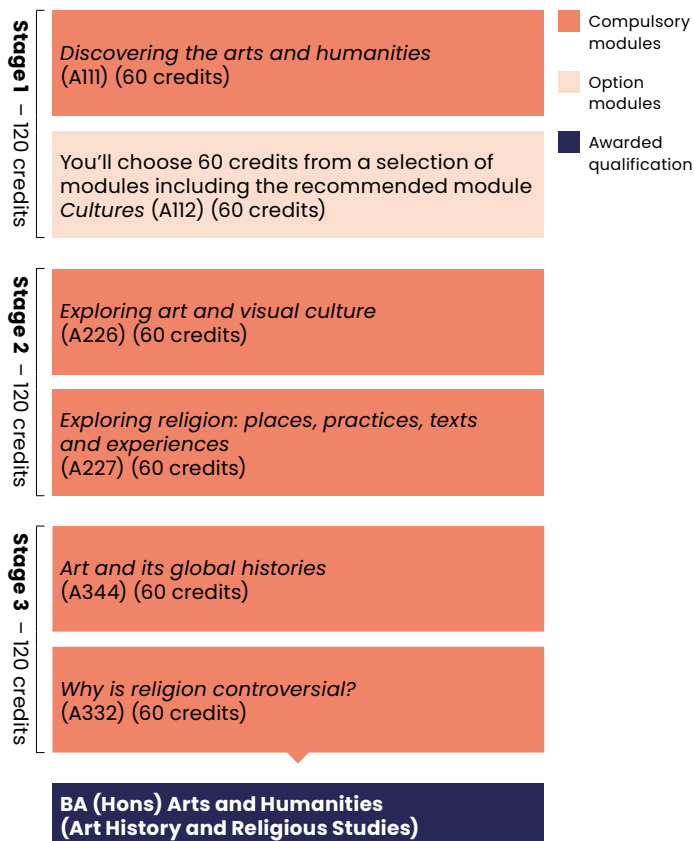
## Qualification structure

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
- history
- music
- philosophy
- religious studies
- French
- German
- Spanish.

The example route shown below is **Art History and Religious Studies**. Other routes will vary. Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/r14](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r14) for details.

### Example route



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

## At a glance

Course code R14

Total credits 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3-4 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

## 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 place of art history and visual cultures both in the wider humanities, and in the creative or cultural industries.

## Why this qualification?

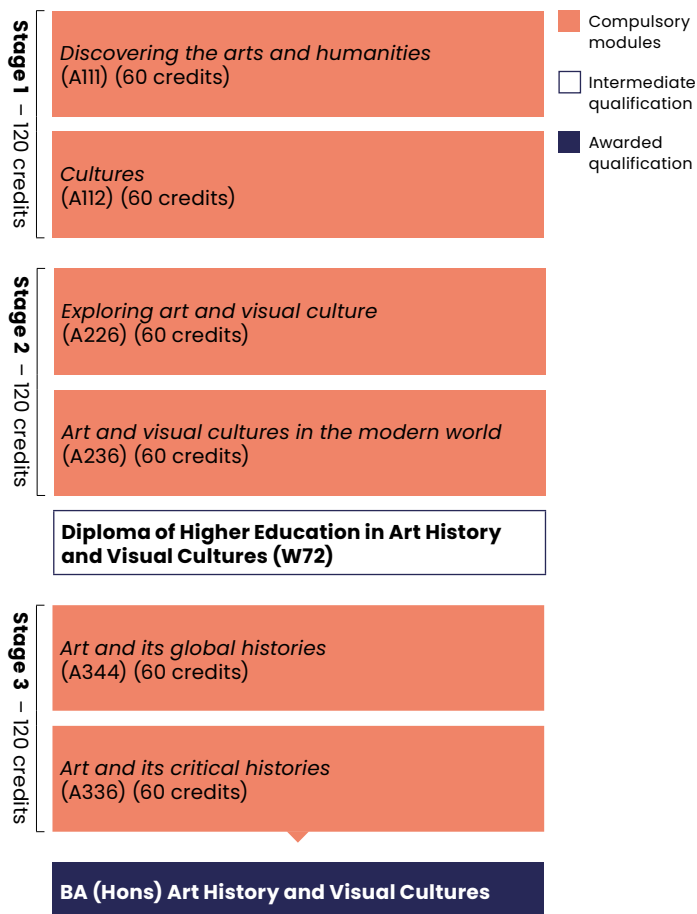
- Explore images and artefacts from a wide range of periods and places.
- Become familiar with different approaches to the study of visual, spatial and material culture.
- Gain skills in visual literacy, criticism and analysis that will make you highly employable.
- Develop your own research project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

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Art History and Visual Cultures (W72)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w72](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w72)

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts And Humanities (T32)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t32](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t32)

## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R27

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- 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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 Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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, 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, as you'll be provided with new perspectives on 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.
- Gives you 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](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w62)

Certificate of Higher Education in Arts And Humanities (T32)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t32](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t32)

## Qualification structure

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Stage 2 – 120 credits	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>Exploring the classical world (A229)</i> (60 credits) OR <i>Classical Latin: the language of ancient Rome (A276)</i> (60 credits)         </div>	<div style="background-color: #1a3d54; width: 10px; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Awarded qualification
	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;">           You'll choose a second module from those listed above or 60 credits from a selection of arts and humanities modules – go to <a href="https://openuniversity.co.uk/q85">openuniversity.co.uk/q85</a> </div>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>The Roman empire (A340)</i> (60 credits)         </div>	
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<b>BA (Hons) Classical Studies</b>		

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

## Meet our academics

Professor of Greek Literature and Culture, Elton Barker's interest in Homeric studies and historical geography led to him co-running and leading a series of collaborative projects which use digital resources to rethink spatial understanding of the ancient world.

The culmination of this work has been Pelagios, which links information online through common references to places. The Pelagios Network brings together researchers, scientists and curators to link and explore the history of places.

Find out more about Elton's work at [openuniversity.co.uk/eteb](https://openuniversity.co.uk/eteb).

## At a glance

**Course code** Q85

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- 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 who is able to synthesise information, assemble arguments and write coherently.

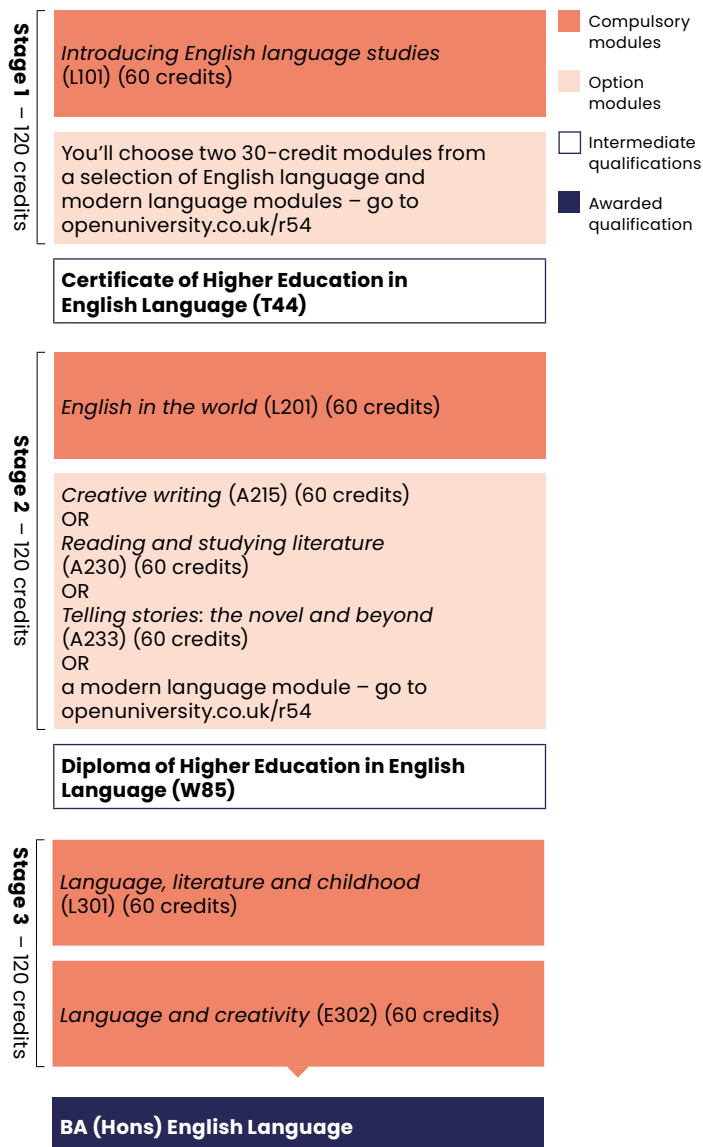
## Related qualifications

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

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



## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R54

**Total credits** 360

**Start date**  
Oct 2023  
Register by 7 Sep 2023

**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 **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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**[openuniversity.co.uk/r54](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r54)**  
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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 to 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, on topics 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?

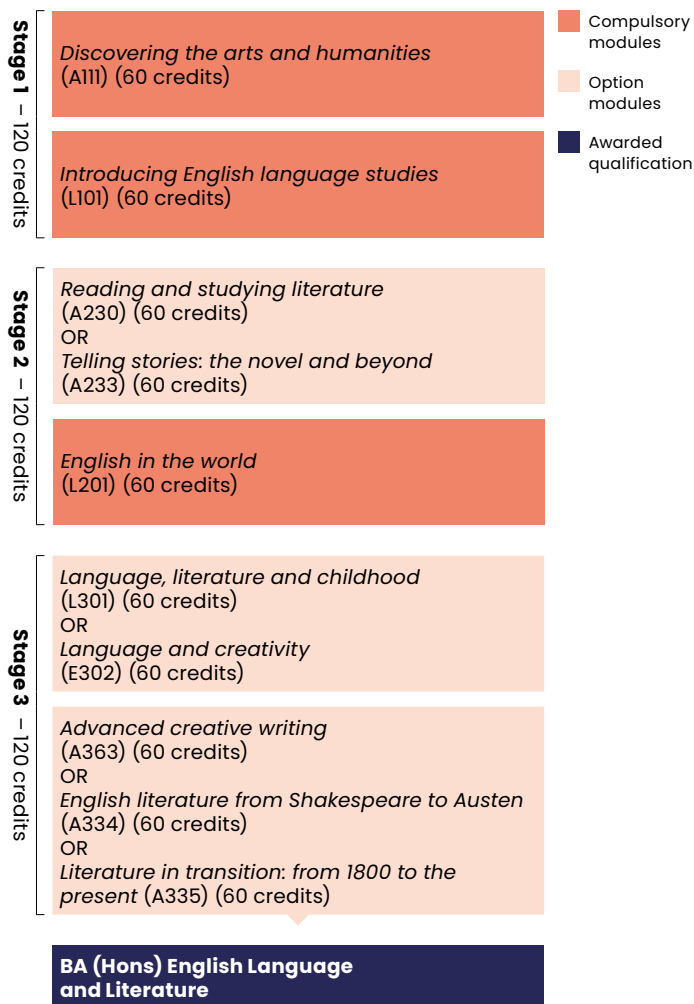
- Learn how to analyse a wide range of texts including novels, poetry and drama.
- Explore the history of the English language and find out how it has become a global language.
- Learn skills in critical thinking and analysis that are highly valued in the workplace.

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w61](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w61)

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

## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q39

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- 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 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 specialised 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?

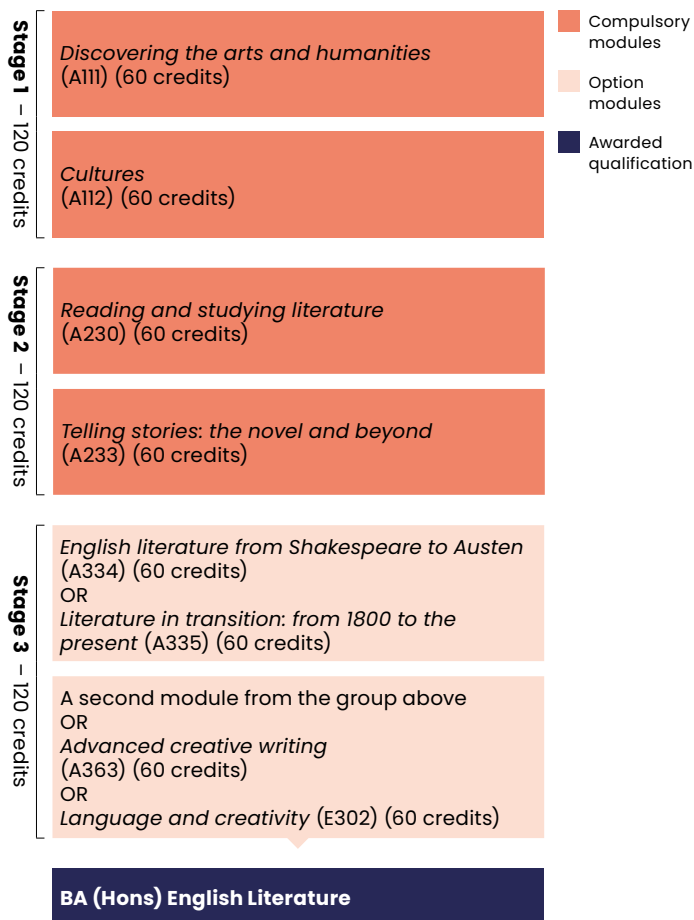
- Learn how to analyse a wide range of texts including novels, poetry and drama.
- Explore the work of famous authors alongside equally fascinating, lesser-known writers.
- Choose between options in creative writing or English language.
- Develop advanced skills in analysis, evaluation and communication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

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in English (W61)  
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Certificate of Higher Education in Arts and Humanities (T32)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t32](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t32)

## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q66

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- 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  
**openuniversity.co.uk/q66**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w61)

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

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)         </div>	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; width: 10px; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Compulsory modules
	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>Cultures</i> (A112) (60 credits)         </div>	
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>Creative writing</i> (A215) (60 credits)         </div>	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; width: 10px; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Option modules  <div style="background-color: #1a3d54; width: 10px; height: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Awarded qualification
	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>Reading and studying literature</i> (A230) (60 credits) OR  <i>Telling stories: the novel and beyond</i> (A233) (60 credits)         </div>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <i>Advanced creative writing</i> (A363) (60 credits)         </div>	
	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px;"> <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)         </div>	
<b>BA (Hons) English Literature and Creative Writing</b>		

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

### Meet our academics

Dr Siobhan Campbell is a poet, critic and social literary practitioner, interested in 'thinking through writing' and how writing enables people to recognise their personal potential and their potential for creating cultural cohesion. She worked with North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust to establish whether creative writing could reduce stress and improve mental wellbeing in Health Care Workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Find out more about the award winning *Creative Writing Handbook for Health Care Workers* at [openuniversity.co.uk/cwhandbook](https://openuniversity.co.uk/cwhandbook).

### At a glance

**Course code** Q86

**Total credits** 360

#### Start dates

Oct 2023  
Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024  
Register by 11 Jan 2024

#### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

#### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- 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 **Compulsory** ✓

### More online

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



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[openuniversity.co.uk/q86](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q86)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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, race, 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.

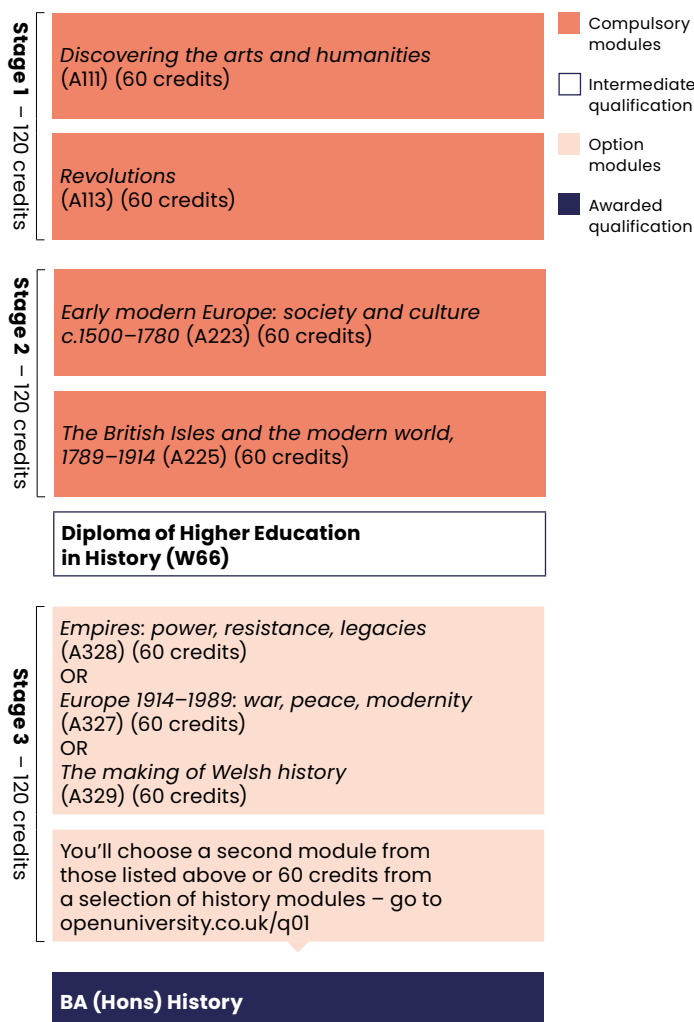
## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in History (W66)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w66](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w66)

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



## Qualification structure



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

## Meet our academics

Professor of History Rosalind Crone researches prison education, receiving the Royal Historical Society's Innovation in Teaching Prize in 2022. Her free *Exploring the history of prisoner education* course, in collaboration with the Prison Education Trust, provides flexible learning for prisoners as well as continuing professional development for staff in the prisons sector, especially governors and education officers. It was trialed by learners at HMP Leeds before being launched on OpenLearn.

Find out more about this course at [openuniversity.co.uk/prisoner-education](https://openuniversity.co.uk/prisoner-education).

## At a glance

**Course code** Q01

**Total credits** 360

**Start dates**  
 Oct 2023  
 Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024  
 Register by 11 Jan 2024

**Entry requirements**  
 No specific requirements

**Assessment**  
 Based on a mix of:

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

**Study duration**  
 Part time: 6 years  
 Full time: 3–4 years

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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 Call  
 0300 303 5303



# 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.

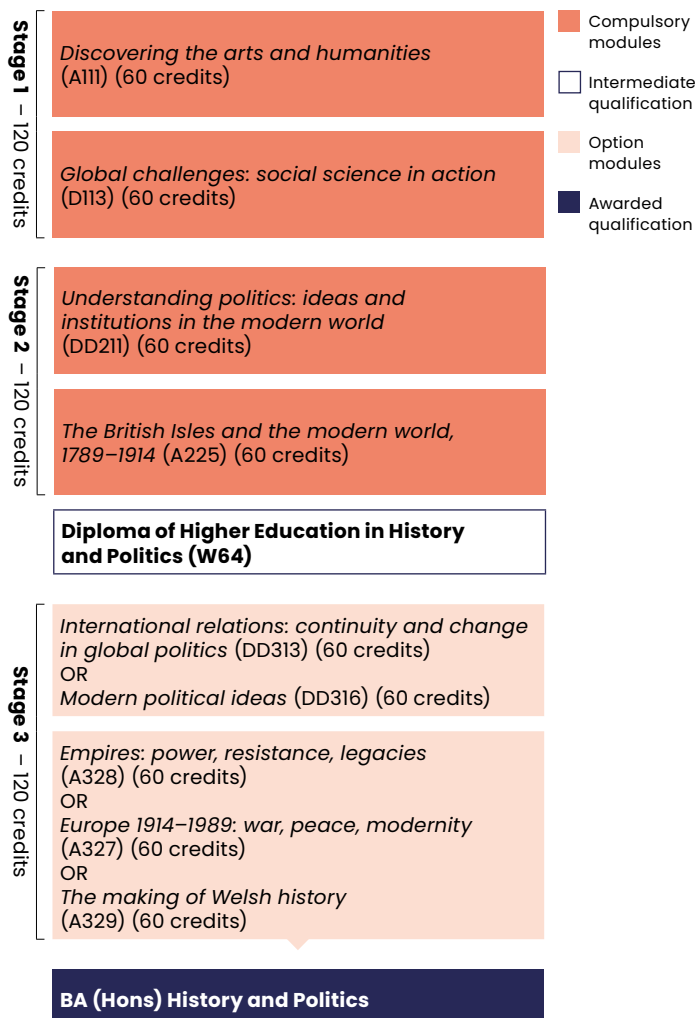
## Related qualifications

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

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

BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Politics) (R23)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/r23](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r23)

## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q97

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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| Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) | ✓ |
| Online forum  | ✓ |
| <b>Compulsory</b>   | ✓ |
| Collaborative work  | ✓ |
| <b>Compulsory</b>   | ✓ |

## More online

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



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**openuniversity.co.uk/q97**  
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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 music degree is open to musicians working in any tradition and at any stage of their musical development.

## Why this qualification?

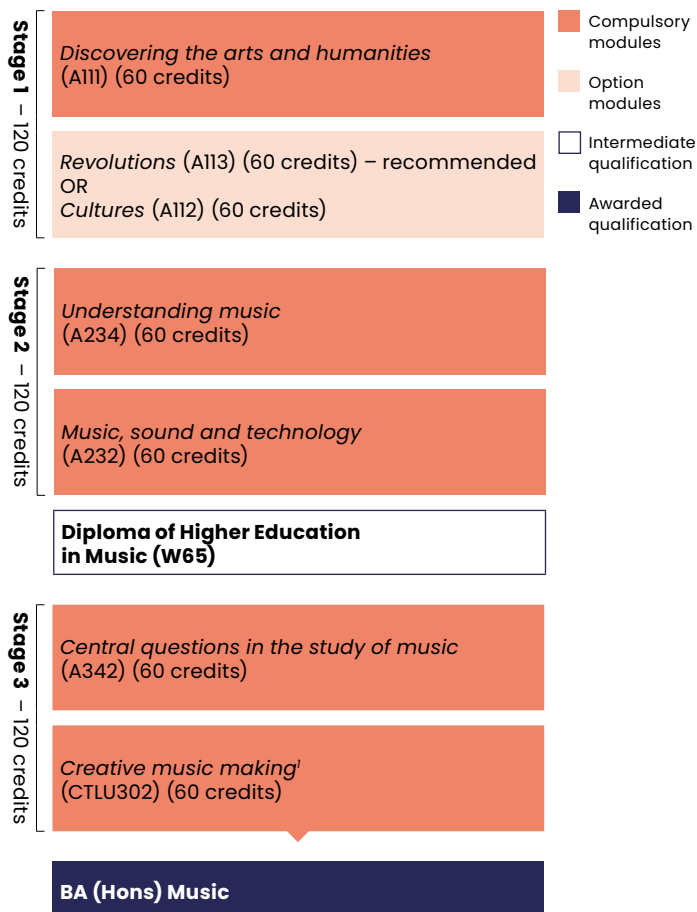
- Study a wide range of musical repertoires and practices, informed by world-leading research.
- Create, analyse, perform, and study the social contexts of music as part of your degree.
- Develop practical music making and performance skills at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.
- Study 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](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w65)

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

## Qualification structure



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

<sup>1</sup> This module is offered in collaboration with the Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. For further information, see our Collaborative schemes website ([openuniversity.co.uk/collaborative-schemes](https://openuniversity.co.uk/collaborative-schemes)) and the Trinity Laban website ([www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/course/creative-music-making](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/course/creative-music-making)).

## At a glance

**Course code** R25

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3–4 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/r25**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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 qualification

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

## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q43

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

## More online

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



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**openuniversity.co.uk/q43**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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	<p><i>Global challenges: social science in action</i> (D113) (60 credits) OR <i>You and your money</i> (DB125) (30 credits) AND <i>Economics in context</i> (DD126) (30 credits)</p>	Option modules
	<p><i>Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world</i> (DD211) (60 credits)</p>	Compulsory modules
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Essential economics: macro and micro perspectives</i> (D217) (60 credits)</p>	Awarded qualification
	<p><i>Exploring philosophy</i> (A222) (60 credits)</p>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<p>You will now choose two from three PPE subjects:</p> <p><b>Politics</b> <i>Modern political ideas</i> (DD316) (60 credits) OR <i>International relations: continuity and change in global politics</i> (DD313) (60 credits)</p> <p><b>Philosophy</b> <i>Key questions in philosophy</i> (A333) (60 credits)</p> <p><b>Economics</b> <i>Doing economics: people, markets and policy</i> (DD309) (60 credits)</p>	

### BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics

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

## Meet our academics

Dr Donna Smith's work through Open Politics, in partnership with UK Parliament, led to the innovative *Changemakers Guide*. It encourages people to engage with politics and the UK Parliament, providing the essential knowledge and practical tools needed to make change. The free course *An introduction to making political and social change* builds on the Guide, and includes content on working with the Scottish Parliament, Welsh Parliament, and Northern Ireland Assembly. Dr Smith was awarded the Jennie Lee Prize for Outstanding Teaching by the Political Studies Association (PSA) in recognition of her work.

Learn more about Changemakers and Open Politics at [openuniversity.co.uk/open-politics](https://openuniversity.co.uk/open-politics).

## At a glance

**Course code** Q45

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- 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**

## More online

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



Visit  
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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 different religious traditions and societies, is crucial in making sense of the world today.

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, racism, 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 across a range of key approaches and methodologies.

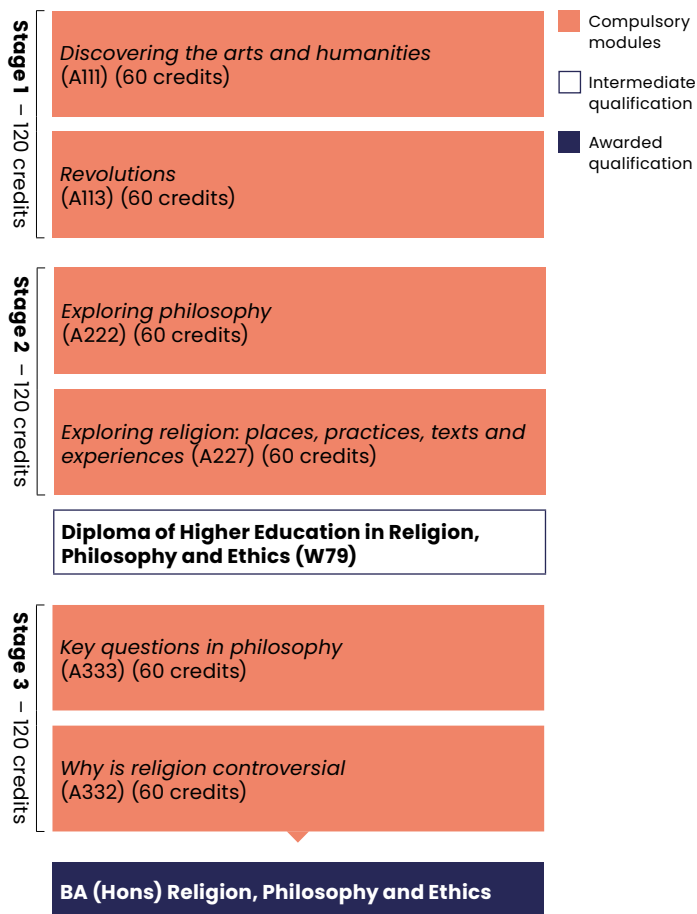
## Why this qualification?

- 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 qualification

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

## Qualification structure



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

## Meet our academics

Professor of Religious History John Wolffe leads the EU-funded Retopea (Religious Tolerance and Peace) project. This project investigates how religious co-existence is thought of in different contexts and how religious peace treaties have been established in the past.

The project invites teenagers to make short documentary films about living with people with different religious and ideological backgrounds and beliefs, to build resilience against simplistic propaganda. Find out more about John's work at [openuniversity.co.uk/jrw](https://openuniversity.co.uk/jrw).

## At a glance

**Course code** R45

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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# BA/BSc (Hons) Open

Do you want the freedom to study a range of subjects that interest you? Then our Open qualifications are ideal.

Some of the key questions in the world today require expertise from a range of subjects.

Multidisciplinary study has always been at the heart of The Open University and our Open qualifications allow you to bring together different areas of study in a completely flexible way to develop knowledge and skills.

The BA/BSc (Hons) Open allows you to choose modules from a wide range of subject areas so you can, for example, combine arts and humanities modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or education. It is a degree with a difference. Free from the restriction of a subject-specific specialism, you're in control of the direction of your learning.

## Why this qualification?

- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Create your own unique multidisciplinary degree and skill set.

- Adapt your study plans to match your evolving aspirations.
- Count previous university study towards your qualification.

## Open qualifications and your career

Our Open qualifications equip you with a wide range of expertise, skills and capabilities through multidisciplinary study. These qualities are sought after in today's highly competitive job market. An Open qualification on your CV shows more than your level of knowledge about a subject; employers know that you are flexible and adaptable, potentially having studied across a range of topics. You'll have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:

- self-management and resilience
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.



The fact that the OU has the option of choosing an Open degree is fabulous. So many people I have spoken to wish that they'd had this option at university rather than going down one route.

**Carol Dow**  
BA (Hons) Open



## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w34](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w34)

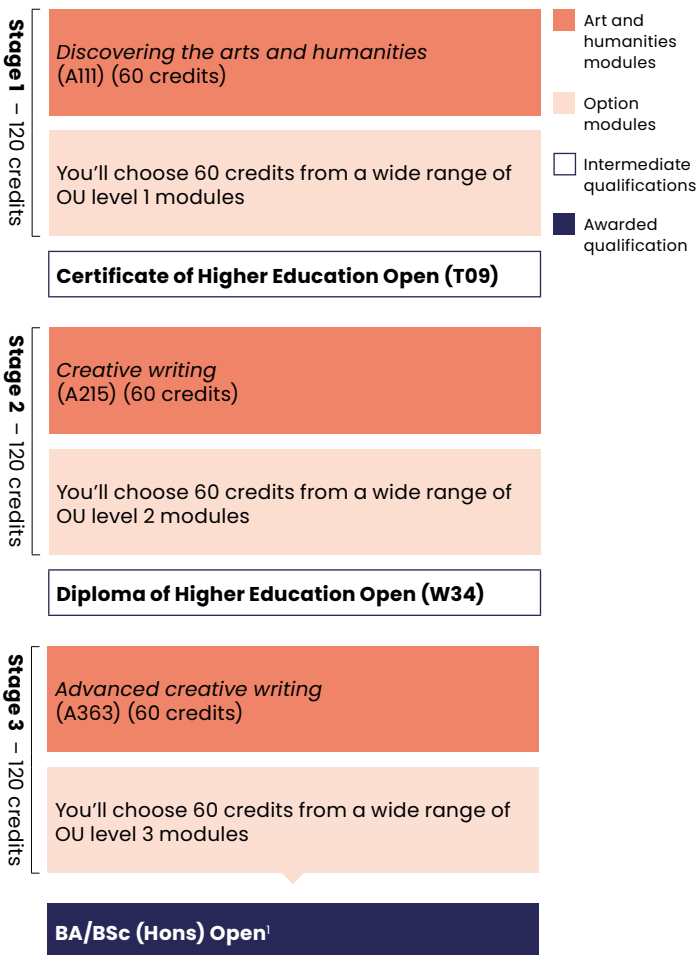
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t09](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t09)

## 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, and combine them 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



<sup>1</sup> Whether you qualify for a BA or BSc (Hons) Open will be determined by the number of credits you have from modules suitable for a BA or for a BSc.

## At a glance

**Course code** QD

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023  
Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024  
Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Depending on the modules you choose to study, you may be assessed in any or all of the following ways:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

As the BA/BSc (Hons) Open can be made up of a range of different modules, the learning materials provided, use of online forums and inclusion of collaborative work will depend on the modules you choose to study

## More online

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



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# Find your postgraduate course

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

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# 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
<b>MA in Art History</b>		

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## At a glance

Course code F33

Total credits 180

### Start date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years

## More online

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



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 Call  
 0300 303 5303





# MA in Classical Studies

This masters degree examines many different aspects of the ancient Greek and Roman worlds – their literature, languages, history, archaeology, material culture and receptions – 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 Greco-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
<b>MA in Classical Studies</b>		

■ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## At a glance

**Course code** F27

**Total credits** 180

### Start date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years

## More online

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



Visit  
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co.uk/f27**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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'll hone your practice by sharing, reading and critiquing the writing of your peers in online forums as you 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 date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years

## More online

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/f71**  
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**0300 303 5303**



## At a glance

**Course code** F88

**Total credits** 180

**Start date**  
Sep 2023  
Register by 10 Aug 2023

**Entry requirements**  
UK honours degree or equivalent

**Study duration**  
Part time: 2 years

# MA in English Literature

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 study literature, poetry, drama and prose in relation to culture and across three broad themes. These are literary-popular culture, which includes exploring genre writing, the bestseller and mass literary production; revolution and literature, in which you'll encounter texts representing revolutionary social or political change; and global literary cultures, where you'll look at English literature as an international literary form.

The structure of this masters degree allows you to select options and specialise throughout the first year in preparation for the more sustained self-directed work of the dissertation in year two.

## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA English literature part 1</i>	90	A893
<i>MA English literature part 2</i>	90	A894

### MA in English Literature

■ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## More online

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



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## At a glance

**Course code** F89

**Total credits** 180

**Start date**  
Sept 2023  
Register by 10 Aug 2023

**Entry requirements**  
UK honours degree or equivalent

**Study duration**  
Part time: 2 years

# MA in History

This MA in History explores major themes in British and Irish history between c1500 and c1970, providing practical training in research methods, project planning and writing.

You'll have an opportunity to specialise in the study of either early modern or modern Britain and Ireland. You'll also learn about how historians have researched and written about the body, popular politics, interpersonal violence, immigration, institutions, landscapes and the environment.

Using our world-class collection of online primary source materials, you'll be supported in producing an independent research project on a topic of your choice.

## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA History part 1</i>	90	A883
<i>MA History part 2</i>	90	A884

## MA in History

■ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## More online

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## At a glance

**Course code** F32

**Total credits** 180

### Start date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years

# MA in Music

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 topics, themes and repertoires from many different places, periods and styles as you engage with Western, non-Western and popular music.

## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Music part 1</i>	60	A873
<i>MA Music part 2</i>	120	A874

### MA in Music

■ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## More online

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



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## At a glance

**Course code** F30

**Total credits** 180

**Start date**  
Oct 2023  
Register by 14 Sep 2023

**Entry requirements**  
UK honours degree or equivalent

**Study duration**  
Part time: 2 years

# 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, 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
<b>MA in Philosophy</b>		

■ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## More online

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



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**openuniversity.co.uk/f30**  
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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.

You can deepen your understanding of 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 date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 1 year

## More online

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



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**openuniversity.co.uk/c20**  
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**0300 303 5303**

# MA/MSc Open

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

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

## Qualification structure

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

**Route 1:** You can study **180 credits** and specialise within one of the following broadly related study areas:

- Arts, humanities, music and language
- Education, psychology, health science and healthcare
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Business, finance, human resources and law.

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

- Further professional development.

Module and microcredential availability are subject to change.

## Arts, humanities, music and language

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

## Education, psychology, health science and healthcare

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801
<i>Children and young people's worlds</i>	60	E808
<i>Educational leadership: agency, professional learning and change</i>	60	EE811
<i>Addressing inequality and difference in educational practice</i>	60	EE814
<i>Applied linguistics and English language</i>	60	EE817
<i>Learning and teaching: educating the next generation</i>	60	EE830
<i>Technology-enhanced learning: foundations and futures<sup>1</sup></i>	60	H880
<i>Non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing</i>	60	K803
<i>Introduction to mental health science</i>	60	S826

<sup>1</sup> Module hosted on FutureLearn.

## Science, technology, engineering and mathematics

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



## Business, finance, human resources and law

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

## Further professional development

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Sustainable creative management</i>	15	BB842
<i>Supply chain management</i>	15	BB849
<i>Entrepreneurship in context</i>	15	BB851
<i>Leadership and management of public services</i>	15	BB852
<i>Contemporary issues in organisations</i>	15	BB853
<i>Management of uncertainty: leadership, decisions and action<sup>2</sup></i>	15	BZFM801
<i>Management of change: organisation development and design<sup>2</sup></i>	15	BZFM802
<i>Global development in practice<sup>1</sup></i>	60	D890
<i>Understanding global development</i>	60	DD870
<i>Mentoring and coaching in professional learning<sup>2</sup></i>	15	EZFM802

Title	Credits	Code
<i>Developing educational leadership in practice<sup>2</sup></i>	15	EZFM803
<i>Online teaching: creating courses for adult learners<sup>2</sup></i>	15	HZFM881
<i>Online teaching: evaluating and improving courses<sup>2</sup></i>	15	HZFM882
<i>Mental health: working with children and young people<sup>2</sup></i>	15	KZFM801
<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
<i>Sustainable organisations: theory and practice</i>	30	T892
<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
<i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB871
<i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB872
<i>Agile leadership and management<sup>2</sup></i>	15	TZFM850
<i>Continuing professional development in practice</i>	30	U810
<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830

<sup>1</sup> Module hosted on FutureLearn.

<sup>2</sup> Microcredential hosted on FutureLearn.

## At a glance

**Course code** F81

**Total credits** 180

### Start dates

Sep 2023

Oct 2023

Nov 2023

Feb 2024

May 2024

### Entry requirements

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

### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

## What are microcredentials?

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

## More online

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f81](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f81)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# Registering is easy

## Undergraduate study

### 1. Register

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

### 2. Choose your module(s)

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

### 3. Organise your funding

Tell us how you'll be funding your chosen module. You'll find all your options here [openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees).

### 4. Complete your registration

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

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

For more on the registration process, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/ug-apply](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ug-apply).

## Postgraduate study

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

### 1. Choose your qualification

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

### 2. Register on your first module(s)

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

### 3. Arrange your funding

You'll find all your options at [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees).

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

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

For more on the registration process, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-apply](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-apply).

## Have you studied before?

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



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## Students with additional study needs

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

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### Subject-specific prospectuses

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- Computing and IT
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- Engineering, Design and Technology
- Environment and Development
- Health and Social Care
- Languages and Applied Linguistics
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology and Counselling
- Science
- Social Sciences

### Other prospectuses

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- Open Qualifications
- Postgraduate Courses
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- Call our Student Recruitment team on **0300 303 5303**

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- Call our Belfast office on **028 9032 3722**

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