



The Open  
University

FREE  
YOUR  
**AMBITION**

Your 2021/2022

# **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Prospectus





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

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

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

**YOUR AMBITION  
OUR MISSION.**





# YOUR NEXT ACHIEVEMENT STARTS HERE

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

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

## Welcome to The Open University

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

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

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

- An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 77% of FTSE 100 companies sponsoring staff to study with us.
- More CEOs and Managing Directors of UK companies have studied with us than any other UK university.
- 86% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- 74% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- We are the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Throughout our 48-year partnership with the BBC, we've co-produced numerous TV and radio series – like Sir David Attenborough's *Blue Planet II* and *A Perfect Planet*.

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# BRINGING UNIVERSITY TO YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE

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

## Learn on your terms

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

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

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

## Learn from the best

Our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors deliver innovative, insightful teaching and many combine their work as tutors with academic or industry roles.

## Spark your imagination

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

## Our assessment methods

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

## Get social with us

-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudentslive



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

**Jack Brooke**  
OU graduate



# HOW DO WE COMPARE WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES?

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

## Distance is in our DNA

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

## We're respected

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

## We're flexible

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

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



## We're a thriving community

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

More than 170,000 students study with us each year. Now it's your turn to join them.

## We're open to all

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

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





# WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

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

## Undergraduate

### Certificate of higher education

Get a general grounding or improve your understanding of a subject area.

### Diploma of higher education

Expand your knowledge and improve your skill set in a specialised area.

### Foundation degree

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

### Named degree

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

### Open degree

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

## Postgraduate

### Postgraduate certificate

Ideal for professional and career development, this is the first step towards a masters degree as well as being a valuable qualification in its own right.

### Postgraduate diploma

Work towards a widely recognised qualification that is equivalent to two-thirds of a masters degree.

### Masters degree

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

## FIND OUT MORE

Find the course to match your ambition.



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



# ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH US

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

## We will:

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

## You can expect:

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



## Open Diaries

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

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



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



# WELCOME TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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

**it starts here**

**Studying the social sciences with us will allow you to:**

- specialise in criminology, economics, geography, philosophy, politics, psychology, religious studies or sociology
- learn from creative and intellectually rigorous materials
- focus on key policy issues, both in the UK and internationally, through highly-specialised teaching
- become introduced to cutting-edge research and ideas through engaging modules.

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences embodies the core values of The Open University, which is to empower and transform students, societies, and cultures through our world-leading teaching and research. Here you'll discover varied and fascinating insights into everyday life and the world around you.

Studying how people, groups, and institutions exercise power and respond to political and economic forces will help you to make sense of what's happening in our ever-changing world.

## Undergraduate

We offer many undergraduate qualifications in the social sciences.

These range from certificates of higher education in:

- Psychology, Environment, and in Social Sciences

Diplomas of higher education in:

- Criminology, and in Economics

And degrees that include:

- BA (Hons) Economics
- BA (Hons) International Studies
- BSc (Hons) Social Psychology

## Postgraduate

We offer a number of highly-rated postgraduate qualifications.

These include postgraduate certificates in:

- Global development
- Social and psychological inquiry

As well as taught masters degrees in:

- Crime and justice
- Forensic psychological studies
- Global development
- Philosophy

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I chose to study with the OU because of its flexibility. I could continue to work, and study at times to suit me. Getting my degree has benefited me in a number of ways. I have more self-confidence and have gained new skills. The research-learning process gave me a platform from which to network in the working environment and beyond. Being able to put forward an informed opinion feels good.

**Catherine Thomas**  
BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics

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## Boost your career prospects

An Open University social sciences qualification builds skills that are highly sought-after by employers, such as communication, problem solving, digital literacy, global citizenship and self-management. Throughout your course you'll also sharpen your writing, analytical, and independent thinking skills; all of which will greatly help you apply your qualification to your career in the world beyond study.

The breadth of skills you'll develop while studying an Open University social science qualification could be the first step to unlocking professional training or entry-level roles in a wide range of careers in areas such as:

- local and central government
- the Diplomatic Service
- non-government organisations
- social welfare
- education
- the environment
- business management.

## Step one, complete.

You're well on your way to making that life change, page by page, step by step. Take the next one by continuing to read about our social science qualifications, then register for your chosen course.



Visit  
**openuniversity.**  
**co.uk/courses**



# BUILDING YOUR QUALIFICATION

## Undergraduate

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

### The different stages

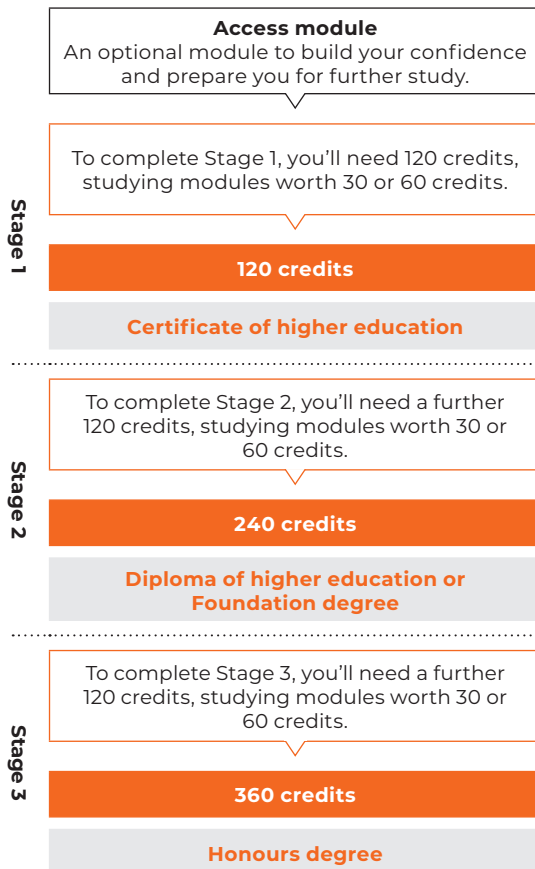
- Complete one stage for a certificate of higher education, two stages for a diploma of higher education or foundation degree, and three stages to gain an honours degree.
- To complete each stage, you must build up a set number of credits.

### The credits you need

- You'll need at least 120 credits to complete each stage. This means that to earn an honours degree, 360 credits are required in total.
- Credits are gained by successfully completing modules.

### The modules available

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



## READ MORE

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



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



## Postgraduate

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

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

With each module you successfully complete, you'll earn a set number of credits. Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.

### Getting started

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



**60 credits**  
at postgraduate level.

**Postgraduate certificate**

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

**Postgraduate diploma**

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

**Masters degree**

# 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.

## How Access modules work

You'll have a dedicated tutor, who'll provide academic support via email and one-to-one phone tutorials. Your Student Support Team will be on hand to help with everything else, including fees and funding, administrative support, and study-related guidance. Your Access module materials are a blend of printed and online resources.

You'll engage with the materials to complete tasks such as online quizzes and tutor-marked assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

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

## What you need

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

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

## What you can study

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

### **People, work and society Access module (Y032)**

Get compelling insights into a wide range of areas, including childhood and youth studies; social science; psychology; health; business; and law. This module will help you to improve your subject knowledge in those areas particularly, but also prepare you for further study on a wide variety of OU qualifications.

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

- *Arts and languages Access module (Y031)* – also available as *Arts and languages Access module: fast track (YXFT031)*
- *Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)*



## Do you qualify for a free Access module?

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

- live in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address
- are studying the module as part of an OU qualification (this doesn't apply if you live in Scotland)
- have a household income (or, in Scotland, a personal income) of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits
- have completed less than one year of a full-time undergraduate programme at FHEQ or CQFW level 4/ SCQF level 7 or above, and not completed 30 credits or more of OU study.

Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be

**SUCCESSFUL**

when they advance to OU Stage 1 study.

## How much does an Access module cost?

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

- In England, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man it's £792.
- In Northern Ireland and Scotland it's £264.
- In Wales it's £321.

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

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

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

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**Michelle Brennan**  
OU student

## MORE INFORMATION

Find out more about our Access modules.



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

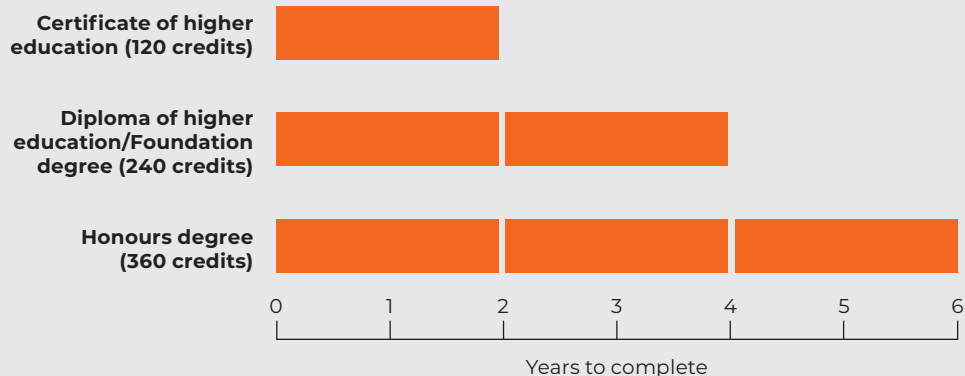
# HOW LONG YOUR QUALIFICATION WILL TAKE

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.

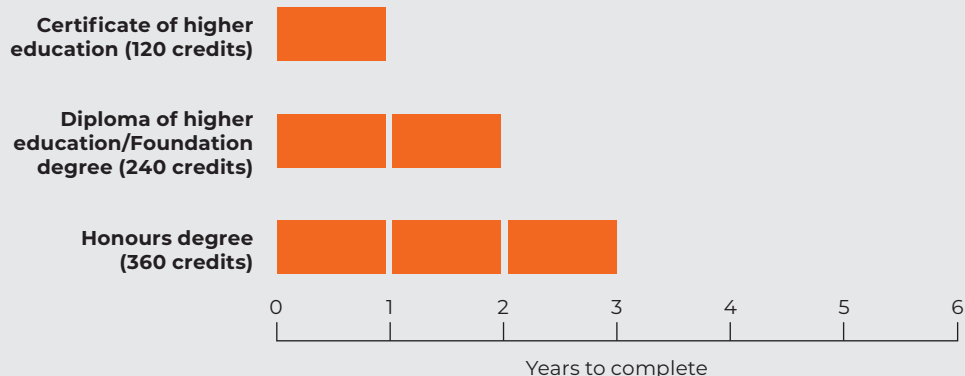
## Undergraduate qualifications

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.

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



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



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.

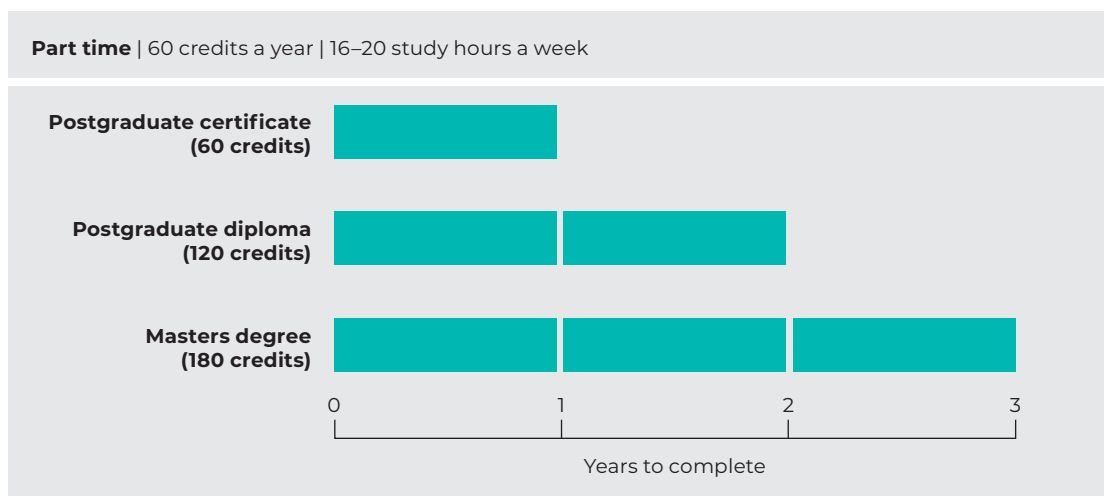


## Postgraduate qualifications

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.

- 30 credit module – typically five months.
- 60 credit module – typically nine months.
- 120 credit module – typically twelve months.

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



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

## Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you could count this study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the number of modules you need to study. Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer](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)



## HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

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

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

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

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

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**Joe Acaye**  
OU student

### READ MORE

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



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

# HOW YOU'LL LEARN

With regular tutorials and an online hub to manage your studies, you'll have everything you need to succeed.

Once you've registered, you'll have access to StudentHome where you'll be able to:

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

The virtual learning environment or 'module website' contains all the online study resources you'll need, including:

- a week-by-week study planner
- an assessment section, giving details of your assignments and their due dates
- the tutorial booking system
- your online tutorial room and your tutor's contact details
- module forums where you can discuss topics with other students and complete collaborative work online
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

## What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

- a computer with internet access. Don't worry if you haven't got access to one right now – you could receive financial support to help you buy one
- a good grasp of the English language. We teach our courses in English. If you're not sure whether your English is at the right level, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage](https://openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage) for help and guidance.



## Ready for the next step?

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

# YOUR FEES AND FUNDING OPTIONS

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

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

### How much does it cost?

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

#### FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>1</sup>
60	£3,168
120	£6,336

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

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

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

#### FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>3</sup>
60	£1,284
120	£2,568

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

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

#### FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR SCOTLAND

Credits each year	Cost per year <sup>4</sup>
60	£1,056
120	£2,112

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

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

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

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

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND AND WALES

#### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

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

#### Key facts

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

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

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

<sup>5</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.

#### Already have an undergraduate degree?

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



## WALES

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

### Maintenance grants

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

### Maintenance loans

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

## NORTHERN IRELAND

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

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Grant

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

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

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

## Course Grant

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

## SCOTLAND

### Part-Time Fee Grant

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

## Other support

### Carers' Bursary

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

### Care Experienced Bursary

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

### Disabled Students' Allowance

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

## Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund

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

### Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

### Study related costs

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

## Self-funded study

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

### OUSBA loan

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

### Card payments

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

### Mixed payments

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

## FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



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

## POSTGRADUATE STUDY

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

### How much does it cost?

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

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND

#### Postgraduate loan

If you live in England, you could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £11,570 from Student Finance England.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
  - The money is paid directly to you.
  - You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
  - Payments are spread across two or three years.
  - Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
  - You'll repay 6% of your income over £21,000. So, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.
  - Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
  - Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.
- To be eligible you must:
- be under 60 years old
  - be a resident in England
  - be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years
  - not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
  - be studying your qualification from the beginning.

### WALES

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

#### Learning grant and maintenance loan

- You could access up to £18,025 of maintenance grants and loans.
- You'll automatically get a £1,000 non-repayable grant, rising to £6,885, depending on your income.
- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money's paid directly to you.
- Payments are made in instalments, spread across however long you're studying.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
- Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).

- You'll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.

To be eligible you must be:

- a resident in Wales
- studying for a masters degree
- under 60 years old.

#### Wales STEM bursary

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

#### Wales 60+ bursary

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

## NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

### Postgraduate loan

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

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- There's no upper age limit.
- Payments are spread over either two or three years, depending on your chosen qualification.
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £19,390 in Northern Ireland and £25,000 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £27,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £180 that year (9% of £2,000). That's just £15 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

To be eligible you must be:

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

## Other support

### Carers' Bursary

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

### Care Experienced Bursary

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

### Disabled Students' Allowance

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

### Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay for your module fees.

### Grant funding

We offer access to a database of over 600 non-OU funding bodies offering grants for postgraduate students studying, or looking to study, a masters, PGCE or research degree.

### OU bursaries

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

### Study related costs

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

## Self-funded study

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

### OUSBA loan

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

### Card payments

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

### Mixed payments

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

## Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

When you enrol with us, you'll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.

### Here's how it works

OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University and then you can choose to repay OUSBA:

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

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

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

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

## FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about postgraduate fees and funding.



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

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

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

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# BA (HONS) SOCIAL SCIENCES

In a fast-changing world, the social sciences seek answers to the big questions we face as a society. Those answers inform the work of anyone who needs to base their decisions on the best available evidence - civil servants, policy makers, business executives and many more.

Designed to be flexible, this degree will teach you the tools of the social scientist's trade. Half of your studies will be in interdisciplinary social science and sociology, giving you a firm grounding in knowledge and ideas central to the social sciences. In the other half, you can specialise in criminology, economics, geography, philosophy, politics, psychology, religious studies or sociology, or you can choose a combination of modules that most suits your interests.

Whatever path you take, you will acquire valuable transferable skills, opening up employment opportunities in private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

## Why this qualification?

- Get to grips with the complex issues behind today's headlines.
- Understand social scientific ideas and insights and apply these to the real world.
- Learn the tools of the social scientist's trade.
- Increase your employability across a diverse range of careers.

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Social Sciences (W68)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w68](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w68)

Certificate of Higher Education in Social Sciences (T06)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t06](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t06)

## Qualification structure

You can choose to study a broad range of social science subjects or specialise in one of:

- **criminology**
- **economics**
- **geography**
- **philosophy**
- **politics**
- **psychology**
- **religious studies**
- **sociology**

The example route shown below is **criminology**. Other routes will vary, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/r23](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r23) for details.

### Example route

**Stage 1** – 120 credits

*Introducing the social sciences*  
(DD102) (60 credits)

*Introduction to criminology*  
(DD105) (60 credits)

**Stage 2** – 120 credits

*Understanding digital societies*  
(DD218) (60 credits)

*Understanding criminology*  
(DD212) (60 credits)

**Stage 3** – 120 credits

*Crime, harm and the state* (DD311) (60 credits)

*Making social worlds* (DD308) (60 credits)

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

### BA (HONS) SOCIAL SCIENCES (CRIMINOLOGY)

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

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** R23

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



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[openuniversity.co.uk/r23](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r23)  
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# BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY

This degree offers a unique and critical insight into criminology at a national, international and global level. It has been designed to offer you a well-supported, engaging learning experience, in addition to a range of opportunities to develop valuable employability skills.

You're introduced to criminology and the social sciences, using themes such as power, inequality and social harm to explore key topics including victimology, abolitionism and state violence. You will learn about a range of research methods, while also developing your understanding of the important role that criminological theory can play in viewing the social world in new and exciting ways. You'll also be able to enhance your independent study skills by completing a project on a criminological topic that interests you most.

## Why this qualification?

- Explore a wide range of contemporary and pressing criminological topics.
- Develop your understanding of the role criminological theory can play in seeing the social world in fresh and exciting ways.
- Develop your competence and confidence in using qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- Enhance your independent study skills by exploring a criminological topic of your own choice.

## Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education  
in Criminology (W67)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w67](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w67)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<p><i>Introducing the social sciences</i> (DD102) (60 credits)</p>
	<p><i>Introduction to criminology</i> (DD105) (60 credits)</p>
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Understanding criminology</i> (DD212) (60 credits)</p>
	<p><i>Social research: crime, justice and society</i> (DD215) (60 credits)</p>
<p><b>Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology (W67)</b></p>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<p><i>Crime, harm and the state</i> (DD311) (60 credits)</p>
	<p><i>Current issues in criminology</i> (DD315) (60 credits) – planned for October 2023</p>
<p><b>BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY</b></p>	

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

Compulsory modules

Intermediate qualification

Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

<b>Course code</b>	R21
<b>Total credits</b>	360
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No specific requirements
<b>Assessment</b>	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — Interactive computer-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	The learning materials provided are <b>a balance of print and online</b>
	Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
	Online forum <b>Compulsory</b> <span style="float: right;">✓</span>
	Collaborative work <b>Compulsory</b> <span style="float: right;">✓</span>

## Meet our academics

Academics from the Harm & Evidence Research Collaborative (HERC) have been researching the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

Professor of Criminology, Steve Tombs, has a long-standing interest in the incidence, nature and regulation of corporate crime and harm, working closely with organisations such as INQUEST and Hazards, and responded to the consultation by the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Senior Lecturer in Criminology, Dr David Scott's multi award winning film *Grenfell Tower and Social Murder* is dedicated to the continued struggle for truth, justice and recognition for all those who lost their lives.

Find out more at [openuniversity.co.uk/herc](https://openuniversity.co.uk/herc).

## MORE ONLINE

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/r21](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r21)  
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# BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND LAW

Crime, justice and the workings of the law are matters that affect us all and often dominate the news. This degree takes a critical and analytical view of the role and functions of the legal system, and examines its relationship with crime, harm and criminal justice.

You'll learn how to apply research tools, access and evaluate qualitative and quantitative data on crime, victimisation and the societal responses to them. With an appreciation of criminological theorising and evidence, you'll develop the skills to comment on crime and responses to crime and deviance, including policy questions, at national, international and global levels. You'll gain the ability to critically assess everyday understandings of crime, harm and criminal justice, the social, political, economic, historical and ethical dimensions of law, as well as gain knowledge of the key institutions which make up criminal justice and legal systems.

## Why this qualification?

- Explore the complex issues behind today's headlines about crime, law and justice.
- Understand, interpret and apply concepts about crime and law to 'real world' problems.
- Develop transferable employability skills to support career progression.
- Identify where criminal justice and law is failing to provide social justice, fairness and equal opportunities in society.

Please note that this degree is not a Qualifying Law Degree (QLD). If you want to become a barrister in England and Wales or a solicitor or barrister in Northern Ireland, you will need to complete a conversion course before starting your professional training.

## Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Law (W52)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w52](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w52)



## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Introduction to criminology (DD105) (60 credits)
	Criminal law and the courts (W111) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Understanding criminology (DD212) (60 credits)
	Public law (W211) (30 credits) – planned for October 2022
	Evidence law (W250) (30 credits) – planned for February 2023
	<b>Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Law (W52)</b>
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Crime, harm and the state (DD311) (60 credits)
	Trusts law (W311) (30 credits) – planned for October 2023
	You'll choose one module from: European Union law (W330) (30 credits) Land law (W312) (30 credits) – planned for February 2024 Law, society and culture (W340) (30 credits) Exploring legal boundaries (W350) (30 credits)

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

## AT A GLANCE

<b>Course code</b>	Q92
<b>Total credits</b>	360
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No specific requirements
<b>Assessment</b>	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — Interactive computer-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	The learning materials provided are <b>mostly online with some print</b>
	Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Online forum <b>Compulsory</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Collaborative work <b>Compulsory</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND LAW

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

## MORE ONLINE

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



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 0300 303 5303



# BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

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

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

## Why this qualification?

- Helps you understand how criminology makes sense of crime, harm, criminal justice and criminalisation.
- Shows how psychology explains human interaction and conflict and interprets crime and victimisation.
- Takes a distinctive and original approach to teaching criminology and psychology.

Please note that this degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS)

See pages 58–59 for further information about the BPS and a list of our accredited courses.

## Related qualification


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

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Introduction to criminology (DD105) (60 credits)
	Investigating psychology 1 (DE100) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Understanding criminology (DD212) (60 credits)
	Living psychology: from the everyday to the extraordinary (DD210) (60 credits)
<b>Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Psychology (W57)</b>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Crime, harm and the state (DD311) (60 credits)
	Counselling and forensic psychology: investigating crime and therapy (DD310) (60 credits)
<b>BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY</b>	

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

 Compulsory modules

 Intermediate qualification

 Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** Q98

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



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[openuniversity.co.uk/q98](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q98)  
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# BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

By combining these subjects, you'll gain an understanding of the issues and concepts surrounding questions of criminalisation and justice, and how social worlds are made.

Building on the OU's reputation for cutting-edge criminological and sociological teaching and research, this joint degree offers you the chance to study lively, topical and sometimes controversial subject matter. You'll investigate questions of crime, criminalisation and social harm to determine whether society's responses to these questions are adequate and appropriate. You'll also explore how social worlds are made and how we, as individuals, are shaped by the societies in which we live.

## Why this qualification?

- Explore lively and topical issues about contemporary social life and about crime, harm and criminal justice.
- Learn to evaluate evidence critically and understand criminological and sociological problems better.
- Examine the role of both theory and research in shaping knowledge about crime, justice and the wider social world.
- Explore criminological and sociological topics of your own interest in depth in the final stage.

## Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education in Criminology and Sociology (W80)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w80](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w80)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Introducing the social sciences (DD102) (60 credits)
	Introduction to criminology (DD105) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Understanding digital societies (DD218) (60 credits)
	Understanding criminology (DD212) (60 credits) OR Social research: crime, justice and society (DD215) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Making social worlds (DD308) (60 credits)
	Crime, harm and the state (DD311) (60 credits)

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** R46

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## BA (HONS) CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are 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/r46](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r46)  
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**0300 303 5303**





# BA (HONS) ECONOMICS

Economic considerations play an important role in our personal lives and influence key social and political issues such as government policy, international trade, business decisions, work and climate change.

By studying this degree, you'll learn macroeconomic and microeconomic concepts, theories and techniques that will enable you to understand real world problems and help you make more informed decisions in your own life. You'll be able to specialise in an area of economics and carry out a project on a topic of your choice. The analytical skills and statistical techniques that this degree develops are highly valued by employers.

## Why this qualification?

- Analyse key real-world topics in society, such as employment, markets, finance, technology and government policy.
- Study econometrics, applying statistical methods to real economic problems using specialised software.
- Develop skills in analytical thought, research, numeracy and data analysis that make economists highly sought after by employers.
- Carry out an economic research project on a topic of your own choice.

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Economics (W71)

[openuniversity.co.uk/w71](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w71)

Certificate of Higher Education in Economics and Personal Finance (T36)

[openuniversity.co.uk/t36](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t36)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	You and your money (DB125) (30 credits)
	Economics in context (DD126) (30 credits)
	Discovering mathematics (MU123) (30 credits)
	Introducing statistics (M140) (30 credits)
<b>Certificate of Higher Education in Economics and Personal Finance (T36)</b>	
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Running the economy (DD209) (60 credits)
	Analysing data (M248) (30 credits)
	Economics in practice (DD226) (30 credits)
<b>Diploma of Higher Education in Economics (W71)</b>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Doing economics: people, markets and policy (DD309) (60 credits)
	Economics for a changing world (DD321) (30 credits) – planned for October 2022
	Applied statistical modelling (M348) (30 credits) – planned for October 2022
<b>BA (HONS) ECONOMICS</b>	

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

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** R30

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements. It is essential to ensure your mathematical level is appropriate before you register by taking the online quiz 'Are you ready for MU123?' at [openuniversity.co.uk/mu123](https://openuniversity.co.uk/mu123)

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

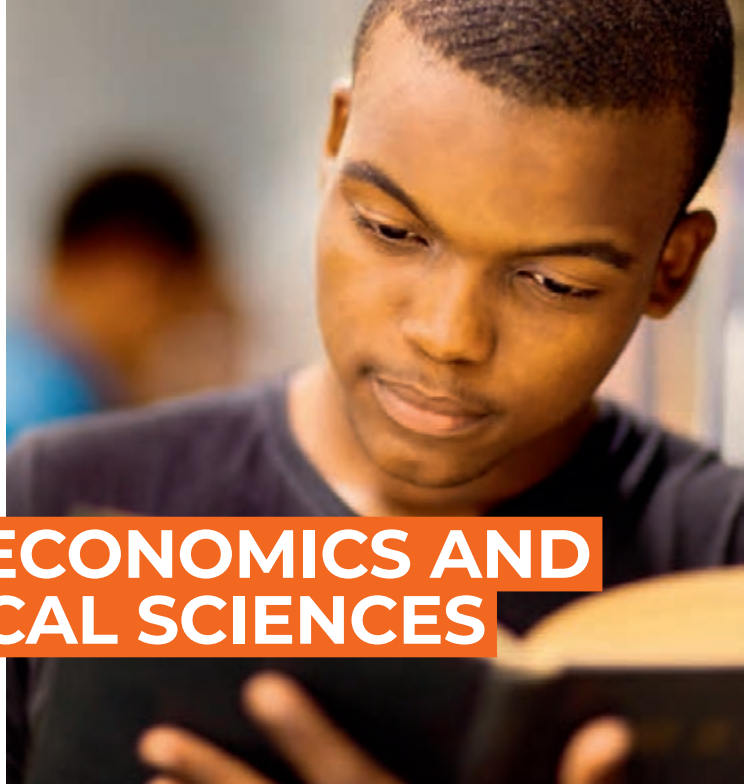
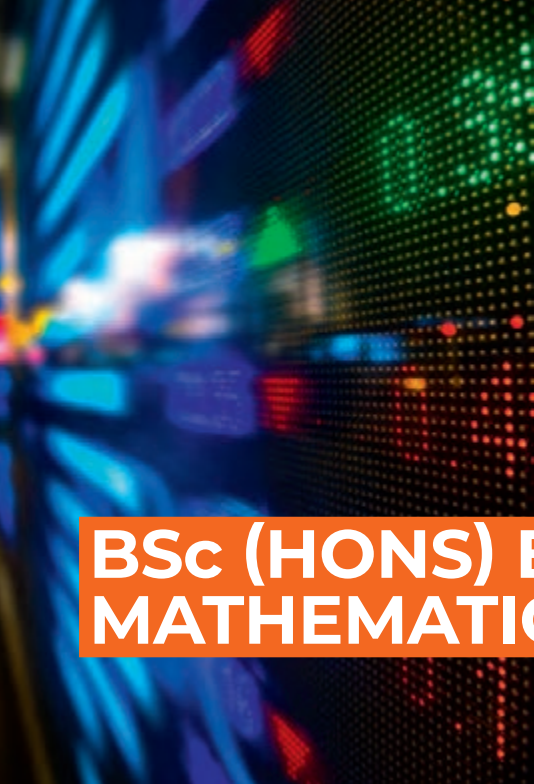
Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/r30](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r30)  
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**0300 303 5303**



# BSc (HONS) ECONOMICS AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

If you enjoy solving problems and you're interested in the practical application of economics and mathematics, this degree is for you.

It will give you a thorough grounding in a broad range of mathematical, statistical and computational skills, and a sound knowledge of both macroeconomic and microeconomic theories together with a good understanding of economic issues. You'll develop analytical and model building skills that can be applied in a variety of contexts, engage in economic debate, and assess different kinds of evidence and their usefulness in relation to economic theories.

By the end of your studies, you'll be equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for a range of roles in business management, accountancy, banking, investment analysis, risk analysis and market research.

## Why this qualification?

- Explore fundamental questions about our physical and economic world.
- Learn analytical and model building skills applicable to a variety of contexts.
- Develop essential skills for solving real problems and making sound judgments – from your personal finances to high-level strategic decisions.
- Broaden your experience of using mathematical and statistical software.
- Start at a point that suits your level of mathematical knowledge.

## Routes through the degree

There are two starting points: default and intensive. For more information about the best starting point for you go to [openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths](https://openuniversity.co.uk/start-maths).

## Qualification structure

You'll choose either:

1. The **default** start
2. The **intensive** start.

The example route shown below is the **default** start. The intensive start will differ at Stage 1, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/q15](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q15) for details.

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory modules
	<input type="checkbox"/> Option modules
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awarded qualification
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Discovering mathematics</i> (MU123) (30 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Economics in context</i> (DD126) (30 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Introducing statistics</i> (M140) (30 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"><i>Essential mathematics 1</i> (MST124) (30 credits)</div>
	<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Running the economy</i> (DD209) (60 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Analysing data</i> (M248) (30 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"><i>Mathematical methods</i> (MST224) (30 credits)</div>
	<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Doing economics: people, markets and policy</i> (DD309) (60 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"><i>Linear statistical modelling</i> (M346) (30 credits)</div> <div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"><p>You'll choose 30 credits from a selection of mathematics options, go to <a href="https://openuniversity.co.uk/q15">openuniversity.co.uk/q15</a></p></div>
Stage 3 – 120 credits	

### BSc (HONS) ECONOMICS AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

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

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** Q15

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/q15](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q15)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# DIPLOMA IN ECONOMICS

Explore contemporary socio-economics issues by learning to apply economic theories and techniques to real world situations.

You will learn macro and microeconomic theories; to use specialised software; to apply statistical concepts to economic data (econometrics), and to carry out your own research project. The analytical skills you will learn are greatly valued by employers.

This diploma is ideally suited to a graduate in any discipline and can be completed in as little as two years. You'll have evidence of a systematic study of economics without having to complete a full degree. If you later wish to study our BA (Hons) Economics, you will be able to count the credit gained from this diploma.

## Why this qualification?

- Gain core knowledge of economic theory and an understanding of economic issues.
- Analyse some of the most compelling challenges facing us today, such as inequality and unemployment, and issues facing business.
- Engage in economic debate and assess different kinds of evidence, both qualitative and quantitative, and their usefulness in relation to economic theories and issues.
- Learn to analyse economic data using statistical techniques and how to apply the knowledge and skills learnt by carrying out your own project work.



## AT A GLANCE

Course code V13

Total credits 120

## Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

## Entry requirements

No specific requirements. You must be suitably prepared to start studying at OU level 2

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessment  
— Examinations

## Study duration

Part time: 2 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** ✓

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Running the economy* (DD209) (60 credits)

*Doing economics: people, markets and policy* (DD309) (60 credits)

- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

## DIPLOMA IN ECONOMICS

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

## MORE ONLINE

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

Visit  
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# BA (HONS) ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

This innovative degree combines the social and natural sciences to offer a truly interdisciplinary understanding of contemporary environmental issues.

The necessity of taking seriously the complex connections between the human and biophysical dimensions of environments is now clear. This qualification explores the socially uneven ways in which the consequences of environmental change are felt, the political factors that influence whose environmental concerns are addressed, and the cultural shifts required for sustainable solutions to environmental problems to take effect.

Amongst the environmental issues explored on this degree are climate change, biodiversity conservation, renewable energy, sustainable development and deforestation.

## Why this qualification?

- Equips you to actively engage with some of the most significant environmental issues in the world today.
- Combines a thorough interdisciplinary grounding in environmental change with a distinctive social science approach to environmental issues.
- Enhances your employability through a highly-valued combination of social science and natural science knowledge and skills.

## Learn more

We've produced a series of resources for anyone with an interest in geography or the environment.

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/geography](https://openuniversity.co.uk/geography).

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Studies (W58)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w58](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w58)


Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t16](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t16)


## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Environment: journeys through a changing world (U116) (60 credits)
	Investigating the social world (DD103) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Environment: sharing a dynamic planet (DST206) (60 credits)
	Environment and society (DD213) (60 credits)
<b>Diploma of Higher Education in Environmental Studies (W58)</b>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Environment: responding to change (SDT306) (60 credits)
	Environmental policy in an international context (DD319) (60 credits)
<b>BA (HONS) ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</b>	

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

 Compulsory modules

 Intermediate qualification

 Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** Q99

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/q99](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q99)  
Call  
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# BA (HONS) GEOGRAPHY

This degree develops distinctive interpretations of global challenges such as environmental change, urbanisation, migration and inequality, through geography's fundamental concern with spatial variability.

You'll develop a deeper understanding of the relationships between human and natural environments. You'll study places and landscapes, in space and time, recognising the distinctive patterns of social, cultural, economic and political dynamics that shape the world today. And you'll critically engage with the key roles that geographical relations play in these dynamics. Applying the skills you have gained in gathering and communicating geographical information and engaging in virtual fieldwork, you'll work towards a geography project to conclude this degree.

## Why this qualification?

- Explore the interactions between human and natural environments, and how these shape our world.
- Learn to gather, interpret and evaluate quantitative and qualitative geographical information to examine global challenges.
- Gain the skills to effectively communicate geographical information and ideas in ways suitable for a range of audiences.

## Learn more

We've produced a series of resources for anyone with an interest in geography or the environment.

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/geography](https://openuniversity.co.uk/geography).

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Geography (W81)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w81](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w81)

Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t16](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t16)



## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Environment: journeys through a changing world (U116) (60 credits)
	Investigating the social world (DD103) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Environment and society (DD213) (60 credits)
	Changing geographies of the United Kingdom (D225) (60 credits)
<b>Diploma of Higher Education in Geography (W81)</b>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Environmental policy in an international context (DD319) (60 credits)
	Independent project in geography (D325) (60 credits) – planned for October 2022
<b>BA (HONS) GEOGRAPHY</b>	

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

Compulsory modules

Intermediate qualification

Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** R44

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# BSc (HONS) GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

This degree will help you understand and consider responses to urgent environmental challenges, including climate change, globalisation, development, biodiversity loss, migration and urbanisation.

It takes a holistic approach, combining the study of geography and environmental science. You'll discover the complexities of our relationship with the natural environment. Explore topics such as deforestation, sustainable water-resource management, pollution control, conservation and governance. Examine the consequences and implications of environmental change for sustainability and learn about the social and natural processes and interactions operating in different environments.

## Why this qualification?

- Develop your understanding of interrelationships between human activity and environmental change.
- Use both geography and science concepts and theories to make sense of environmental challenges.
- Enhance your employability by working between the social and natural sciences.
- Build analytical and reasoning skills needed for assessing environmental evidence.

## Accreditation

This degree is accredited by the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management.



## Learn more

We've produced a series of resources for anyone with an interest in geography or the environment.

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/geography](https://openuniversity.co.uk/geography).

## Related qualification

Certificate of Higher Education in Environment (T16)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t16](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t16)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Environment: journeys through a changing world (U116) (60 credits)
	Science: concepts and practice (S112) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Environmental science (S206) (60 credits)
	Environment and society (DD213) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Environmental policy in an international context (DD319) (60 credits)
	Environment: responding to change (SDT306) (60 credits)

- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

### BSc (HONS) GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

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

## AT A GLANCE

<b>Course code</b>	R16
<b>Total credits</b>	360
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No specific requirements
<b>Assessment</b>	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — Interactive computer-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	The learning materials provided are <b>mostly online with some print</b>
	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.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/r16](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r16)  
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**0300 303 5303**



# BA (HONS) INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Our world is divided into many different societies, yet it is increasingly interconnected. Relationships between nations, companies, cultures and individuals extend across regions and the globe.

This degree explores the political, economic and cultural issues that these complex interconnections create – focusing on international politics, diplomacy, cooperation, war and security; international economics and development; interactions between different societies; and global environmental problems.

## Why this qualification?

- Engage with the most pressing issues in the world today and address key questions.
- Explore the overall political make-up of the international system, and investigate sources of order and disorder within it.
- Shape your studies to one core area of concern to international studies – politics, history or environment.
- Gain insight into important development issues and the challenges faced by developing countries.

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

### Environment route

*Environment: journeys through a changing world* (U116) (60 credits)

### History; Politics route

*Introducing the social sciences* (DD102) (60 credits)

*Investigating the social world* (DD103) (60 credits)

*International development: making sense of a changing world* (TD223) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

### Environment route

*Environment: sharing a dynamic planet* (DST206) (60 credits)

OR

*Environment and society* (DD213) (60 credits)

### History route

*The British Isles and the modern world, 1789–1914* (A225) (60 credits)

### Politics route

*Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world* (DD211) (60 credits)

*International relations: continuity and change in global politics* (DD313) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

### Environment route

*Environmental policy in an international context* (DD319) (60 credits)

### History route

*Empire: 1492–1975* (A326) (60 credits)

OR

*Europe 1914–1989: war, peace, modernity* (A327) (60 credits)

### Politics route

*Modern political ideas* (DD316) (60 credits)

## BA (HONS) INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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

Option modules

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** Q11

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/q11](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q11)  
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 those 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 in Philosophy and Psychological Studies (W63)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w63](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w63)



## Qualification structure

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

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

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

## AT A GLANCE

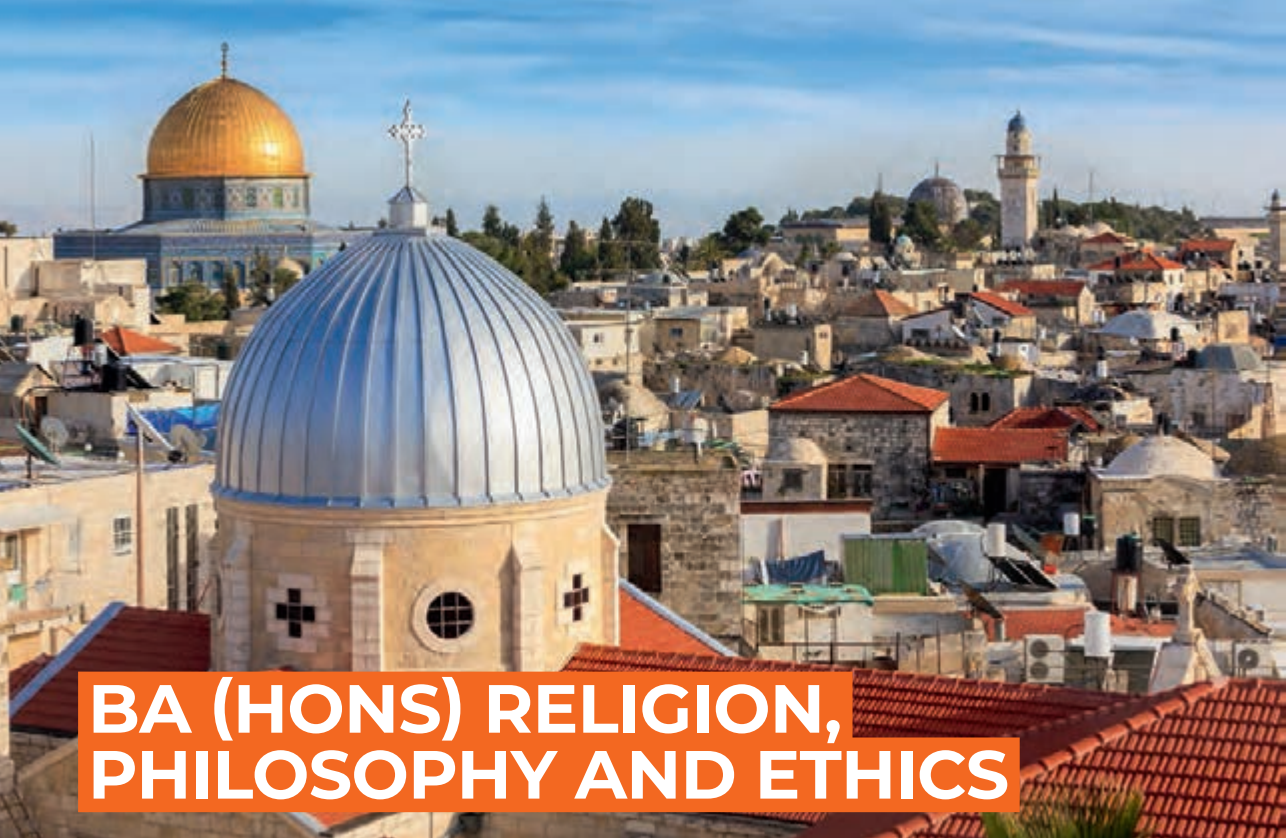
<b>Course code</b>	Q43
<b>Total credits</b>	360
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No specific requirements
<b>Assessment</b>	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — Interactive computer-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	The learning materials provided are <b>a balance of print and online</b>
	Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓
	Online forum <b>Compulsory</b> ✓
	Collaborative work <b>Optional</b> ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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



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**0300 303 5303**



# BA (HONS) RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

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

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

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

## Why this qualification?

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

## Related qualification

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

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Discovering the arts and humanities (A111) (60 credits)
	Revolutions (A113) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Exploring philosophy (A222) (60 credits)
	Exploring religion: places, practices, texts and experiences (A227) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Key questions in philosophy (A333) (60 credits)
	Why is religion controversial (A332) (60 credits)

- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

### BA (HONS) RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS

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

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** R45

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## Meet our academics

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

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

## MORE ONLINE

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/r45](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r45)  
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**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>Investigating the social world</i> (DD103) (60 credits) OR <i>You and your money</i> (DB125) (30 credits) AND <i>Economics in context</i> (DD126) (30 credits)</p>
	<p><i>Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world</i> (DD211) (60 credits)</p>
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Running the economy</i> (DD209) (60 credits)</p>
	<p><i>Exploring philosophy</i> (A222) (60 credits)</p>
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<p>You'll 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>
	<p><b>BA (HONS) POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS</b></p>

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

- Option modules
- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** Q45

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations  
— Project or dissertation

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 4 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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[openuniversity.co.uk/q45](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q45)  
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**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

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory modules <i>Discovering the arts and humanities</i> (A111) (60 credits)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate qualification <i>Investigating the social world</i> (DD103) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> Option modules <i>Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world</i> (DD211) (60 credits)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awarded qualification <i>The British Isles and the modern world, 1789–1914</i> (A225) (60 credits)
<b>Diploma of Higher Education in History and Politics (W64)</b>	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory modules <i>International relations: continuity and change in global politics</i> (DD313) (60 credits) OR <i>Modern political ideas</i> (DD316) (60 credits)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate qualification <i>Empire: 1492–1975</i> (A326) (60 credits) OR <i>Europe 1914–1989: war, peace, modernity</i> (A327) (60 credits) OR <i>The making of Welsh history</i> (A329) (60 credits)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awarded qualification <b>BA (HONS) HISTORY AND POLITICS</b>

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

## AT A GLANCE

<b>Course code</b>	Q97
<b>Total credits</b>	360
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No specific requirements
<b>Assessment</b>	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	The learning materials provided are a <b>balance of print and online</b>
	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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# BSc (HONS) SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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

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

The Open University has a long-standing reputation for cutting-edge research in social psychology. You'll draw on this research strength to consider debates on a wide range of social issues including equality, prejudice, migration, and happiness and well-being. And you'll learn how psychology is critical to understanding employment, mental health, and relationships.

## Why this qualification?

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

## Accreditation

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



The British  
Psychological Society  
Accredited

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	Introducing the social sciences (DD102) (60 credits)
	Investigating psychology 1 (DE100) (60 credits)
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Living psychology: from the everyday to the extraordinary (DD210) (60 credits)
	Investigating psychology 2 (DE200) (60 credits)
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Advancing social psychology (DD317) (60 credits)
	Investigating psychology 3 (DE300) (60 credits)

- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

### BSc (HONS) SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

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

## AT A GLANCE

<b>Course code</b>	Q83
<b>Total credits</b>	360
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 9 Sep 2021
	Feb 2022 Register by 13 Jan 2022
<b>Entry requirements</b>	No specific requirements
<b>Assessment</b>	Based on a mix of: — Tutor-marked assignments — Interactive computer-marked assignments — End-of-module assessments — Examinations
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 6 years Full time: 3 years
<b>Mode of study</b>	The learning materials provided are <b>a balance of print and online</b>
	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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## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

The OU is Europe's largest provider of university-level education in psychology.

Our diverse topics are supported by an active research agenda, and we have specialist experts in areas such as social psychology; counselling psychology; forensic psychology; psycho-social studies; developmental psychology; discourse analysis; cognitive psychology and neuropsychology.

Some of our degrees are designed to deliver the requirements for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) of the British Psychological Society (BPS), providing the recognised foundation for further training to become a professional psychologist.





### Accredited degrees

- BSc (Hons) Psychology (Q07)
- BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology (Q82)
- BSc (Hons) Psychology with Counselling (Q84)

### Other degrees that include psychology

- BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Psychology) (R23)
- BSc (Hons) Computing & IT and Psychology (Q67)

### Foundation degree/ Diplomas of higher education

- Diploma of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Psychology (W42)
- Foundation Degree in Counselling (X09) or Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling (W09)
- Diploma of Higher Education in Psychology (W45)

### Certificates of higher education

- Certificate of Higher Education in Computing & IT and Psychology (T13)
- Certificate of Higher Education in Psychology (T22)

### NEXT STEPS

Request a copy of our *Psychology and Counselling Prospectus* – see page 73 or speak to our Student Recruitment team.



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# BA/BSc (HONS) OPEN

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

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

## Why this qualification?

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

## Open qualifications and your career

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

- adaptability
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.

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

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

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**Carol Dow**  
BA (Hons) Open

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w34](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 the social sciences

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on aspects of the social sciences in combination with other subjects that are of particular interest to you.

However, this is just one example of the many combinations you can study and you're not restricted to this route.

### Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing the social sciences*  
(DD102) (60 credits)

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

**Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)**

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Understanding digital societies*  
(DD218) (60 credits)

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

**Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)**

Stage 3 – 120 credits

*Making social worlds* (DD308) (60 credits)

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

**BA/BSc (HONS) OPEN<sup>1</sup>**

<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.

- Social sciences modules
- Option modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** QD

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

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

- 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 A 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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## AT A GLANCE

<b>Course code</b>	F75
<b>Total credits</b>	180
<b>Start dates</b>	Oct 2021 Register by 16 Sep 2021
<b>Entry requirements</b>	UK honours degree (2:2 at least) or equivalent
<b>Study duration</b>	Part time: 2 years

# MA IN CRIME AND JUSTICE

This masters degree explores new perspectives and ways of thinking about crime, harm and justice.

It is concerned with examining problematic areas of social life, transgression, crime, social harm and justice. You will consider the significance of power, social structure, and economic and social inequalities in understanding crime, and processes of criminalisation in local, transnational and global contexts. This qualification will enhance your ability to think critically about the problems of crime, social harm and the delivery of justice.

Please note that this MA does not include a research methods component. This may present an impediment for entry to some PhD programmes. If you wish to go on to PhD level study, we recommend you check the regulations of the potential programme of interest.

## Qualification structure

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

### Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)

<i>Crime and global justice</i>	120	DD804
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### MA IN CRIME AND JUSTICE

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## Learn more

OU criminology and social policy academics have produced a series of resources for anyone with an interest in crime and global justice.

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/crime](https://openuniversity.co.uk/crime).

## Related qualification

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k26](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k26)

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# MSc IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Expand your knowledge and skills for effective, informed and creative environmental management.

You'll examine current local and global concerns in areas such as environmental protection, natural resource management, and legislation and policy. Developing your skills in unpacking the issues and improving environmental performance in all sectors.

## Accreditation

- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management.
- Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment.

**CIWEM** Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management  
Accredited Course



## Meet our academics

Dr Toni Gladding, senior lecturer in Environmental Engineering, describes herself as a 'dirty microbiologist'. Hear how her research into health and safety of waste management informs Environmental Agency policy at [openuniversity.co.uk/environmental-management](https://openuniversity.co.uk/environmental-management).



## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
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<i>Making environmental decisions</i>	30	T891
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<i>Managing for sustainability</i>	30	T867
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### Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management (K19)

<i>Environmental monitoring and protection</i>	30	T868
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You'll choose 30 credits from:

<i>Environmental science challenges</i>	30	S831
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<i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB871
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<i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB872
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<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
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<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
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<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830
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### Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management (E79)

You'll choose 60 credits from either the Research route or the Professional route below:

#### RESEARCH ROUTE

<i>Research project</i>	60	T802
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#### PROFESSIONAL ROUTE

<i>The MSc professional project</i>	30	T847
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You'll choose another 30 credits from any of the option modules

### MSc IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** F65

**Total credits** 180

#### Start dates

Nov 2021  
Register by 7 Oct 2021

May 2022  
Register by 7 Apr 2022

#### Entry requirements

- UK bachelors degree (or equivalent)
- If you have appropriate experience, we may allow you to start studying without having a bachelors degree

#### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

### Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management (E79)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/e79](https://openuniversity.co.uk/e79)

Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management (K19)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k19](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k19)

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# MSc IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

This masters degree provides you with advanced knowledge of theories, approaches, actions and policies to address global development challenges and develop your skills to promote sustainable futures.

It aims to improve your understanding of development challenges and increase your capacity to engage with such challenges more effectively, in whatever context you are working. You'll be able to reflect critically on the theories behind currently dominant approaches to development and development alternatives. This includes the policies needed to change conditions of social injustice and the types of public and private action that can be taken. You'll also have the opportunity to build the skills needed to negotiate development effectively and bring about sustainable development.

## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
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You'll choose 60 credits from the following option modules:

<i>Understanding global development</i>	60	DD870
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<i>Global development in practice</i>	60	D890
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Plus 60 credits from the following compulsory module:

<i>Key challenges in global development</i>	60	DD871
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### Postgraduate Diploma in Global Development (E86)

Plus 60 credits from the following compulsory module:

<i>Researching global development – planned for October 2022</i>	60	DD872
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### MSc IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

On successful completion of DD870, you can claim the Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development (K37).

On successful completion of D890, you can claim the Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development Management (K38).

## AT A GLANCE

Course code F86

Total credits 180

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 16 Sep 2021

### Entry requirements

Normally a UK bachelors degree (or equivalent), but this is not compulsory – please speak to an adviser

### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

## Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Global Development (E86)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/e86](https://openuniversity.co.uk/e86)

Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development (K37)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k37](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k37)

Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development Management (K38)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k38](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k38)

Option modules

Compulsory modules

Intermediate qualification

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# 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 will investigate contemporary debates on environmental aesthetics, consciousness, global justice, emotion, and morality in politics. Finally, you will undertake a substantial piece of independent research, writing a dissertation on a topic of your choice.

## Qualification structure

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

## MA IN PHILOSOPHY

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code F30

Total credits 180

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 16 Sep 2021

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years



## MORE ONLINE

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# MSc IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

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

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

Please note:

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

## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)</b>		
<i>Investigating forensic psychology</i>	120	DD802

### MSc IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code	F73
Total credits	180
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 16 Sep 2021
Entry requirements	UK honours degree (2:2 at least) or equivalent
Study duration	Part time: 2 years

## Related qualification

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k26](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k26)

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# MSc IN PSYCHOLOGY

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

By the end of your studies you'll be able to source and review psychological research independently, evaluate its relevance for complex real-life issues, assess its validity, and clearly communicate your findings to a range of different audiences

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

## Qualification structure

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

### MSc IN PSYCHOLOGY

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code	F74
Total credits	180
Start dates	Oct 2021 Register by 16 Sep 2021
Entry requirements	UK honours degree (2:2 at least) or equivalent
Study duration	Part time: 2 years

## Related qualification

Postgraduate Certificate in Social and Psychological Inquiry (K26)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k26](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k26)

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# MA/MSc OPEN

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

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

## Qualification structure

There are two routes through this qualification:

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

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

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

- Further professional development modules.

Module availability is subject to change.

## Arts, humanities, music and language modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA Creative Writing part 1</i>	60	A802
<i>MA English part 1</i>	120	A815
<i>MA History part 1</i>	120	A825
<i>MA Art History part 1</i>	60	A843
<i>MA Philosophy part 1</i>	60	A853
<i>MA Classical Studies part 1</i>	60	A863
<i>MA Music part 1</i>	60	A873
<i>Introduction to translation</i>	60	L801

## Education, psychology and health science modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>	60	DD801
<i>Children and young people's worlds</i>	60	E808
<i>Educational leadership: agency, professional learning and change</i>	60	EE811
<i>Addressing inequality and difference in educational practice</i>	60	EE814
<i>Applied linguistics and English language</i>	60	EE817
<i>Learning and teaching: educating the next generation</i>	60	EE830
<i>Technology-enhanced learning: foundations and futures<sup>1</sup></i>	60	H880
<i>Non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing</i>	60	K803
<i>Developing advanced clinical practice</i>	60	K804
<i>Introduction to mental health science</i>	60	S826

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

## Science, technology, engineering and mathematics modules

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

## Business, finance, human resources and law modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Introduction to corporate finance</i>	30	B858
<i>Financial strategy: valuation, governance and ethics</i>	30	B859
<i>Research methods for finance</i>	30	B860
<i>The human resource professional</i>	30	B863
<i>Employment relations and employee engagement</i>	30	B866
<i>Workplace learning with coaching and mentoring</i>	30	B867
<i>Exploring legal meaning</i>	30	W820
<i>Exploring the boundaries of international law</i>	30	W821
<i>Business, human rights law and corporate social responsibility</i>	30	W822

## Further professional development modules

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Investment and portfolio management</i>	30	B861
<i>Derivatives and risk management</i>	30	B862
<i>Sustainable creative management</i>	15	BB842
<i>Supply chain management</i>	15	BB849
<i>Entrepreneurship in context</i>	15	BB851
<i>Leadership and management of public services</i>	15	BB852
<i>Contemporary issues in organisations</i>	15	BB853
<i>Global development in practice<sup>1</sup></i>	60	D890
<i>Understanding global development</i>	60	DD870
<i>Project management</i>	30	M815
<i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i>	30	T849
<i>Managing for sustainability</i>	30	T867
<i>Technology and innovation management</i>	30	TB801
<i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB871
<i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>	30	TB872
<i>Continuing professional development in practice</i>	30	U810
<i>Advance your independent learning</i>	30	YXM830

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

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** F81

**Total credits** 180

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Nov 2021  
Feb 2022  
May 2022

### Entry requirements

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

### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

## MORE ONLINE

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



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# HOW TO REGISTER

## Undergraduate study

Ready to fulfil your ambition?  
Let's get going.

We've kept our registration process short and simple.

### 1. Register

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

### 2. Choose your modules

Select the modules 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.

Completing registration is a significant step as you'll be part of the OU community and get access to our learning tools, materials and the student support that'll help you get going. Now you can truly begin fulfilling your ambition.

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

## Postgraduate study

Registering for postgraduate study is as straightforward and easy as you would expect.

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

### 1. Choose your qualification.

### 2. Review the entry requirements.

### 3. Register for your first module online.

### 4. Arrange your funding – you'll find all your options at [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees).

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

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 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)

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## Study from outside the UK

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

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

## Students with additional study needs

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

For more information, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/disability](https://openuniversity.co.uk/disability) or call us on **0300 303 5303**.

## Equality and diversity

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

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

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## Students under the age of 16

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

Lines are open (UK time) Monday to Friday: 08:00–20:00 Saturday: 09:00–17:00

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