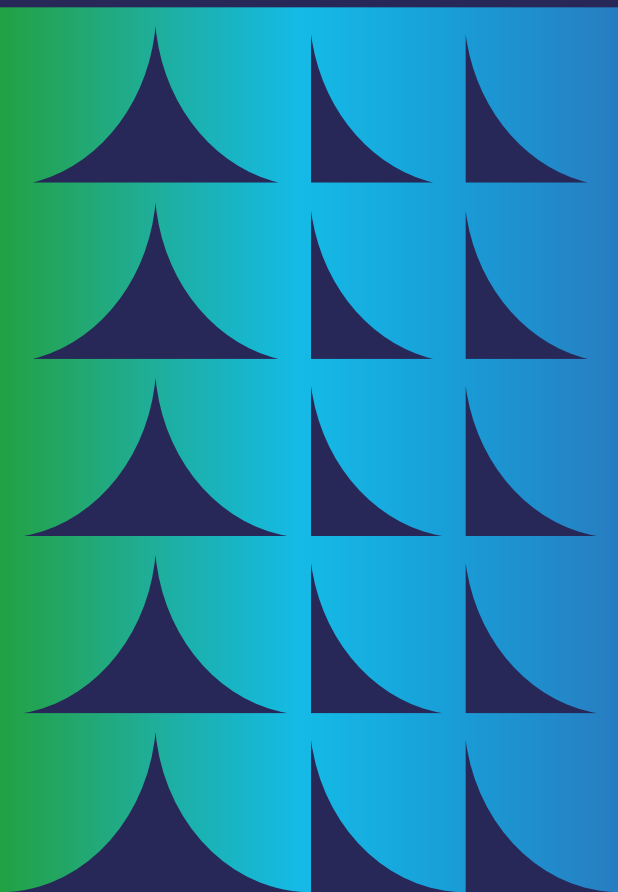


# Your 2023/2024 Social Sciences Prospectus



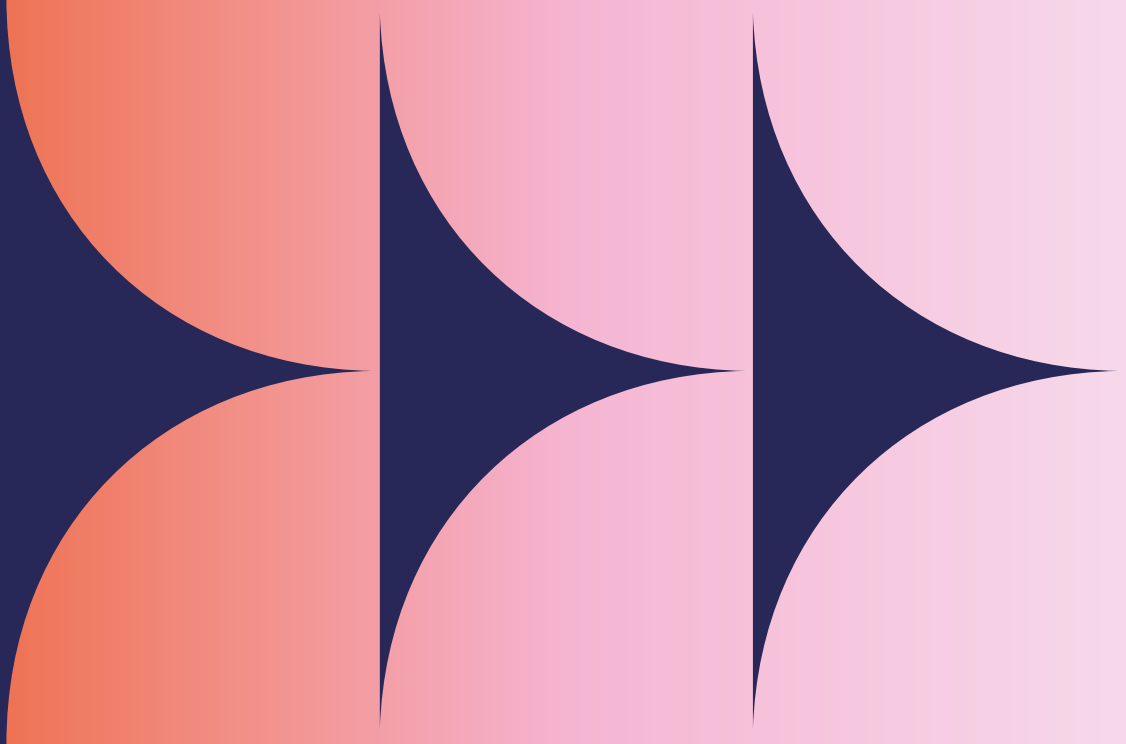


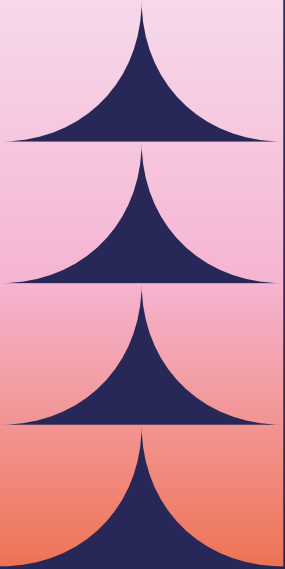
# The future is open

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

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

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





# Start achieving your goals here and now

## Welcome to The Open University

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# University that works for you

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

## Learn on your terms

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

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

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

## Learn from the best

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

## Spark your imagination

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

## Our assessment methods

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

## Additional study support

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

## Connect with like-minded students

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

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

### Get social with us

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



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



**Gina Guerriero**  
OU graduate

# How do we compare with other universities?

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

## Bringing university to you, wherever you are

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

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

## We're respected

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

## We're flexible

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

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



## We're a thriving community

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

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

## We're open to all

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

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

### More information

Find out more about The Open University.



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





# Qualifications to suit you

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

## Undergraduate

### Certificate of higher education

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

### Diploma of higher education

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

### Foundation degree

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

### Named degree

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

### Open degree

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

## Postgraduate

### Postgraduate certificate

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

### Postgraduate diploma

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

### Masters degree

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

## Discover your ideal course

Find the course to match your ambition.



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



# Achieve your goals with us

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

## We will:

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

## You will:

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



## Student stories

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

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



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



# Welcome to the Social Sciences

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 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.**

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 include 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) Geography
- 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
- Global development
- International relations
- Philosophy

If you're looking for a masters degree with more of a focus on psychology, we have the MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies and MSc in Psychology. We also offer the MSc in Psychology (Conversion), giving you the opportunity to gain your first qualification accredited by the British Psychological Society.

Studying with the OU has benefitted me in so many ways. I am now able to apply for jobs I never thought I'd be qualified enough to do, and it feels amazing. I also feel a huge sense of achievement that I was able to complete a degree alongside working full time and raising a family. I feel like the OU has changed me as a person. I used to have major imposter syndrome, and now I feel like I can achieve anything. It's helped me with time management skills too.

**Sarah Fossey**  
BA (Hons) Social Sciences

## 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 Sciences 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
- prison and probation work
- education
- the environment
- business management.



## You're on your way

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



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



# Building your qualification

## Undergraduate

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

### The different stages

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

### The credits you need

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

### The modules available

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

**Access module<sup>1</sup>**  
An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.

Stage 1

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

**120 credits**

**Certificate of higher education**

Stage 2

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

**240 credits**

**Diploma of higher education or Foundation degree**

Stage 3

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

**360 credits**

**Honours degree**

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

## Read more

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



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

## Postgraduate

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

You'll need:

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

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

### Getting started

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

**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

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



### Read more

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



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

# Prepare for study with an Access module

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

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

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

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

## How Access modules work

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

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

## What you need

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

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

## What you can study

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

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

Explore some of our most popular subjects such as psychology, childhood and youth, early years, health and social wellbeing, sport, education, and social sciences. Each area is introduced and explained at a gentle pace, perfect if you want to get to grips with something new.

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

- *Arts and languages Access module (Y031)* – also available as *Arts and languages Access module: fast track (YXFT031)*
- *Business and law Access module (Y035)*
- *Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)* – also available as *Science, technology and maths Access module: fast track (YXFT033)*





## Do you qualify for a free Access module?

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

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



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

## How much does an Access module cost?

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

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

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

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



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

**Tim Walker**  
OU student



## More information

Find out more about our Access modules.



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

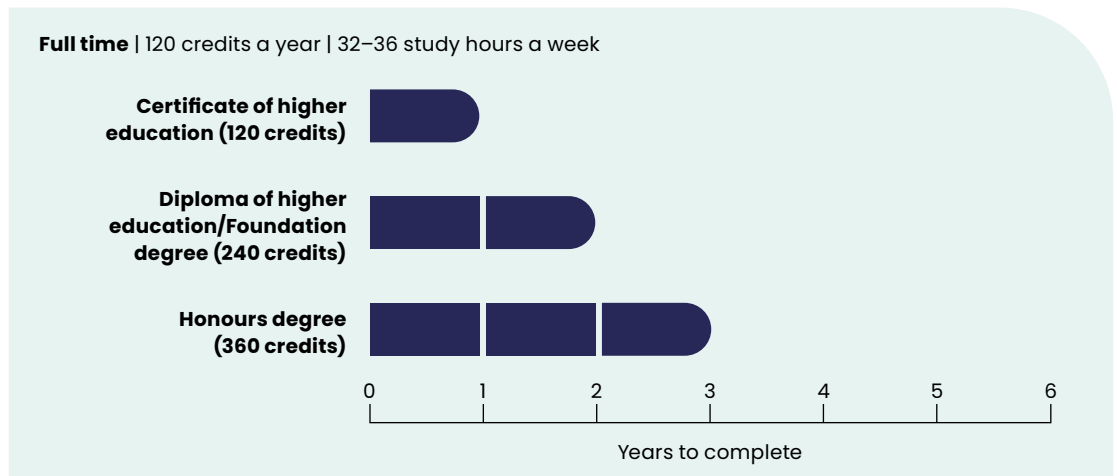
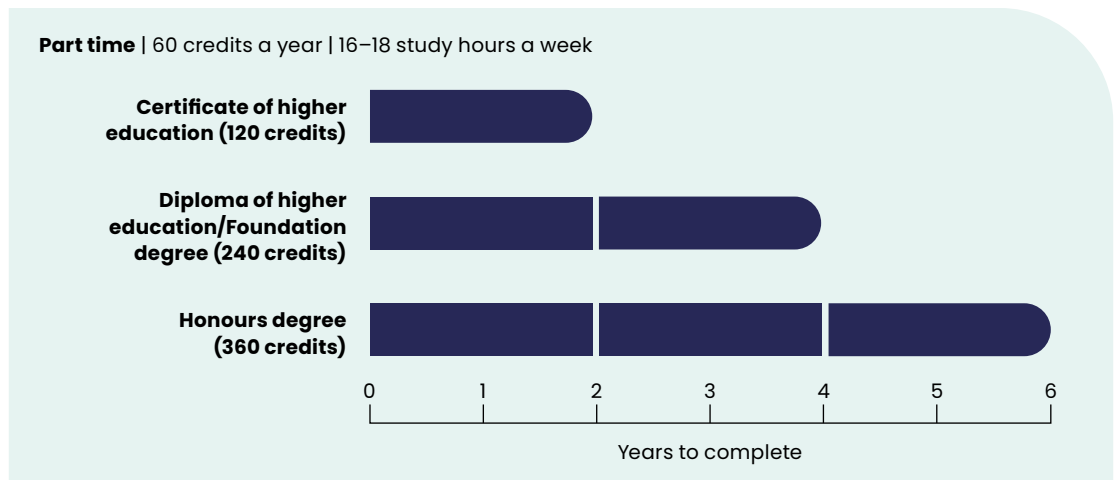


# How long your qualification will take

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

## Undergraduate qualifications

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



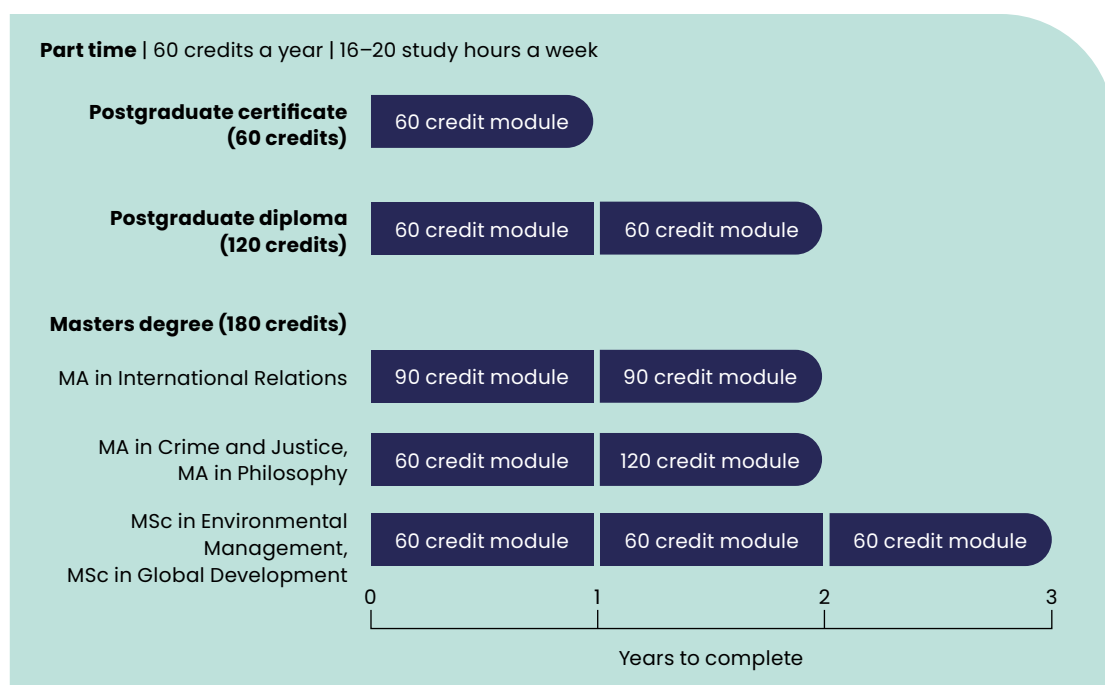
Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information. All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you choose to study at a full-time equivalent intensity.

## Postgraduate qualifications

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

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



# Supporting you to succeed

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

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

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



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

**Joe Acaye**  
OU student



## Your Students Association awaits

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

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

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

- offers student support services

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

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

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



## Join our community

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/community**

# How you'll learn

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

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

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

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

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

## What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

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



## Nearly there

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

# Undergraduate fees and funding options

## How much does it cost?

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

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

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

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

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

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

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND

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

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

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

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

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

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

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

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN SCOTLAND

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

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

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

### FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

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

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

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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

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

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

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND

#### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

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

#### Key facts

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

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

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

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

## NORTHERN IRELAND

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Grant

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

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

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

### Course Grant

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

## SCOTLAND

### Part-Time Fee Grant

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

## WALES

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

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

#### Key facts

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

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

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

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

### Maintenance grants

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

### Maintenance loans

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

## Self-funded study

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

### OUSBA loan

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

### Card payments

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

### Mixed payments

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

## Other support

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

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

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

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

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

### Care Experienced Bursary<sup>9</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Find out more

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



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# Postgraduate fees and funding options

## How much does it cost?

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

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

There are some additional costs that aren't included.

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

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND

#### Postgraduate loan

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

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

To be eligible, you must:

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

### WALES

#### Learning grant and maintenance loan

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

To be eligible, you must:

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

#### Wales STEM bursary

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

#### Wales 60+ bursary

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



## NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

### Postgraduate loan

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

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

To be eligible, you must:

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

## Self-funded study

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

### OUSBA loan

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### Card payments

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

### Mixed payments

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

## Other support

### Carers' Bursary<sup>1</sup>

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

### Care Experienced Bursary<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

### Employer sponsorship

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

### Grant funding

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

### OU bursaries<sup>1</sup>

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

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

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

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

## Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

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

### Here's how it works

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

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

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

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

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

## Find out more

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# Find your undergraduate course

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

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

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# BA (Hons) Social Sciences

The social sciences seek answers to the big questions we face as a society in a fast-changing world. 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. You'll study core modules in interdisciplinary social science and sociology, giving you a firm grounding in ideas central to the social sciences. In the rest of your degree, you can specialise in criminology, economics, geography, philosophy, politics, psychology, religious studies or sociology, or you can choose a combination of modules to suit your interests.

Whatever path you take, you'll acquire transferable skills, opening 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.
- Have the option of doing a dissertation in some routes in your final year.

## 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)

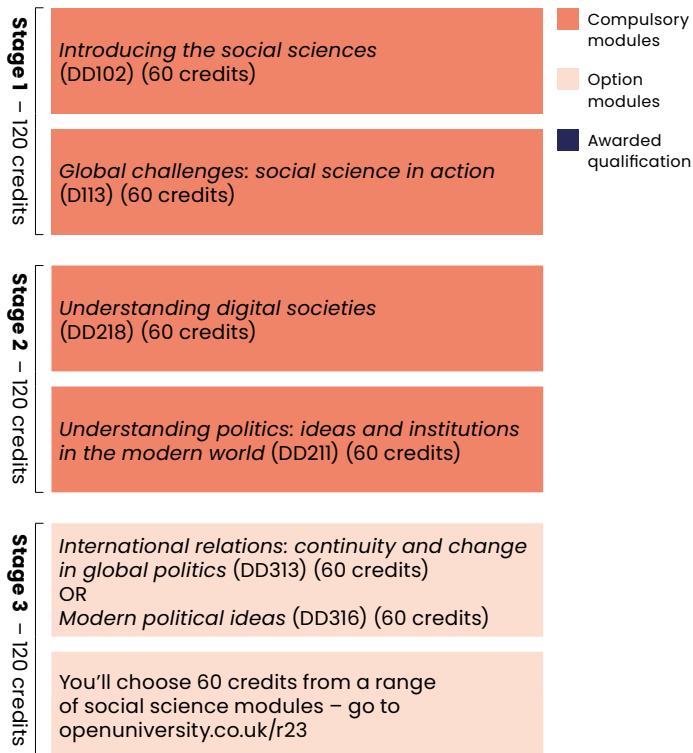
## Qualification structure

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 **politics**. Other routes will vary – go to [openuniversity.co.uk/r23](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r23) for details.

### Example route



### BA (Hons) Social Sciences (Politics)

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

## At a glance

**Course code** R23

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

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# BA (Hons) Criminology

Our degree in criminology focuses on cutting edge, topical and often controversial criminological issues. You'll develop an understanding of the important role that criminological theory can play in viewing the social world in new and exciting ways.

You'll be 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. With an appreciation of criminological theorising and evidence, you'll develop the skills to comment on crime, victimisation, and responses to crime and deviance, including policy questions, at national, international and global levels.

You'll learn about a range of research methods and to apply research tools, to help you access and evaluate qualitative and quantitative data on crime, victimisation and the societal responses to them. 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.

## Meet our academics

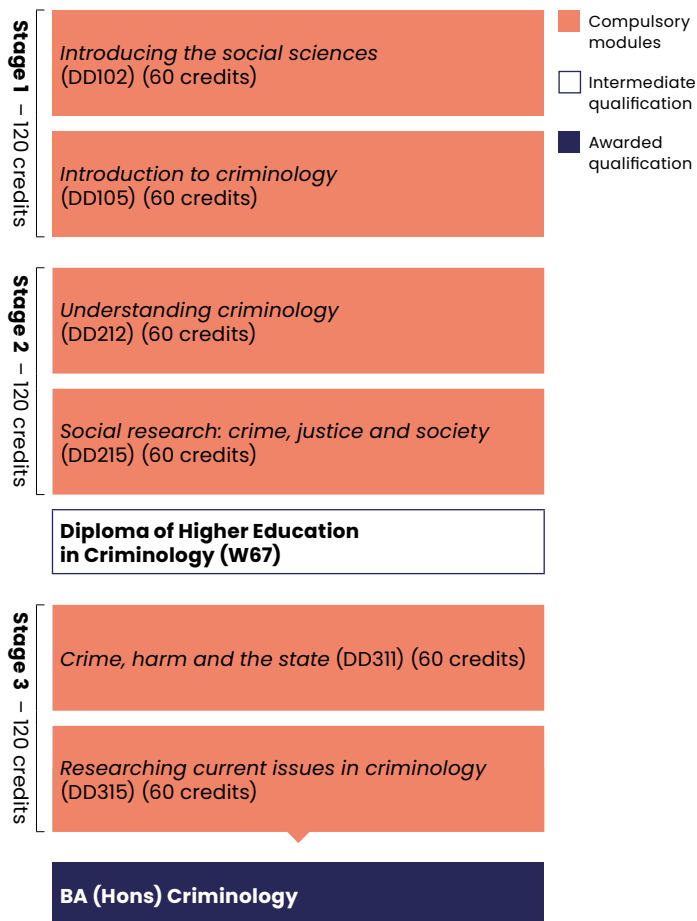
Lecturer in Criminology Dr Keir Irwin-Rogers' research centres on the happiness, health and wellbeing of children and young people, with a particular focus on reducing social harm and interpersonal violence in their lives. As part of the Public Health, Youth & Violence Reduction (PHYVR) project, he seeks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

Learn more about Keir's work at [openuniversity.co.uk/keir](https://openuniversity.co.uk/keir).

## Related qualification

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

## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R21

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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# BA (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, criminal behaviour and criminal justice.

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?

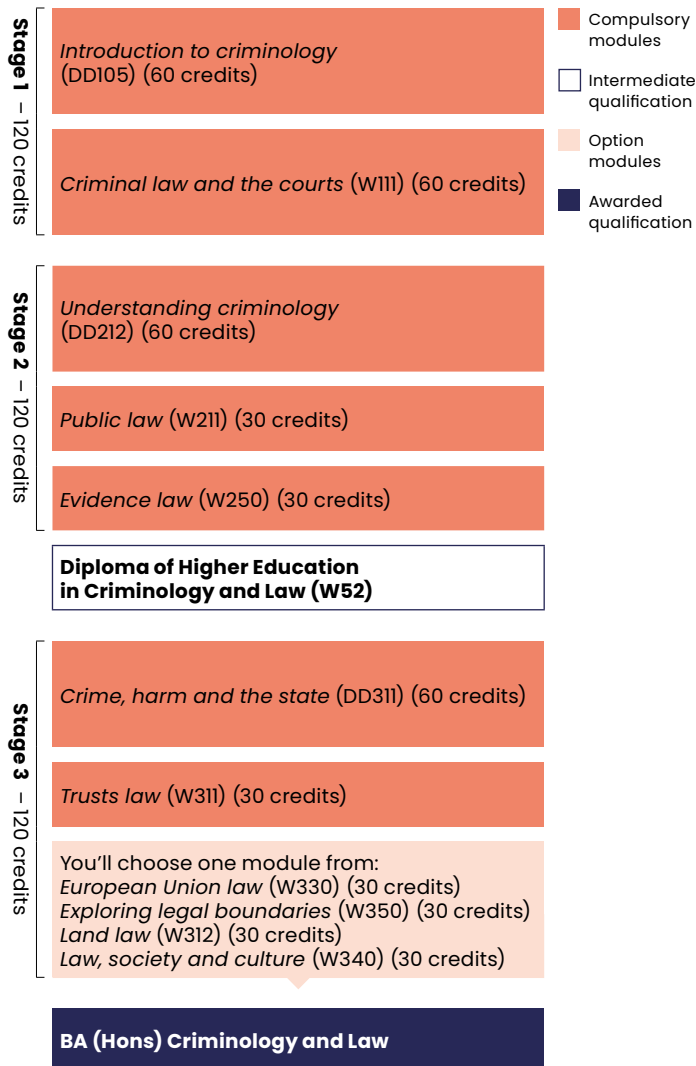
- Explore the complex issues behind today's headlines about crime, law and justice.
- Understand, interpret and apply concepts about crime and law to 'real world' problems.
- Develop transferable employability skills to support career progression.
- Identify where criminal justice and law is failing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

*Please note that this degree does not cover all seven Foundations of Legal Knowledge. 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



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q92

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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# BA (Hons) Criminology and Psychology

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

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

## Why this qualification?

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

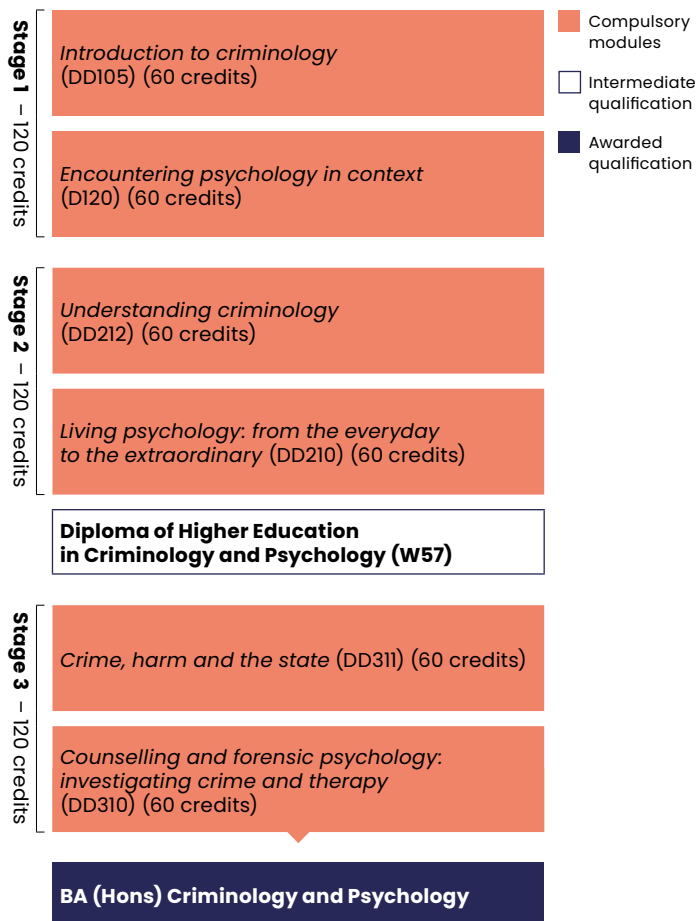
*Please note that this degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society.*

*See pages 60–61 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



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q98

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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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?

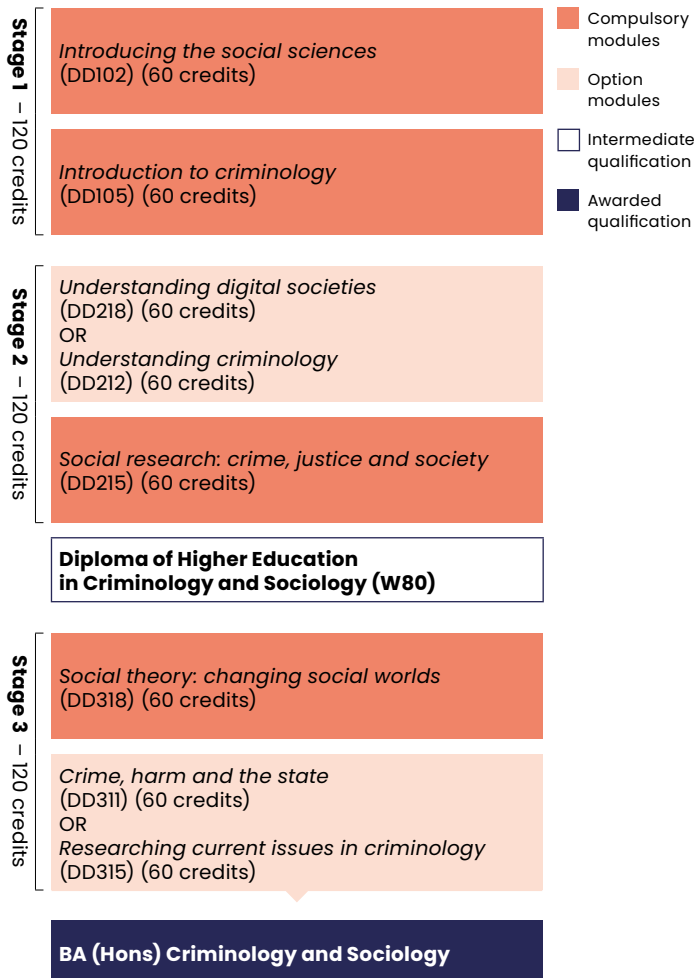
- Explore lively and topical issues about contemporary social life and about crime, harm and criminal justice.
- Learn to evaluate evidence critically and understand criminological and sociological problems better.
- Examine the role of both theory and research in shaping knowledge about crime, justice and the wider social world.
- Have the option of doing a dissertation in your final year.

## Related qualification

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



## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R46

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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# BA (Hons) Sociology

In a fast-changing world, this degree offers you the chance to explore some of the major forces reshaping social life.

You'll be introduced to distinctively sociological ways of understanding the world and, in the process, will be challenged to think more deeply about contemporary social problems.

On graduation, you'll not only have a well-developed understanding of the nature of society but will be in a position to make a positive difference to it.

## 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.
- Choose to do a dissertation in your final year or opt for a non-dissertation route.

## Meet our academics

Professor of Sociology Marie Gillespie's focus of research and teaching is on migrant cultures and communication.

*The Cov19 Chronicles from the Margins* project investigates how diverse migrant groups (asylum seekers, refugees, migrant workers and undocumented people) are responding to COVID-19. Those who have experienced persecution, war and flight have already had to adapt to radically new circumstances and deal with adversity, marginalisation and racism.

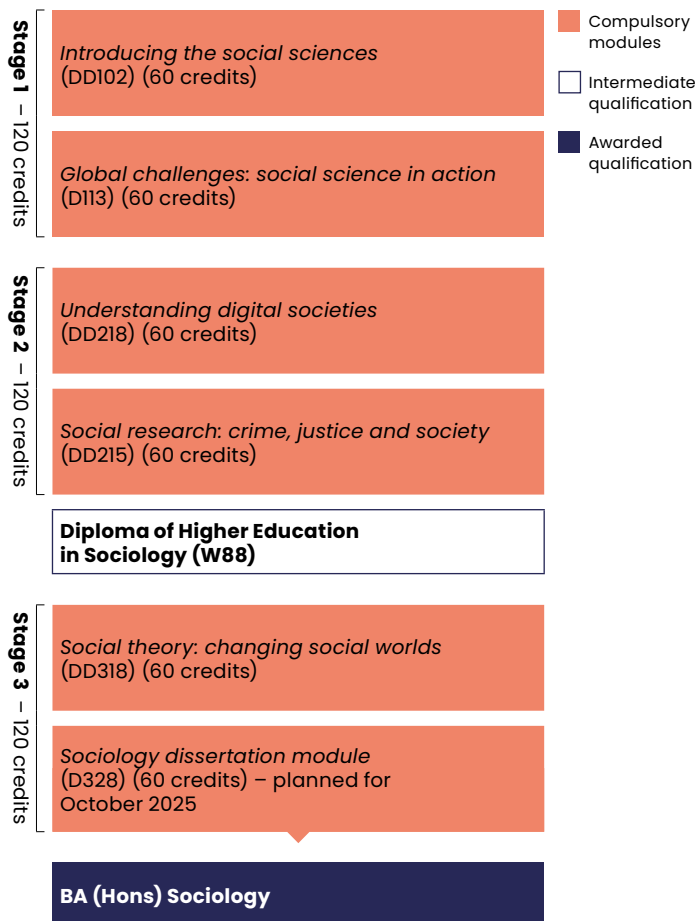
Discover more about this project at [openuniversity.co.uk/mg](https://openuniversity.co.uk/mg).

## Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education in Sociology (W88)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w88](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w88)



## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R57

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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# 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 macro 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?

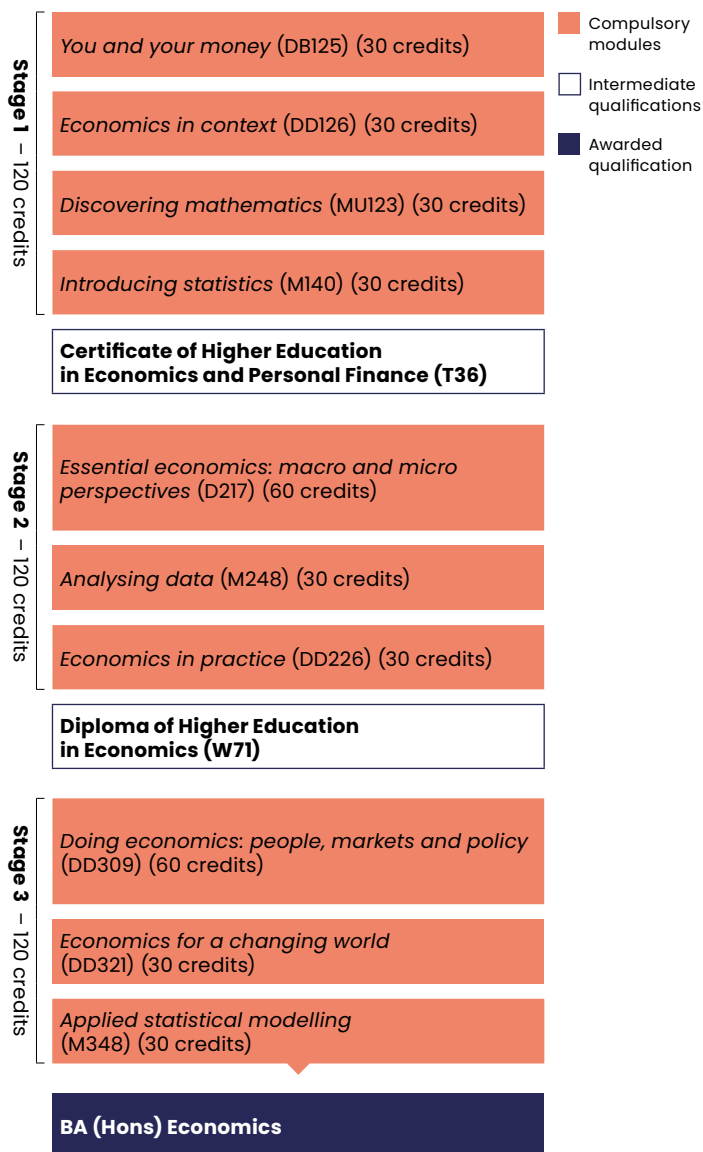
- Analyse key real-world topics in society, such as employment, markets, finance, technology and government policy.
- Study econometrics, applying statistical methods to real economic problems using specialised software.
- Develop skills in analytical thought, research, numeracy and data analysis that 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



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R30

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### 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)  
Call **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).

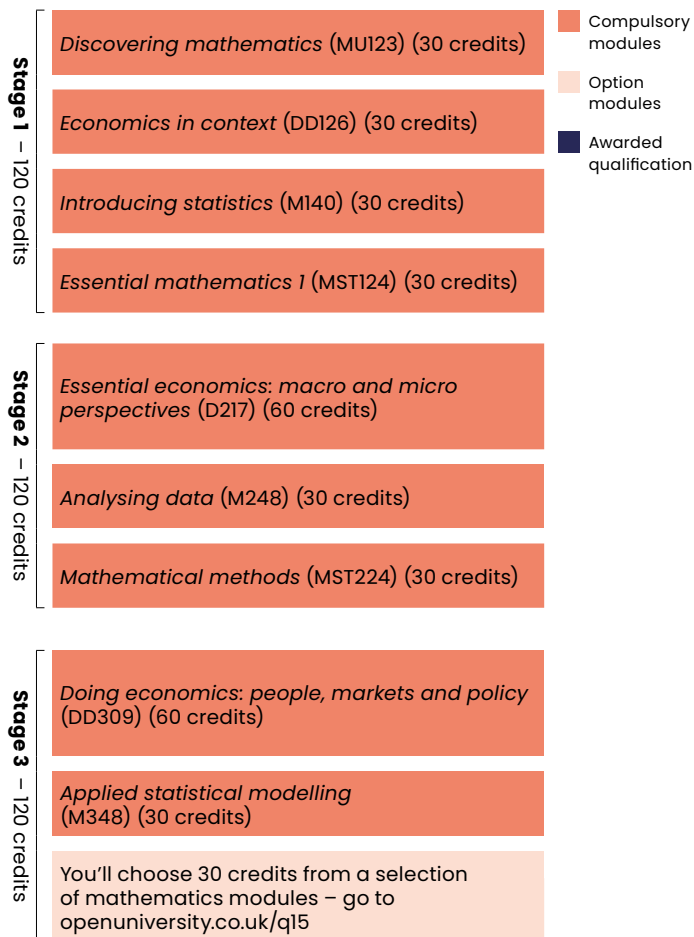
## Qualification structure

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.

### Example route



### 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 2023  
Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024  
Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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# 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.

The Diploma in Economics is made up of modules at OU levels 2 and 3 taken from our undergraduate programme. There are no entry requirements, but you must be suitably prepared for study at this level.

Check you are ready and get advice on how to prepare at [openuniversity.co.uk/d217](https://openuniversity.co.uk/d217).



## At a glance

**Course code** V13

**Total credits** 120

### Start date

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

### 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 assessments
- 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

*Essential economics: macro and micro perspectives (D217) (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  
**openuniversity.co.uk/v13**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# 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.

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 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.

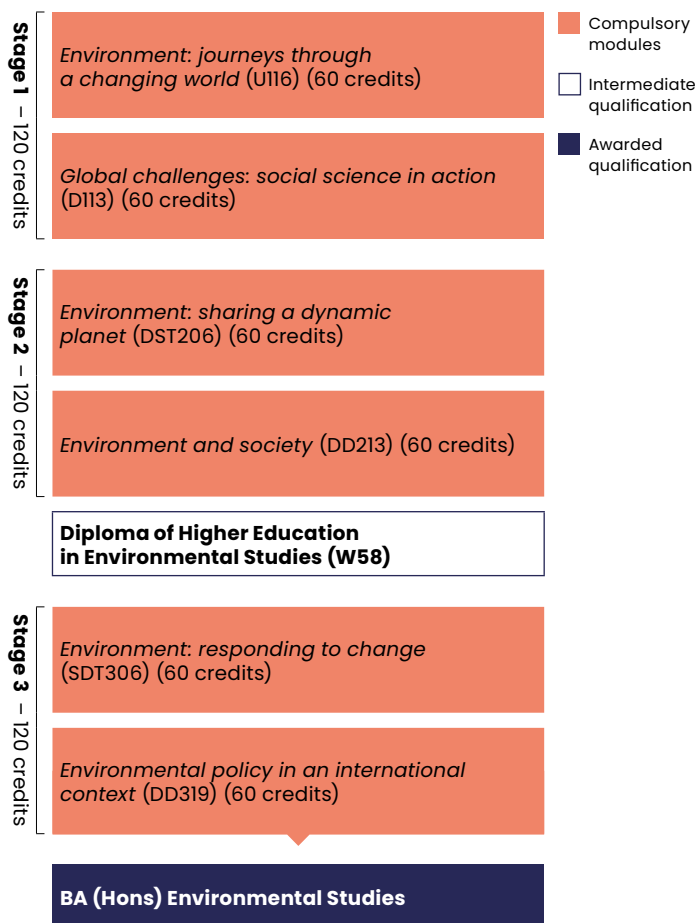
Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/geography](https://openuniversity.co.uk/geography).

## 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



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q99

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/q99**  
 Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# BA (Hons) Geography

Geographical thinking offers vital insights into how we interpret and respond to the most pressing issues of the twenty-first century such as climate change, migration, inequality and urbanisation.

By studying how places, policies and landscapes are being made and reinvented in a changing world, this degree will equip you with a deep understanding of the social, cultural, economic and political processes transforming our human and natural environments.

Developing your 'geographical imagination' through innovative virtual fieldwork, you'll gain the knowledge and skills to investigate, analyse and communicate how geography matters in our everyday lives. You'll complete your degree with an independent research project.

## Why this qualification?

- Develop an advanced understanding of the dynamic relationships between human and natural environments in a changing world.
- Undertake innovative virtual fieldwork to open up new perspectives on how the world is made and the possibilities for how it could be remade differently.
- Learn to generate, analyse and evaluate quantitative and qualitative geographical information to make connections across a wide range of local and global issues.
- Gain vital transferable skills to undertake independent research and communicate effectively with a range of different audiences to support career progression.

## Learn more

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

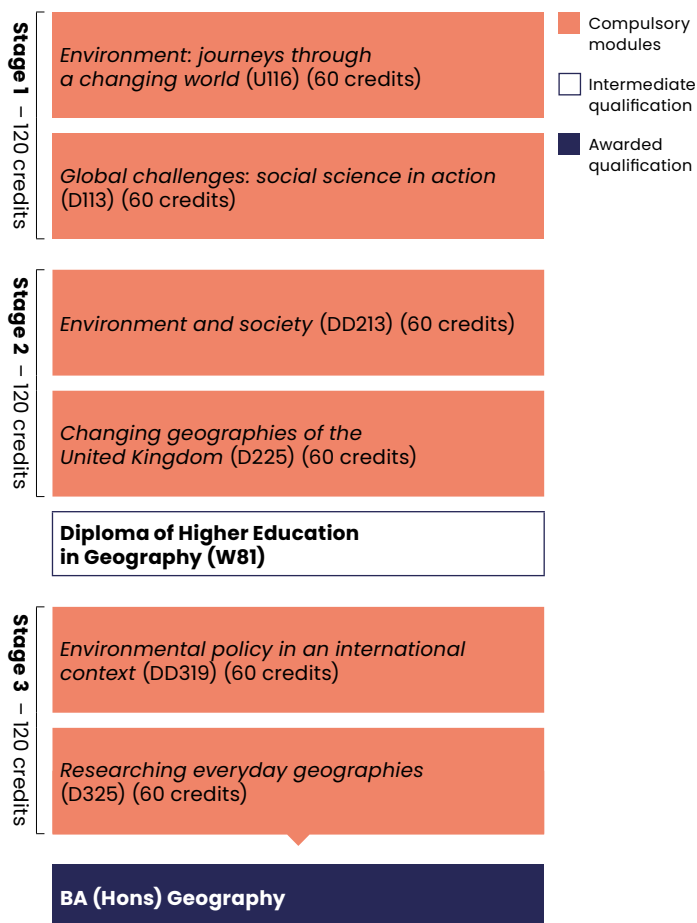
Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/geography](https://openuniversity.co.uk/geography).

## 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



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R44

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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**openuniversity.co.uk/r44**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**





# 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 geography and environmental science. You'll discover the complexities of our relationship with the natural environment, by exploring topics like deforestation, sustainable water-resource management, pollution control, conservation and governance.

Throughout this journey, you'll 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 the interrelationships between human activity and environmental change.
- Use 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

- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM).
- Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES).

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



## Learn more

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

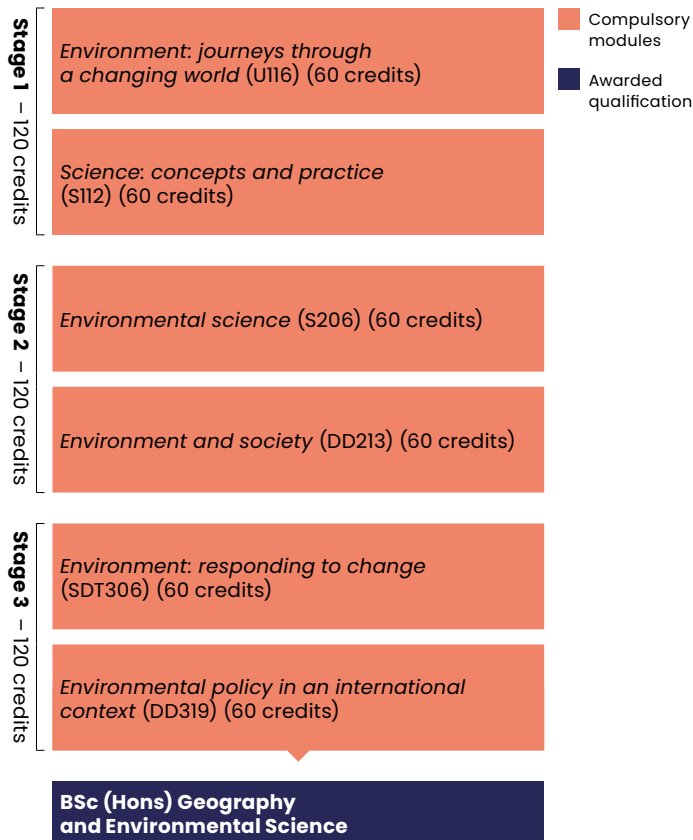
Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/geography](https://openuniversity.co.uk/geography).

## Related qualification

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



## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R16

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

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/r16**  
 Call  
**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)

*Global challenges: social science in action* (D113) (60 credits)

**Stage 2** – 120 credits

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

**Stage 3** – 120 credits

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

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

**History route**  
*Empires: power, resistance, legacies* (A328) (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 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/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 questions about ethics, politics, science, religion, art, and the self. It covers core approaches in social, cognitive and developmental psychology, and applied aspects of professional practice. You'll learn to read and understand scientific and philosophical texts, use different research methods clearly, communicate clearly and logically, and work and think independently.

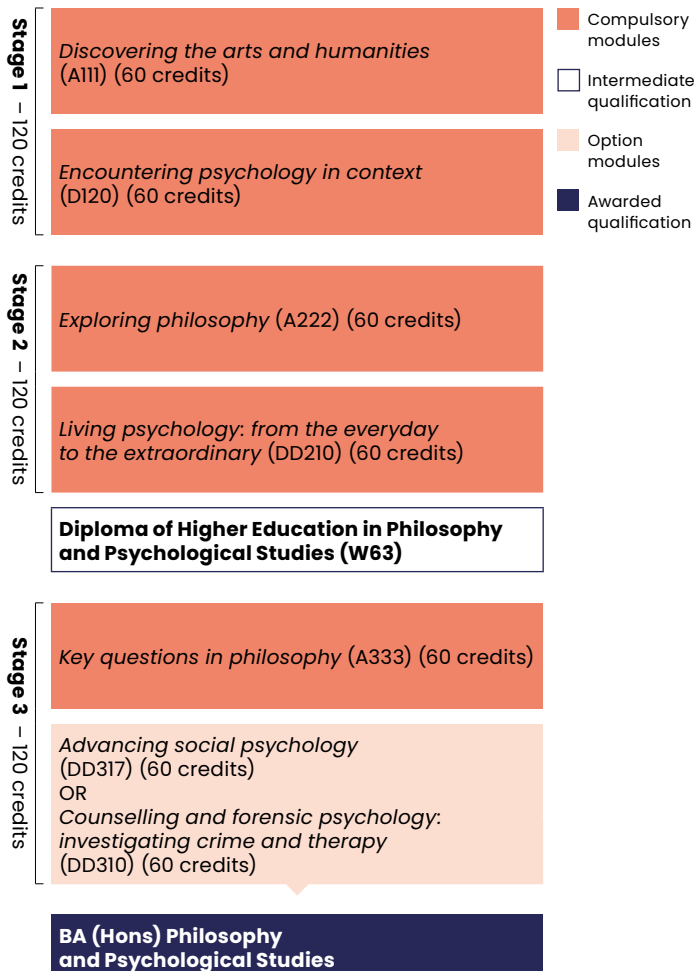
## Why this qualification?

- 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



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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q43

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

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

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

You'll investigate a wide range of current questions and themes in these disciplines from both historical and contemporary perspectives. This includes the ethics of war, political justice, multiculturalism, racism, religious nationalisms, the 'sanctity of life' and pilgrimage.

In engaging with the core disciplines of religious studies and philosophy, you'll develop critical skills and expertise across a range of key approaches and methodologies.

## Why this qualification?

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

## Meet our academics

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

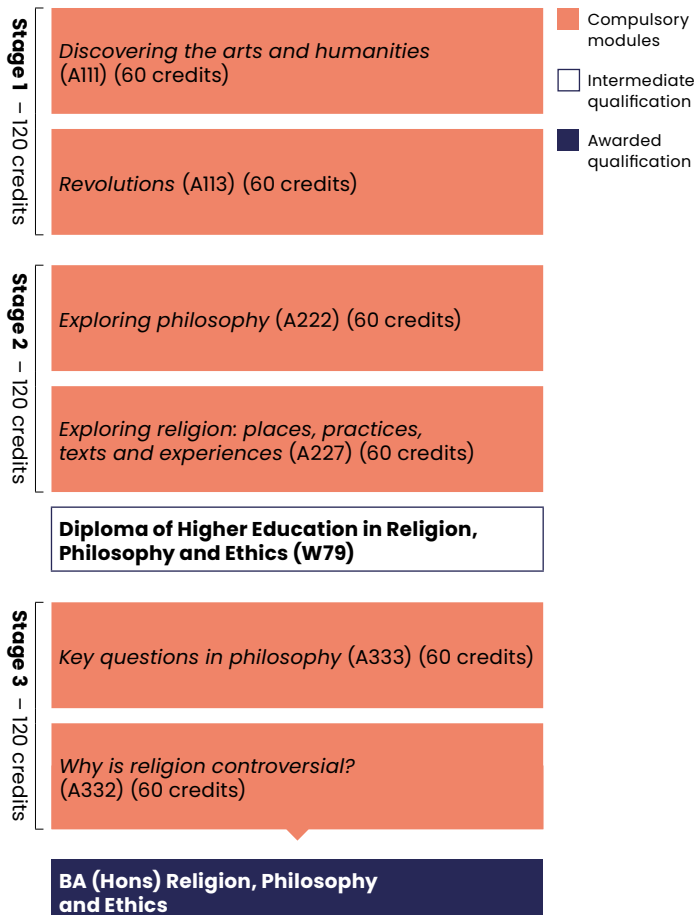
The project invites teenagers to make short documentary films about living with people with different religious and ideological backgrounds and beliefs, to build resilience against simplistic propaganda. Find out more about John's work at [openuniversity.co.uk/jrw](https://openuniversity.co.uk/jrw).

## Related qualification

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



## Qualification structure



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

## At a glance

**Course code** R45

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/r45](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r45)  
 Call  
 0300 303 5303



# BA (Hons) Politics, Philosophy and Economics

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

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

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

## Why this qualification?

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

## Meet our academics

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

Find out more about Changemakers and Open Politics at [openuniversity.co.uk/outreach](https://openuniversity.co.uk/outreach).

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<p><i>Global challenges: social science in action</i> (D113) (60 credits)</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>You and your money</i> (DB125) (30 credits)</p> <p>AND</p> <p><i>Economics in context</i> (DD126) (30 credits)</p>	<p>Option modules</p>
	<p><i>Understanding politics: ideas and institutions in the modern world</i> (DD211) (60 credits)</p>	<p>Compulsory modules</p>
Stage 2 – 120 credits	<p><i>Essential economics: macro and micro perspectives</i> (D217) (60 credits)</p>	<p>Awarded qualification</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></p> <p><i>Modern political ideas</i> (DD316) (60 credits)</p> <p>OR</p> <p><i>International relations: continuity and change in global politics</i> (DD313) (60 credits)</p>	
	<p><b>Philosophy</b></p> <p><i>Key questions in philosophy</i> (A333) (60 credits)</p>	
	<p><b>Economics</b></p> <p><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.

## At a glance

**Course code** Q45

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023  
Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024  
Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

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

- Tutor-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations
- Project or dissertation

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 4 years

### Mode of study

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

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

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

## More online

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



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# BA (Hons) History and Politics

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

You'll tackle challenging issues such as power and warfare, security and insecurity, global justice, culture and beliefs, health and medicine, imperialism and resistance, and class and gender. You'll learn the skills of both the political scientist and the historian: studying historical and contemporary problems as well as future trends.

You'll also gain an adaptable set of skills that includes critical thinking, and analysis and communication, which can lead in many directions and are greatly valued by employers.

## Why this qualification?

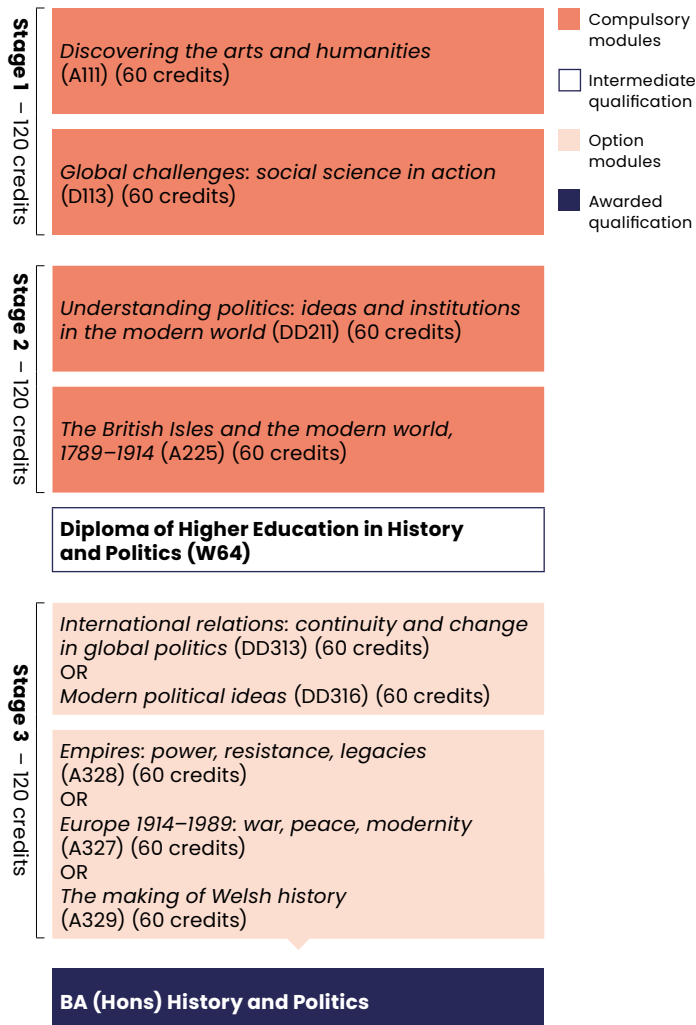
- Study a range of periods and societies from 1750 onwards using social scientific theories and historical analysis.
- Offers a choice of modules in each subject to match your interests or requirements.
- Develop skills relevant to political and historical research and writing directed to a range of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

## Related qualifications

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

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

## Qualification structure



## At a glance

**Course code** Q97

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

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

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) Social Psychology

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

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

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

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

### Why this qualification?

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

### Accreditation

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





## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits	<p>Exploring psychological worlds: thinking, feeling, doing (D110) (60 credits) OR Introducing the social sciences (DD102) (60 credits)</p>	Option modules
	Encountering psychology in context (D120) (60 credits)	Compulsory modules
Stage 2 – 120 credits	Living psychology: from the everyday to the extraordinary (DD210) (60 credits)	Awarded qualification
	Investigating psychology 2 (DE200) (60 credits)	
Stage 3 – 120 credits	Advancing social psychology (DD317) (60 credits)	Awarded qualification
	Investigating psychology 3 (DE300) (60 credits)	
<p><b>BSc (Hons) Social Psychology</b></p>		

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

## At a glance

**Course code** Q83

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

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

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

Learn more about Catriona's work at [openuniversity.co.uk/facial-recognition-research](https://openuniversity.co.uk/facial-recognition-research).

## More online

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/q83**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# Other qualifications in Psychology and Counselling

The OU is the UK'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

Browse our Psychology and Counselling qualifications online, request a copy of our *Psychology and Counselling Prospectus*, or speak to our Student Recruitment team.



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





# BA/BSc (Hons) Open

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

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

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

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

## Why this qualification?

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

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

## Open qualifications and your career

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

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



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



**Carol Dow**  
BA (Hons) Open

## Related qualifications

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

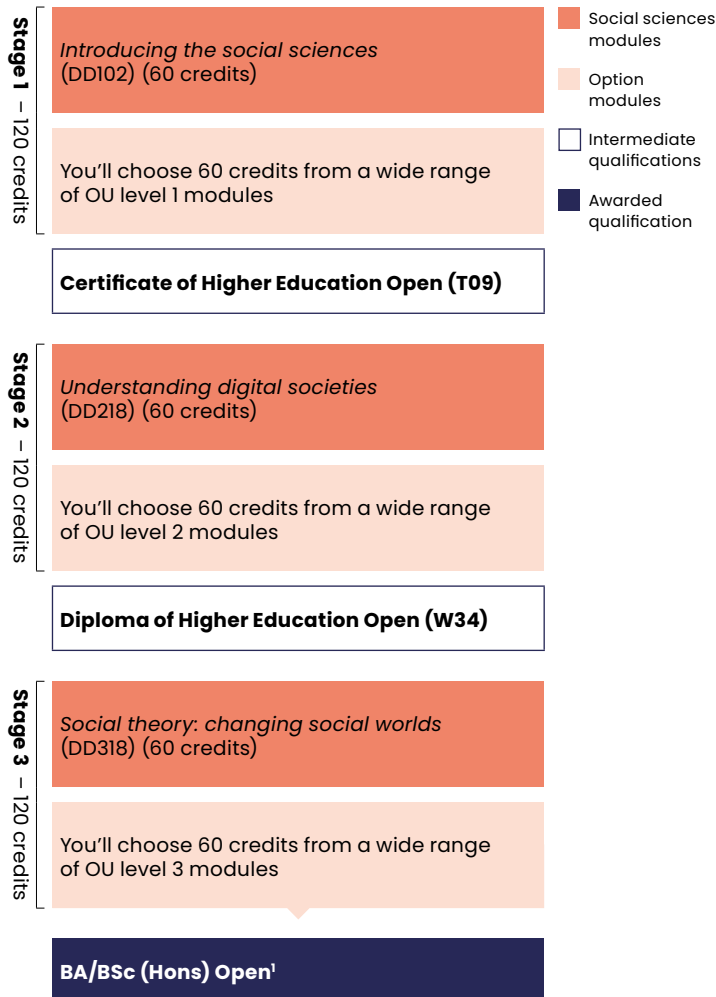
Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t09](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t09)

## How you can focus your Open degree on the social sciences

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

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

### Example route



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

### At a glance

**Course code** QD

**Total credits** 360

#### Start dates

Oct 2023

Register by 7 Sep 2023

Feb 2024

Register by 11 Jan 2024

#### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

#### Assessment

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

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

#### Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

#### Mode of study

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

### More online

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



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



# Find your postgraduate course

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

## Thinking about studying Psychology?

If you're looking for a postgraduate course with more of a focus on psychology, we have the:

- MSc in Forensic Psychological Studies (F73)
- MSc in Psychology (F74)
- MSc in Psychology (Conversion) (F92)

Request or download a copy of our Psychology and Counselling Prospectus at [openuniversity.co.uk/prospectus](https://openuniversity.co.uk/prospectus).

<b>Crime and justice</b>	
MA in Crime and Justice (F75)	65
<b>Environmental management</b>	
MSc in Environmental Management (F65)	66
<b>Global development</b>	
MSc in Global Development (F86)	67
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# 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
<b>Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Inquiry (K26)</b>		
<i>Crime and global justice</i>	120	DD804
<b>MA in Crime and Justice</b>		

- 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 DD804 resources for anyone with an interest in crime and global justice.

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

## At a glance

**Course code** F75

**Total credits** 180

### Start date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

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

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years

## 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.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f75](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f75)  
 Call  
 0300 303 5303

# MSc in Environmental Management

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

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

## Accreditation

- Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM).
- Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA).



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

## Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>Making environmental decisions</i>	30	T891
<i>Sustainable organisations theory and practice</i>	30	T892

### Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management (K19)

<i>Environmental monitoring and protection</i>	30	T868
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You'll choose 30 credits from a selection of modules – go to [openuniversity.co.uk/f65](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f65)

### Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management (E79)

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

#### Research route

<i>Research project</i>	60	T802
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#### Professional route

<i>MSc project: researching in context</i>	30	T803
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And you'll choose 30 credits from a selection of modules – go to [openuniversity.co.uk/f65](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f65)

### MSc in Environmental Management

Module availability is subject to change.

## At a glance

Course code F65

Total credits 180

### Start dates

Nov 2023  
Register by 5 Oct 2023

May 2024  
Register by 4 Apr 2024

### Entry requirements

UK honours degree (or equivalent) in a science or engineering discipline, or appropriate experience

### 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.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f65](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f65)  
Call  
0300 303 5303

# MSc in Global Development

In these times of uncertainty and change, this masters degree equips you with interdisciplinary knowledge and skills, to understand, investigate, and respond to the major global challenges of the modern world.

Studying on this innovative, interdisciplinary, and flexible course, involves critically examining development theory, policy, and practice across a range of contexts.

Engaging with diverse perspectives from around the world, you'll interrogate dominant approaches to development, and explore development alternatives. This includes the policies needed to change conditions of social injustice and inequality, and the types of public and private action that can be taken.

You'll have the opportunity to build the skills needed to negotiate development effectively and bring about more socially and environmentally sustainable futures.

## Qualification structure

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

<i>Understanding global development</i> <sup>1</sup>	60	DD870
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<i>Global development in practice</i> <sup>2</sup>	60	D890
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Plus 120 credits from the following compulsory modules:

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

<i>Researching global development</i>	60	DD872
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## MSc in Global Development

<input type="checkbox"/> Option modules	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate qualification
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory modules	<input type="checkbox"/> Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

<sup>1</sup> On successful completion of DD870, you can claim the Postgraduate Certificate in Global Development (K37).

<sup>2</sup> 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 date

Oct 2023

Register by 14 Sep 2023

### Entry requirements

Normally a UK honours 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)

## More online

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



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f86](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f86)  
Call  
0300 303 5303



### At a glance

**Course code** F94

**Total credits** 180

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

**Entry requirements**  
UK honours degree or equivalent, ideally in a closely related subject

**Study duration**  
Part time: 2 years

# MA in International Relations

This masters degree will equip you with the tools to understand and analyse a range of contemporary global issues.

You'll look at real-world challenges, including international division, rising powers, national and global security threats, the rise of populism, and worldwide ethical dilemmas. This will give you a comprehensive grounding in core conceptual, empirical and theoretical debates in international relations. Mainstream and critical approaches are taught side by side, covering a range of practical cases and perspectives from around the world.

In addition, you'll deepen a number of skills that are crucial to enhancing your career development and research ability.

### Qualification structure

Modules	Credits	Code
<i>MA International relations part 1</i>	90	D818
<i>MA International relations part 2 – planned for September 2024</i>	90	D828

### MA in International Relations

■ Compulsory modules    ■ Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

### More online

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



Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/f94](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f94)  
Call 0300 303 5303



## At a glance

**Course code** F30

**Total credits** 180

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

**Entry requirements**  
UK honours degree  
or equivalent

**Study duration**  
Part time: 2 years

# MA in Philosophy

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

You'll study texts from different periods and philosophical perspectives, including works by Plato, Friedrich Nietzsche, Michel Foucault and Hannah Arendt and you'll investigate contemporary debates on environmental aesthetics, consciousness, global justice, emotion, and morality in politics.

Finally, you 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>	30	A853
<i>MA Philosophy part 2</i>	120	A854
<b>MA in Philosophy</b>		

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## More online

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



Visit  
**openuniversity.co.uk/f30**  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**

# MA/MSc Open

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

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

## Qualification structure

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

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

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

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

- Further professional development.

Module and microcredential availability are subject to change.

## Arts, humanities, music and language

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

## Education, psychology, health science and healthcare

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

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

## Science, technology, engineering and mathematics

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



## Business, finance, human resources and law

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

## Further professional development

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

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

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

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

## At a glance

Course code F81

Total credits 180

### Start dates

Sep 2023

Oct 2023

Nov 2023

Feb 2024

May 2024

### Entry requirements

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

### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

## What are microcredentials?

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

## More online

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



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



# Registering is easy

## Undergraduate study

### 1. Register

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

### 2. Choose your module(s)

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

### 3. Organise your funding

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

### 4. Complete your registration

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

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

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

## Postgraduate study

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

### 1. Choose your qualification

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

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

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

### 3. Arrange your funding

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

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

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

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

## Have you studied before?

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



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.

Find out more by visiting [openuniversity.co.uk/equality](https://openuniversity.co.uk/equality).

## Students under the age of 16

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

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

## Data protection

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

For more information, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/privacy](https://openuniversity.co.uk/privacy).

## Other ways to read this prospectus

You may find it easier to access information from our website at [openuniversity.co.uk](https://openuniversity.co.uk).

We can also supply this prospectus as a PDF and in other formats. Please call **0300 303 5303**, or email us from our website at [openuniversity.co.uk/contact](https://openuniversity.co.uk/contact).

## Our other prospectuses

Learn more about our qualifications in our other prospectuses.

### Subject-specific prospectuses

- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Management
- Computing and IT
- Education, Childhood, Youth and Sport
- Engineering, Design and Technology
- Environment and Development
- Health and Social Care
- Languages and Applied Linguistics
- Law
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Psychology and Counselling
- Science

### Other prospectuses

- Access Modules
- Open Qualifications
- Postgraduate Courses
- Undergraduate Courses

We have made all reasonable efforts to ensure that the information in this prospectus is accurate at the time of publication. However, we shall be entitled, if we consider it reasonably necessary (including in order to manage resources and improve student experience) to make changes, including to the availability of modules and qualifications, to qualification structure and to our regulations, policies and procedures. For current information, please refer to our online prospectus at [openuniversity.co.uk/courses](https://openuniversity.co.uk/courses). If you require further information about the circumstances in which we may make changes, please contact us or refer to the Academic Regulations on our website at [openuniversity.co.uk/academic-regulations](https://openuniversity.co.uk/academic-regulations).

## Request a prospectus

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