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Hello and welcome to The Open University (OU). Are you as excited about changing your life as we are about welcoming you as a student? We believe there’s never been a better time to join us.

Every year, thousands of people just like you decide to start studying with us. Our whole philosophy is based around recognising the importance of flexible, part-time study and finding ways to make that study more accessible to anyone who has the drive and desire to learn in an increasingly competitive world.

With the OU you’re guaranteed outstanding value. Our qualifications are up to date and commercially focused, ensuring that new skills and knowledge gained as you work towards your goal are put into practice immediately.

We’ve established strong alliances with employers as a result of the flexible way we deliver our qualifications and our learning methods are respected and appreciated by employers and students alike.

We’ve opened up the world of higher education for anyone who wants to improve their life. We take your goals seriously, and we are here to help you make the right choices. We’re the market leader for people who need studies to fit around busy working lives and family commitments. That’s why we’re so confident the OU is the right choice for you.

“If you’re in two minds as to whether or not the OU is for you, the only thing I can say is do it. You won’t regret it!”

Lindsay Dow, studied with the OU
Whatever your motivation to study, we’re pleased you’re thinking about pursuing a postgraduate qualification with the OU. You may want to progress to a senior level, research something that fascinates you or become a specialist in your field.

Studying with us is a life-changing experience, and shows commitment that deserves the respect of everyone around you – including us.

That’s why we put so much energy and enthusiasm into supporting you, along with a whole array of resources. And we believe that level of commitment is the reason why thousands of people, just like you, are choosing The Open University this year for their postgraduate qualification.

5 reasons to choose The Open University:

1. The support you need
   We know you’ll be giving it your all. So we’ll give you the freedom and personal support you need to study your course, and get a qualification, your way.

2. The qualifications employers respect
   Our qualifications have such an excellent reputation all over the world, you can be confident your life will change for the better thanks to studying with the OU.

3. The knowledge you want
   Highly experienced tutors and quality resources that are second to none. You just can’t get the same combination of expertise, materials and methods of learning anywhere else in the world.

4. The technology that works
   When it comes to finding new technologies that make your life and studying even easier, we never stand still. You can guarantee we’ll stay ahead of the game on your behalf.

5. Life-changing learning
   What we offer is a personalised learning experience, one that’s been designed to fit in with careers and personal lives, and which will change your life forever.

Experience and expertise
Many of our tutors are not only academic experts, they’re also still working in their relevant industry.
We know you can do this

If you have an appetite for learning, then you can be sure there’s no other university in the world that will support you the way we do.

After all, we’re pioneers in the method of distance learning making The Open University truly unique. As a result, we’re in the best possible position to give you all the help you’ll need to achieve your study goal, and make every moment of your studies worthwhile.

Change your life, right now

If you’re determined to succeed, we’ll help you find a way.

Our postgraduate qualifications help you to sharpen your focus, developing the specialist understanding and skills needed for specific roles and/or career development.

And as our courses are created and taught by academics who are experts in their field, you’ll have encouragement and support from people whose insights and research are out of this world – quite literally in some cases.

Our courses are incomparable

We’ve forged unique partnerships with some of the world’s most influential thought leaders, the BBC being most widely known. Our joint ventures educate the world, receive outstanding reviews and give us access to people who bring relevant, practical knowledge to guide our research and shape the course content you’ll be studying.

World-class resources

The Open University has more online library resources than any other university in the UK.

Reassuring credentials

Global employers and skills councils help us create our courses, so you’ll learn what’s actually needed to enhance your career.

Groundbreaking innovation

We never stand still. We’re developing new ways of learning all the time, to make your studying easier wherever you may be.

“The OU gave me the flexibility I needed to study part time with the right tools and support to allow me to self-manage my time.”

Karl Hamilton, postgraduate student
The flexibility to learn in your own way

We’ve been the experts in distance learning for over 40 years. But with hundreds of courses online these days, why choose us, what makes the OU different?

The answer is straightforward – you’ll have more flexibility with the OU than with any other university, not only in what you learn but also in the way you study. The quality of the OU experience is proven time and time again with the achievements of thousands of our students.

Our teaching method is unique

We call it ‘Supported Open Learning’.

It’s a way of studying with more one-to-one contact than distance learning and more flexibility than campus-based learning. In effect, we bring the best of both worlds together – technology and tutoring alike.

We have over 4500 tutors to give you guidance and feedback, we’ll make sure you’re connected to a group that can support you appropriately.

And we’ll find out what we need to do as an organisation to help you achieve your goals.

Whatever you’d like to study, whichever qualifications you’re interested in, our courses fit in around your life. That said, we also know what it’s like to be on your own, head down, in need of a helping hand. That’s why we give you all the support you need and the confidence to study in your own time.

We’re proud of the way we’ve developed our teaching methods, materials and resources. We never stand still. If there’s a new type of technology around or a better way to do things, you can guarantee we’re already testing it.

Need a little extra help?

Last year we supported over 22,000 students with disabilities or additional needs. So if you have any additional requirements, we’ll do our best to make all of your studies accessible. We’re only a phone call away, and we’ll also be supporting you online and via email.

To find out if you qualify for extra financial help with study and travel costs, see page 36, call us on +44 (0)300 303 5303 or go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/disability.
You’ll be working together with us, independently

You’ll have opportunities to take part in tutorials, and we’ll try our best to make sure you’ve got everything you need – whether you’re studying from home, at work, or on the move.

What’s more, as soon as your course starts we’ll put you in touch with your Student Support Team – subject-based specialists who can help you with any concerns about your studies.

Whatever you decide to study, you’ll find like-minded students connecting with each other in our online forums – pretty much 24 hours a day.

We have a vibrant student community

We’re here to help you every step of the way. In fact, people are often surprised by how social we are as a community – and our forums are alive with people just like you, whenever you log on, whether it’s a module discussion group or one of the many informal Facebook groups set up by students.

Students Association

All students gain automatic membership to our strong and active Students Association – run by students, for students. You’ll have the chance to influence University decisions, meet fellow students and develop new skills. To find out more go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/ousa.

You can also join the conversation at:

Facebook.com/OUstudents
Twitter.com/OUstudents
Instagram.com/OUstudentslive

It’s a different way of learning – but why is that so important?

It means life can carry on around you. As you’re tapping into incomparable resources, just imagine what you could discover and achieve. We say ‘groundbreaking’: that’s not a buzzword, it’s a description of our whole approach to flexible learning.

It means your life changes for the better. When you achieve a qualification in your own time, developing new skills in a cutting-edge learning environment, you can be reassured how impressive that is for an employer.

“That’s what’s so great about the OU – it’s made to measure, it’s bespoke, it fits around you and your individual needs.”

Hazel Krolow, studied with the OU

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Twitter.com/openuniversity
Here at The Open University we’re involved in exciting forward-thinking research. All our projects align with the University’s founding mission – to be open to people, places, methods and ideas. They tackle real-life issues, major global challenges, and aim to boost the UK economy in addition to promoting social justice.

Case study:
**Rosetta: one of the greatest space missions of our time**

When the Rosetta space mission finally reached Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on 6 August 2014, it had taken just over 10 years to travel 6.4 billion kilometres across the solar system. As one of Rosetta’s technology and exploration partners, our team built scientific instrumentation used on the mission’s landing craft, Philae. Ptolemy, one of the most important pieces of equipment in the whole mission, performed isotopic measurements on solid samples being collected from the comet’s surface. Some of the latest updates from Philae and Ptolemy have confirmed the comet comprises of compounds that are important in the pathway to producing sugars and amino acids, which are the building blocks of life as we know it.
Case study: Taking on fast fashion

International development is a priority for us, and one key example of progress we’ve made is research that’s trying to reverse the tide of ‘fast fashion’ – looking closely at how clothes are made, sold and disposed of – and investigating people’s understandings of sustainability in relation to clothing.

Case study: Influencing UK policy on sexuality and relationships

The research team based at our Centre for Citizenship, Identities and Governance has been involved, in particular, with work on the UK bisexual experience.

This resulted in The Open University and BiUK publishing The Bisexuality Report, informing public debate and understanding of bisexuality. It’s a report that’s been endorsed by a number of national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organisations including Stonewall, and downloaded over 50,000 times since its first publication.

Case study: Monitoring the planet

Building on our successful EVOSS (European Volcano Observatory Space Services) project, our teams are developing a real-time, satellite, volcano monitoring system. The plans are to expand it worldwide. We’ll be capable of providing vital information on erupted lavas, gas, eruptive columns and ash plumes anywhere – and potentially protecting the lives of hundreds if not thousands of people.

MORE ONLINE

Discover and explore more research in your subject online at www.openuniversity.co.uk/research
Above all, the decision to join the OU shows you’re taking the initiative to improve your knowledge in some way and change your life for the better.

Better qualifications, better career prospects

For employers, this is a hugely significant decision. It should be no surprise to find out that OU qualifications command so much respect.

Employers the world over admire your decision to make difficult sacrifices on personal time, and enter into higher education while managing a career and your personal life.

There’s no better way to show that you can recognise unique opportunities, you’re ready to learn, and you’re more than up for a challenge.

Our qualifications help you to discover your true potential

Think of a high street brand, an international organisation or a successful business. John Lewis perhaps, IBM or PwC, Kuehne + Nagel or Allianz. All of these employers work with us to seek out OU graduates for employment.
“One of the best things for me was the fact my courses did all involve distance learning – I’m working full time, but I could do it all from the comfort of home.”

Anita Dumbrell, studied with the OU

You’ll be working hard, and we’ll be working hard on your behalf

Over the years, we’ve developed strong relationships with employers. The sense of respect and confidence they have for our qualifications speaks for itself. As a result, many organisations are more than happy to sponsor employees who’d like to join the OU and provide additional support during their studies.

Many of our materials are designed by leading public and private sector industry experts.

We canvas skills councils, professional bodies and businesses to make sure our course content is always up to date and relevant to you as a prospective employee.

Our qualifications are results-driven and our course content draws on real workplace situations.

Careers and employability services

From the outset, we’re here to help you whether you plan to start, change or develop your career.

Many students get in touch with us early in their studies, but we are here to help whatever stage you are at.

- You can explore a wealth of resources on our careers website to help you choose your career, identify opportunities you might not otherwise have thought of and improve your employability.
- When you are registered on a module or qualification you will have access to additional resources including online forums and webinars, support from our experienced careers team and links to many employers keen to recruit OU students.

Explore our Careers Advisory Service online at [www.openuniversity.co.uk/careers](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/careers).
Whatever it is that interests or excites you, our tutors will introduce you to a world of new ideas, inspired thinking, and research that really is world-class.

It’s an overused term by many institutions – world-class this, world-class that – but at The Open University we have the results to back it up. We’re one of only three institutions consistently scoring over 90% for student satisfaction.

Whatever your choice may be, with the flexibility of the OU, you can:

- make the commitment to getting a postgraduate qualification with studies that fit in around your life
- improve your career prospects dramatically, by studying what matters most to you
- explore the topics that fascinate you, improving your skills along the way.

**Entry requirements**

An undergraduate degree is ideal, but in some cases it’s not essential. You may have other qualifications, university-level study or professional experience that serves you just as well. What’s important, is that you’re well prepared to study at this level, consistently:

- finding research material that has been written for experts rather than students
- critically analysing findings – including statistical analysis
- following academic convention when presenting findings and ideas, references and bibliographies
- carrying out reflective practice (relating others’ theories to your own studies).

Whichever postgraduate qualification you’d like to pursue, you will definitely need:

- an up-to-date computer, and reliable internet access
- a good understanding of the English language. We can help you find out more about this at [www.openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage).

We’ll provide everything else for you – the module materials, DVDs, and study aids.
In this section you can find information about the subjects and specific qualifications that we offer. There’s a wide range of fascinating subjects to choose from.

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For more information and to register, go to [www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg)

If you need help or if there’s anything you’re not sure about, call an adviser on +44 (0)300 303 5303
Arts and humanities

Exploring and analysing human culture and history gives us a deeper insight into the world we live in and how we got here. If you thrive on intellectual challenge and have a passion for the arts, our postgraduate study has much to offer you.

The rewards include advanced academic achievement, enhanced career opportunities and personal fulfilment.

Around 1800 students are currently engaged in our flexible programme, which covers many fascinating aspects of ancient and contemporary culture. Modules are designed to stretch your abilities and refine your research and analytical skills, providing you with excellent credentials both for the world of employment and for further higher-level qualifications.

In addition to the personal satisfaction of studying to a higher level, arts and humanities MAs are useful in a wide range of careers. Many of our postgraduates have followed a pathway into academic and research careers, going on to complete MPhil and/or PhD degrees. Some publish books and articles resulting from their dissertation research and studies. Others have used their newly acquired skills to help take their career to a more senior level in areas such as teaching, journalism, media and public sector employment.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in arts and humanities.

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MA in English (F58)
This MA offers you a rich and exciting experience of higher level literary study and enables you to develop your independent skills in literary research, culminating in a dissertation on a topic and texts of your choice.

MA in History (F28)
This MA develops your research and writing skills through a close analysis of major themes and sources in the local and regional history of Britain and Ireland 1750–1950. You will gain practical experience of project planning through the completion of your own independently researched dissertation.

MA in Music (F32)
This MA introduces the methods and materials used for music research, particularly in the context of the use of computers and the internet. You will encounter a number of musical topics, themes and repertories from different periods and styles, as you engage with western, non-western and popular music.

MA in Art History (F33)
This MA will build on your existing knowledge of the subject and as you explore the core concepts and current concerns of art history, you will gain the critical skills necessary for independent research in the field.

MA in Classical Studies (F27)
This MA will develop your knowledge of the ancient Graeco-Roman world and prepare you for independent study, culminating in a dissertation. You will investigate classical studies as a multidisciplinary field, examining texts, artefacts and other surviving evidence through a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives, including options in classical archaeology, language and reception, and a subject module based around the body in classical antiquity.

NEW MA in Creative Writing (F71)
This MA is an exciting opportunity to develop your skills as a writer in fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and scriptwriting. You will write in a genre of your choice and experiment with at least one other through practical and inspiring activities. Through sharing, reading and critiquing work in progress, your writing practice will be honed as you progress towards producing a substantial piece of your own work to a professional standard.

Top of the charts
Our music research was ranked 1st in the UK for its proportion of 4 star and 3 star research.

More insights
Immersed in different cultures, you’ll gain an understanding of the world at large – incredibly valuable to future employers.

To discover more and register online, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg
Business and management

Business and organisations are a vital part of modern life, global economies, politics and cultures. Studying them and the people who are involved in them can be rewarding in many ways. Apart from strengthening your intellectual abilities, it can enhance your career and contribute to society.

You may be looking to upgrade your qualifications and broaden your management skills, or perhaps you’re preparing to move from a professional, functional or technical role into a more senior or general management position. Whatever your starting point or ultimate goal, a postgraduate qualification from The Open University Business School will give you that extra edge.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in business and management.

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Selected highlights:

**MBA (F61)**
This internationally-recognised MBA is designed for practising managers aspiring to higher positions. The emphasis for your learning is directly rooted in management practice. You will focus on strategic analysis, interdisciplinary skills, intellectual stimulation and independent judgement – building on a solid foundation of core disciplines, including human resource management, organisational behaviour, accounting and finance, marketing and operations.

The Open University Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide accredited by the three leading international accrediting bodies—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); the Association of MBAs (AMBA); and the European Foundation for Management Development, through its EQUIS programme—hallmarks of quality of teaching, learning materials and qualification impact. It is home to more than 25,000 successful MBA graduates in over 100 countries.

**MBA (Technology Management) (F69)**
If you’re looking for an MBA with a focus on technology, this is the qualification for you. It is applicable to technology management and technological innovation in a wide variety of contexts and sectors, including: IT/IS, telecommunications, computing, engineering, manufacturing, transport and logistics, retailing, energy production and supply, defence and security, management and administration, and any form of services, including health, welfare and leisure.

**MSc in Finance (F67)**
This qualification is designed to support professional development and practice in a wide range of roles in finance – whether you are developing in your career, or aspiring to enter the sector. It provides a thorough grounding in areas such as corporate finance, financial decision-making, financial reporting and governance. You will develop competences in applying statistical and econometric techniques, and gain knowledge of the fundamentals of Islamic finance and behavioural finance.
You can choose to specialise either in derivatives and financial risk management, or in investment and portfolio management, and you will develop research skills and techniques relevant to higher academic qualifications by completing a dissertation on a finance topic of your choice that is relevant to your interests or chosen career development.

**MSc in Human Resource Management (F68)**
This MSc combines an in-depth understanding of human resource (HR) management with a broader exploration of its organisational and management context. Whether you’re at the start of your career in HR, aspiring to enter the HR profession or a line manager, it will give you up-to-date knowledge of organisational theory and behaviour and the specialist skills essential to practitioners. You will explore HR strategy both within organisations (including issues such as employee relations and employee engagement; learning and development, and employee resourcing and talent management) and in relation to the external environment – including globalisation and international forces, social and technological change and government policies and regulation.

Outstanding performance
We’re in the top 1% of business schools worldwide with accreditation from AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS.

To discover more and register online, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg
Childhood and youth

Our interdisciplinary approach to postgraduate study in the field of childhood and youth draws upon aspects from childhood and youth studies, sociology, health and social care, psychology and education.

This teaching approach is underpinned by a commitment to integrated practice. Each individual module will increase your knowledge, deepen your critical reflection and deliver inter-professional insights.

The programme is particularly relevant to graduates working in, or aspiring to work in, early-years provision, education, social work, nursing, psychology, healthcare, youth work settings, youth justice or the voluntary sector. The programme builds towards the masters degree and achievement of this advanced qualification will significantly enhance your career prospects.

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"I decided to start studying with the OU because I needed a challenge, I also wanted to keep my academic knowledge relevant... It has been great fun, hard work, but has broadened my knowledge, challenging some of my programmed thinking about children’s rights...”

Una McCauley, MA in Childhood and Youth student, UNICEF Representative (Panama)

Postgraduate Certificate in Integrated Practice in Childhood and Youth (C97)

For this qualification you need to complete one of the two compulsory modules that make up the postgraduate diploma and MA.

Postgraduate Diploma in Integrated Practice in Childhood and Youth (E78)

You can gain the postgraduate diploma when you complete the two compulsory modules from the MA.

MA in Childhood and Youth (F55)

This MA offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of childhood and youth underpinned by a commitment to integrated practice. This qualification is designed for graduates with a background in childhood and youth studies, sociology, health and social care, anthropology, psychology or education. It would suit those already working with children and young people who wish to enhance their knowledge as well as those who wish to enter this field.

To gain the MA you need to study the two compulsory modules, Children and young people’s worlds: frameworks for integrated practice (E807) and Critical practice with children and young people (K802) plus a further module which you choose from an optional list.

If you are interested in our qualifications in education, see page 18.

To discover more and register online, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg
Computing and IT

Computing and IT professionals with a strong skill set are very much in demand today. By developing your knowledge and skills, postgraduate study with the OU will keep you at the forefront of this rapidly growing and influential discipline.

The OU develops internationally recognised skills for computing and IT professionals. We are leading the field in working with employers and sector skills councils to offer industry relevant qualifications, and to map study to sector skills frameworks to ensure computing and IT professionals have the skills employers need.

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Selected highlights:

Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Networking (E51)

This postgraduate diploma will provide you with the knowledge, understanding, and skills needed to install, configure and maintain local and wide area networks. On completion of this diploma you will be able to go on and gain the industry recognised certification by taking the CCNP examinations.

MSc in Computing (F66)

This qualification develops a rigorous approach to the study and application of computing, and incorporates transferable skills that are highly applicable to professional development in the field. You can choose between the flexible MSc in Computing (offering a wide choice of industry relevant modules), and the more focused MSc in Computing (Software Engineering) or MSc in Computing (Information Security and Forensics).

To discover more and register online, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg
Whether you are an experienced practitioner or beginning to look to move into an education-related role, our qualifications offer flexibility for your professional development and opportunity to gain career credentials to help you to establish yourself as a leader in your field.

The Masters degree in Education allows you to choose subject content most appropriate to your professional area of interest. Your professional development goals will be supported through investigation of current and significant issues from your own experience.

The MA in Online and Distance Education enables you to develop specialist professional expertise in the latest technologies and teaching approaches relevant to digital learning and global education.

Whichever programme you choose, your postgraduate study will develop your capacity to reflect critically and constructively with others in a learning community, engage with the ideas and frameworks presented in the modules and apply them to your practice. You will also acquire skills and experience in tackling and solving problems.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in education, including online and distance education.

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Selected highlights:

**Masters degree in Education (F70)**
This flexible qualification offers three specialist routes – applied linguistics, inclusive practice, or leadership and management – enabling you to engage with issues, concepts, and debates in an area that supports your professional development. Your investigative study will draw on your own and others’ experience and on appropriate literature, and will develop your understanding of the role and the limitations of research in informing educational practice. The qualification includes a literature review in a topic of your choice, and a substantial dissertation or research project situated in your own practice. You will need some experience of working with learners, either in teaching, the education advisory service, educational administration or an allied field, which may include informal learning settings.

**MA in Online and Distance Education (F10)**
This flexible MA offers you the unique opportunity to study the theory and practice of online and distance education through materials designed by experts from The Open University’s Institute of Educational Technology – who are reinventing online learning through the innovative use of new media and technologies. You’ll enhance your abilities as a creative and effective professional, by exploring and understanding the process of designing, critiquing and implementing digital education or training. A wide choice of modules enables you to contextualise your elearning in topics of relevance to your own practice, including elearning, social media, supporting disabled students, and research methods.

**Inspiring confidence**
With a qualification from the OU, you’ll have an ability to develop your own authoritative voice in a highly contested career space.

**More online**
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**Engineering and technology**

Qualified engineers and technologists now rank among the highest paid professionals, according to EngineeringUK.

Their imagination and ability to integrate appropriate technologies into an organisation’s products, processes and services are in great demand throughout business and industry, as well as in the public and voluntary sectors.

**The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in engineering and technology.**

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**Selected highlights:**

**Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering (E22)**

This flexible diploma enables you to combine modules from engineering analysis and technology management to shape a qualification that suits your career aspirations. You will broaden and deepen your understanding of professional engineering, and work collaboratively on a project module. The diploma also provides a route to a masters level engineering qualification, such as our MSc in Engineering (F46), and can help you progress towards Chartered Engineer registration.

**Postgraduate Diploma in Systems Thinking in Practice (E28)**

This diploma develops your ability to approach and tackle complex, messy problem situations, providing practical tools that will help bring new perspectives. You’ll consider the roles other people play, reflect on your own and others’ practice and assess how the different components within a situation are related. You’ll develop the skills to think more holistically and to work more collaboratively with others, in order to move towards effective solutions and avoid systemic failures.
MSc in Engineering (F46)

Engineering is one of the most rewarding disciplines you can study. It offers tremendous variety, intellectual challenge and the high level of satisfaction that comes from problem solving. This course builds on your diploma studies by enabling you to investigate an issue or problem on a topic of professional relevance to you, and takes you a step further towards becoming a Chartered Engineer (CEng). It will help you develop a professional approach to your work, extend your engineering skills, and develop a range of transferable skills, such as the ability to solve problems creatively, communicate effectively, manage projects and turn concepts into reality.

An alternative route to CEng status (for students who do not hold an accredited honours degree) is through our integrated masters MEng (M04) which also meets the educational requirements for CEng status.

MSc in Technology Management (F36)

Technology has the capability to transform products and processes and, if managed effectively, can make a significant contribution to organisational performance, economic growth and social wellbeing. This MSc will provide you with the knowledge and skills critical to making the right decisions about technology strategy, innovation and management. You’ll begin by focusing on the operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change, before moving to explore a range of capabilities that are key to the strategic development and management of technological innovation. Your studies will conclude with an in-depth investigation of a topic or problem of your choice.

Accreditation and recognition

Combining an accredited honours degree with study of our MSc in Engineering will fulfil the educational requirements for Chartered Engineer status. Our MSc in Engineering programme is CEng accredited and fulfils the educational requirements for registration as a Chartered Engineer (when presented with a CEng accredited Bachelors programme) with the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) and the Institution of Engineering Designers (IED). We are waiting for confirmation of extension to accreditations from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE). For the latest information, please visit engineering.open.ac.uk.
Environmental and development management

We live in an age dominated by concerns about the environment, sustainable development, cultural conflict, poverty and war. Individuals, organisations and governments are being encouraged to think more proactively about the local and global impact of their actions. This shift has made the importance of finding sustainable solutions to these issues even more vital.

Environmental management

From complying with environmental legislation to improving the competitive edge of a business and addressing the global challenges of climate change and energy conservation, environmental management is becoming increasingly important to everyone.

Our postgraduate qualifications in environmental management are for people who are interested in designing, managing and participating in more effective environmental management. Students are drawn from industry, commerce, local government, consultancies, non-governmental organisations and communities.

Selected highlight:

MSc in Environmental Management (F65)

This qualification is designed to expand your knowledge of environmental management and develop the skills to participate in more effective, informed and creative environmental decision making – whether you’re already a specialist working in the field or planning to get involved, professionally or personally. You will examine current concerns of environmental protection, natural resource management and rapidly changing environmental legislation and policy, in local and global contexts. You’ll also develop the skills you need to unpack the issues and participate creatively in the process of improving environmental performance in all sectors of society.

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Research for life

Our research is helping to secure the future of species-rich meadows through improved water management.
Development management

Managing development gets ever more complex, as more agencies become involved; new goals emerge, complementing and confronting existing goals; and the right of ‘beneficiaries’ to participate in their own development is increasingly asserted.

Our postgraduate programme in development management addresses this complexity.

The core modules give you the opportunity to strengthen your policy development and project management skills; enhance your capacity to build the good inter-organisational relationships upon which sustainable development depends; and develop the research skills necessary for understanding and managing development problems.

Selected highlight:

MSc in Development Management (F11)

This MSc provides learning opportunities, culminating in a research project that will enhance your capacity to manage development. If you have responsibility for development interventions, you will find your practice challenged and developed. If you are a professional – engineer, health worker, educationalist, banker, for example – working in development contexts, you will develop an understanding of those contexts, and a grasp of the skills necessary to negotiate them. And if you are thinking about moving into development work, you will find a guide to the world you are entering and build up a variety of skills needed to manage development.

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Health and social care

Advancing healthcare practice is a high priority in healthcare across the world. Achieving improvements in healthcare involves a wide range of stakeholders and this range of postgraduate qualifications provides opportunities to develop knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to this field.

These UK qualifications – with international relevance – will appeal to a range of people in a variety of health-related settings. The qualifications will be of particular interest to people taking on higher-level, demanding roles and offering leadership to others. Our programme is well suited to those who have a creative vision for the future of healthcare and who wish to influence and lead others. Masters graduates with a qualification in advancing practice are well placed to become the creative, innovative and entrepreneurial change agents needed within healthcare settings.

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Postgraduate Certificate in Advancing Healthcare Practice (C92)

This postgraduate certificate will help you develop the knowledge, understanding and skills that you need in order to take the lead in improving the quality of healthcare in your local setting, whatever your role. You will investigate the theory and practice of healthcare improvement, exploring what healthcare improvement means and how it can be achieved through areas such as change agency, policy, collaboration and partnership and the field of improvement science – situating these themes within a global context and investigating their impact on local practice.

Throughout your studies you will apply your learning to the context of your own healthcare improvement environment.

Transformative learning

The OU is a leading provider of education and development for anyone working in, or interested in health and social care.
Postgraduate Diploma in Advancing Healthcare Practice (E46)

This postgraduate diploma investigates the theory and practice of advancing healthcare, and how services can be improved through leadership, change agency, policy, partnership working and the application of improvement science. You will gain the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to contribute to healthcare advancement, with a particular focus on the conception, design and conduct of research that has significance and benefit in practice settings. You will explore themes related to your own practice situation. You will also examine how enquiry, knowledge, evidence, strategy and skill can be combined to develop your own work as an agent of advancing healthcare, and how you can work with others to do the same.

MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice (F52)

The MSc is designed to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to contribute to the advancement of healthcare. You will explore what healthcare improvement means and how it can be achieved through collaboration and partnership, change agency, and the field of improvement science; developing leadership skills in relation to policy, innovation and service improvement; and learning how to use research and evidence-based practice to support healthcare advancement. The final investigative project focuses on a service or system improvement, based on the needs and the priorities of your own healthcare-related practice area.

“The Open University is an excellent way for people to learn while working. It’s flexible, the materials are really good and the support is fantastic. We have found many benefits of working with the OU to students, and to other staff, and would certainly recommend it to other organisations.”

Gillian Ashworth, Northampton NHS Trust Clinical Placement Facilitator

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Law

Law regulates and influences the lives and practices of individuals, organisations and governments. It provides a framework within which societies function.

With globalisation, traditional legal frameworks and structures are being increasingly challenged. Laws and legal thinking are being used to effect change within societies and influence the way in which nations and governments interact with each other.

With the recognition of the increasingly important role that law plays, the demand for legal knowledge and associated legal skills is growing. A legal qualification at postgraduate level, such as our Master of Laws (LLM) (F64), will widen your opportunities and enhance your employment and promotion prospects.

Master of Laws (LLM) (F64)

This qualification is designed to consider the role and place of law in an increasingly globalised world, and is suitable for law and non-law graduates as well as lawyers wanting to develop their interests. It takes a critical legal approach to study, using different perspectives and case studies to illustrate, explore, compare and contextualise topical legal issues.

You will explore the interaction of law, law-making bodies, institutions and regulators in an international context, the role and function of law in an increasingly global society, and the role of states, international institutions and multinational companies. You will also consider contemporary legal issues such as corporate social responsibility, transnational crime, humanitarian aid and security.

If you are interested in becoming a lawyer (solicitor or barrister) you will need to study an undergraduate Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (LLB). See www.openuniversity.co.uk/q79 for details of our undergraduate law degree.
Mathematics

Mathematics is at the heart of advances in science, engineering and technology, as well as being an indispensable problem-solving and decision-making tool in many other areas of life.

You may relish the intellectual challenge of exploring particular aspects of pure or applied mathematics that interest you, or you may be looking to advance your career with a higher-level qualification. Whatever your motivation or ambitions, our postgraduate mathematics programme has much to offer you.

We have over 500 students currently studying for our MSc, by far the largest number of students on any mathematics MSc in the UK. Studying with us gives you access to important and fascinating areas of mathematics, such as applied complex variables, coding theory and analytic number theory. While extending your knowledge, your studies will also refine your abilities to process information accurately, and critically analyse and communicate complex ideas.

This enhanced skill set and your postgraduate study experience will be clear advantages in progressing a career in mathematics education or as a professional mathematician. Equally, they may help you to climb the ranks in fields as diverse as computer science, economics, engineering and finance, where advanced numerical and analytical skills are always in high demand.

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Selected highlight:

MSc in Mathematics (F04)

Mathematics is at the heart of advances in science, engineering and technology, as well as being an indispensable problem-solving and decision-making tool in many other areas of life. This MSc enables you to delve deeply into particular aspects of pure and applied mathematics, through a wide choice of modules in fascinating areas such as fractal geometry, coding theory and analytic number theory. You’ll complete your MSc with a piece of independent study, exploring the history of modern geometry, advances in approximation theory, variational methods applied to eigenvalue problems, or algebraic graph theory and culminating in a dissertation on the topic of your choice.

Are you ready for postgraduate study?

You can check you have sufficient mathematical understanding with our MSc diagnostic quiz, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/mscquiz.

Trusted provider

We are the largest provider of part-time postgraduate mathematics in the UK.

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With many areas of scientific research advancing at a rapid rate, the demand for skilled graduates is growing.

Science is a rewarding area to study both personally and professionally. As a professional scientist you could be instrumental, for example, in developing new medicines, researching climate change or part of a team advancing space exploration. A postgraduate qualification in science will widen your opportunities even further, with the potential to rise to the top of your profession and to significantly increase your lifetime earnings.

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MSc in Science (F12)
This masters degree will enable you to examine some of contemporary science’s most pressing issues and to develop a wide range of skills associated with masters-level study. The MSc includes taught modules and a compulsory project module which gives you the opportunity to explore a topic in further depth.

MSc in Medicinal Chemistry (F62)
This qualification enables you to study aspects of medicinal chemistry that explore the links between disease, mechanisms of action and the development of safe, effective commercial drugs – pursuing these topics across a number of major health areas such as cancer, heart disease, infectious diseases, neuropharmacology and inflammation, while developing a wide range of skills.
MSc in Earth Science (F53)

This qualification explores current aspects of Earth science, investigating how interactions between the Earth’s lithosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere are dependent upon each other and interact across a wide range of temporal and spatial scales. You will consider the complexity of interacting systems, investigate how to quantify fluxes within the Earth system, and develop your understanding of the climatic consequences of changing the balance between different components. You will also learn how to communicate scientific information to specialists and non-specialists.

NEW MSc in Space Science and Technology (F77)

This MSc is designed for those with an academic or professional interest in space science and the technology that underpins this discipline. It equips you with the skills to carry out scientific investigations using space-based instrumentation, both individually and as a team. You will learn how to use a programming language in support of space science applications and develop other skills that are relevant to further research or employment in the space sector. The qualification also requires you to conduct an in-depth research project in space science or space technology.

Cutting-edge techniques
Over 40 years’ experience help us to develop cutting-edge science modules that will challenge you and stimulate you, as you learn.

Respected academics
Our leading academics apply their latest thinking and expertise to develop and inform cutting-edge programmes in partnership with the BBC.

MORE ONLINE
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You achieve a postgraduate qualification at the OU by studying a series of modules.

Modules are our units of study. To work towards a qualification, you first need to choose and register on a module that counts towards that qualification. With each module you successfully complete you’ll earn a set number of credits which you build up to gain your qualification.

Decide what to study

We offer the following postgraduate qualifications:
- Masters degree
- Postgraduate diploma
- Postgraduate certificate

Many of our masters degree programmes offer what we call ‘nested’ qualifications: you start with a certificate you can study in just one year, that leads on to a diploma, and finally a masters degree. Specialist knowledge and study skills develop progressively as you work through the qualification – but each level gives you a valuable qualification in its own right.

You need 180 credits to complete a masters degree, 120 credits for a postgraduate diploma and 60 credits for a postgraduate certificate.

Are there any entry requirements?

You will normally need to hold a UK bachelors degree, or equivalent qualification, to study at postgraduate level.

As all of our teaching is in English, your spoken and written English must be of an adequate standard for postgraduate study. If English is not your first language, we recommend that you will need a minimum overall score of 6 and minimum score of 5.5 in each of the four components: reading, writing, speaking and listening under the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Go to www.ielts.org for details.

To find out more about the entry requirements for the qualification you are interested in, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg or contact our Student Recruitment Team on +44 (0)300 303 5303.

Count your previous study

If you’ve studied at a higher education level before, you may be able to count this study towards your OU qualification, reducing the cost and saving you time too.

To find out how this works, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer.

Studied before?

Half of our Open degree students transfer credit from previous study, so your degree may be closer than you think.
Most OU students study part time. Exactly how long it takes depends on how many credits you achieve each year, and which qualification you’re working towards.

If you’re thinking of studying full time, you’ll need to plan your studies carefully as it involves studying more than one module at a time. You’ll also need to bear in mind that, depending on your chosen qualification, the required modules may not all be available within your study year or may not be studied together for academic reasons. If this is the case, you won’t be able to study full time.

The table below gives you a rough idea of how long it will take to complete a part time postgraduate qualification. For further information about a specific qualification go to [www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg).

### Qualifications

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#### Postgraduate diploma (120 credits)

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#### Postgraduate certificate (60 credits)

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Remember, if you’ve successfully completed postgraduate study elsewhere, some of our programmes may allow you to count it towards your OU postgraduate qualification – reducing the number of modules you need to study.
With the OU, a world-class postgraduate education is an investment you can afford to make.

**How much will it cost?**

A qualification comprises a series of modules, each with an individual fee. Added together, they give you the total cost. Our fees include study materials, tuition and assessment. All you need is a computer or laptop and an internet connection, and we’ll provide the rest.

The tables below provide indicative qualification fees for UK-based students. For details of fees for students resident outside the UK, visit our international students website at [www.openuniversity.edu](http://www.openuniversity.edu).

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The fee information provided above is valid for courses starting before 31 July 2017. Fees normally increase in line with inflation and the University’s strategic approach to fees.
How will you pay for your studies?

**Paying for it yourself**
We make it easy to pay for your studies straight away with a credit or debit card, or via a bank transfer. Or you could pay for your studies with an Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA). OUSBA offers a helpful way to budget for your qualification over a longer period of time, especially if you’re studying alongside a career, or have a young family.

**Pay by instalments** – OUSBA can work out your OU fee and pay it, on your behalf, to the OU. OUSBA then spreads the fee and the interest payable over up to one year, letting you pay back your fees monthly.

**Register first, pay later** – OUSBA can pay your full module fee direct to the OU. You then repay OUSBA interest-free, in full, just before your module starts. 0% APR representative.

You must be at least 18 years of age and credit is subject to your financial circumstances and status.

**Employer sponsorship**
When you’re better qualified, you’re a more valuable employee. So it’s always worth talking to your employer, to find out if the company or organisation would be willing to sponsor you.

**Looking at other funding options**
If you are an OU graduate with an honours degree, support may be available from the Crowther Fund. The Crowther Fund is intended to help OU graduates build upon their OU degrees, either by formal study or research or by generally broadening their experience through a period of voluntary work. The fund doesn’t take account of financial circumstances. The application closing date is 28th February each year.

“*The tutor was great – supportive, clever and challenging – and the materials were superb.*”
Josephine Brew, studied with the OU

To find out more about paying for your studies, go to [www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees)

Or call an OU adviser on +44 (0)300 303 5303
Other useful information

Studying outside the UK
Wherever you are in the world, you may be able to study directly with the OU.
For information on available qualifications, your study experience, and what the OU can offer you, go to www.openuniversity.edu or call +44 (0)300 303 0266.

Equality and diversity
We’re committed to creating an inclusive university community, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We will challenge inequality, and anticipate and respond positively to different needs so that everyone can achieve their potential.
More information is available on our Equality and Diversity website, go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/equality.

Data protection
We record your personal information when you contact us and use this to manage registration, study, examination and other services. When you register, we’ll tell you more about how we process and use your personal information.
Calls may be recorded to help us improve what we do for you.

Contacting us in writing
If you need to contact us in writing, you can use the following address:
The Student Recruitment Team
The Open University
PO Box 197
Milton Keynes
MK7 6BJ
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Students with additional needs
When you register to study with us, we’ll ask you whether you have a disability, health condition, mental-health disability or specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) that might affect your studies or examinations. If you do, we’ll direct you to more detailed information about the services we offer.

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) – UK students only
Disabled Students’ Allowances help with study costs that result directly from your disability or specific learning difficulty. Allowances are not means-tested and may go towards specialist equipment (such as an adapted computer), non-medical study support (for example, a sign-language interpreter; a note-taker or a dyslexia support worker) or other related expenses. You can also apply for help with study-related travel costs that directly result from your disability.
Eligibility and allowances depend on where you live and what you’re studying. If you are eligible for a DSA the University will only provide study support that cannot be provided by the allowance.
For information and advice about all services for students with disabilities, speak to an OU adviser on +44 (0)300 303 5303 or go to www.openuniversity.co.uk/disability.
Other ways to read this prospectus

You may find it easier to access information from our website at www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg.

We can also supply this prospectus as a PDF and in other formats. Please call +44 (0)300 303 5303, or email us from our website at www.openuniversity.co.uk/contact.
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In England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and BFPO addresses outside the UK
- Go to [www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg)
- Call our Student Recruitment Team on +44 (0)300 303 5303
  Lines are open (UK time): Monday to Friday 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday 09:00 to 17:00
  Calls are charged at the UK local rate when calling from a UK mobile phone or landline.
- Email us from our website at [www.openuniversity.co.uk/contact](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/contact)

In Northern Ireland
- Go to [www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg](http://www.openuniversity.co.uk/pg)
- Call our Belfast office on 028 9032 3722
- Email us at northernireland@open.ac.uk

In the Republic of Ireland
- Go to [www.openuniversity.edu](http://www.openuniversity.edu)
- Call our Enquiry and Advice Centre in Dublin on (01)6785399 or our Belfast office on +44 (0)28 9032 3722
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- Go to [www.openuniversity.edu](http://www.openuniversity.edu)
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