YOUR 2019/2020

POSTGRADUATE COURSES





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Dream of going further? Believe you can. Explore your full potential. Take your career to the next level. We're here to help you succeed.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

We're pioneers in distance learning and, since we were founded, have helped more than two million people realise their potential. Our unique approach to learning means you don't have to put your life on hold to get the qualification you want.

WE WILL:

- help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- provide you with the teaching and learning resources you'll need
- offer a flexible learning experience based around you and your life
- use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- be there to support you every step of the way.

YOU CAN EXPECT:

- materials that are designed with you in mind
- continuous innovation we've been leading the way in distance learning for 50 years, ensuring education is accessible, whatever your circumstances
- access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- qualifications that are respected by employers the world over.

<mark>78%</mark>

of FTSE 100 companies have sponsored employees on OU courses

FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE US

1.

We're open to you – we make learning available to all, regardless of background, age or additional learning needs.

2

You can study around your existing commitments – we're experts in helping people fit their studies around their busy lives.



We guarantee outstanding value and a high-quality education at a competitive price.

4.

We've designed our qualifications to be vocationally focused, ensuring you can put what you learn into practice immediately.

5.

You get more than a highly respected qualification; you'll be able to show you're dedicated and committed - skills that are valued in the workplace.

TAKING YOUR STUDY EVEN HIGHER

It's great you're looking into postgraduate study. You could become a specialist in your field and open doors to more senior roles.

Exploring a subject in greater depth can be life-changing, especially when it's with the OU. We'll put everything into helping you succeed.

WE'LL WORK AROUND YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE

You won't have to put your life on hold.

With The Open University, there's no need to relocate or give up your day job.

That's why thousands of people choose us for postgraduate study.

HAVE YOU STUDIED BEFORE?

If you've studied before at postgraduate level it might count towards your OU qualification, cutting down the modules you'll need to study as well as saving you time and money.

If you tell us what you've done, we'll do the rest.

Go to openuniversity.co.uk/ credit-transfer.

To anyone thinking about doing an OU degree, my advice is stop thinking about it and do it, it can be life changing."

Neil McIvor, MSc in Mathematics

WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

Whatever inspires or excites you, our tutors will introduce you to worldclass research and ideas.





You can study three types of postgraduate qualification:

- Masters degree
 Study modules towards an internationally respected qualification while gaining specialist academic, professional or technical skills.
- Postgraduate diploma
 Work towards a widely
 recognised qualification.
 A postgraduate diploma
 is equivalent to two-thirds
 of a masters degree.
- Postgraduate certificate The first step towards a masters degree and a valuable qualification in its own right. Ideal for professional and career development.

Whatever you choose, we'll give you:

- the flexibility to fit study around your other commitments
- the opportunity to enhance your career
- freedom to follow your passions in depth.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Typically, you'll be expected to have a degree. But you might have professional experience, other qualifications or prior university-level study that'll help set you up for success.

What matters is that you're able to:

- find and understand research material written for experts
- critically analyse your findings
- follow academic convention when presenting findings, ideas, bibliographies and references
- reflect on different theories and relate them to your own studies.

Whatever course you decide on, you'll need:

- an up-to-date computer
- reliable internet access
- an appropriate level of proficiency in English.
 (You can check your English skills at openuniversity.co.uk/ englishlanguage.)

LEARN IN A WAY THAT SUITS YOU

You'll have the flexibility to fit study around the other things going on in your life, whatever they may be.

SUPPORTED OPEN LEARNING

We've designed our learning experience to combine flexibility and regular contact, ensuring you get the help you need to learn in the best possible way. You'll get regular support from tutors and access to all the materials and resources essential to your course.

You'll also have access to a student support team who will be there to help you on your learning journey.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED

You could be assessed in a number of different ways. We use a combination of written assignments, oral or practical assessments, projects, examinations, dissertations and portfolios.

PIONEERING TECHNOLOGY

We've been using innovative technology to connect with our students since we first started. We'll make sure that you always have what you need and feel connected.

CONNECT WITH OTHER STUDENTS

You can use our module discussion groups to talk about subjects, course work or study methods.

You can also connect with us on social media, or join one of the many informal Facebook groups set up by students.

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

You'll gain automatic entry to our active students association when you register – you can help influence University decisions, meet fellow students and develop new skills.

Find out more at

openuniversity.co.uk/ousa.

Or join the conversation on Facebook.com/OUstudents Twitter.com/OUstudents Instagram.com/OUstudentslive

DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL STUDY NEEDS?

We're committed to helping students with disabilities and additional needs. We'll give you the tools to help overcome obstacles that could stand in the way of your learning – whatever your needs may be.

DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCE (DSA) -UK STUDENTS ONLY

A DSA can help you with study costs that result directly from your disability or specific learning difficulty. They're not means-tested and can go towards specialist equipment (such as an adapted computer), non-medical study support (e.g. a dyslexia support worker) or other related expenses. You can also apply for help with study-related travel costs that result directly from your disability.

For more information, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/disability** or call us on **0300 303 5303**.

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO STUDY WITH THE OPEN UNIVERSITY?

To find out more about the OU study experience and how we'll support you throughout your studies, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/learning**.

HOW YOU BUILD YOUR QUALIFICATION

You gain a postgraduate qualification by building up a set number of credits ...

CREDITS

You need:

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

You gain credits by successfully completing modules ...

MODULES

- With each module you successfully complete, you'll earn a set number of credits, usually 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or selected from a choice of options.
- You choose the modules you want to study, year by year.

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.

For information on how long your qualification will take - see opposite.

60 credits at postgraduate level.



A further 60 credits at postgraduate level – total **120 credits**.

Postgraduate diploma

A further 60 credits at postgraduate level – total **180 credits**.

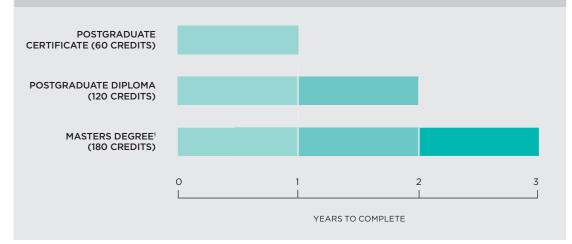
Masters degree

HOW LONG YOUR QUALIFICATION WILL TAKE

Exactly how long it will take to get your qualification depends on how many credits you study each year and which qualification you're working towards. Most of our students study part time. The way we work gives you the flexibility to get the qualification you want in a timeframe that's right for you.

See below for a guide to how long it will take you to gain your qualification. Remember, you may be able to count previous postgraduate studies towards your qualification, which could save you time by reducing the number of modules you need to study. To find out more, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/ credit-transfer**.

PART TIME | 60 CREDITS A YEAR | 16-20 STUDY HOURS A WEEK



¹ Some postgraduate qualifications follow a different pattern of study.

For course-specific information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/pg and view your chosen qualification.

FEES AND FUNDING

We offer great value for money, and we'll always help you find a way of paying that suits your circumstances. With The Open University, a world-class postgraduate education is an investment you can afford.

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.

To find the fee for the qualification you're interested in, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees**.

FUNDING - ENGLAND

If you live in England, you could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £10,906 from Student Finance England.

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

KEY FACTS

- 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, if you earn £22,000, you'll repay only £60 that year (6% of £1,000).
- If you already earn over £21,000, you won't need to start repaying your loan until the April after you've graduated or left the course.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.

FUNDING - WALES

From September 2019, new postgraduate students can apply for financial support, made up of non-repayable grants and top-up loans, to help with study costs. For the latest information, please see our website or contact us on **029 2047 1170**.

FUNDING - NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

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

To be eligible you must be:

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

KEY FACTS

- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £18,935 in Northern Ireland and £18,330 in Scotland).
- You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £20,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £150.30 that year (9% of £1,670).
- If you're already earning over the threshold, you won't need to start repaying your loan until the April after you've graduated or left the course.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

SELF-FUNDED STUDY

You can pay using a debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account - see right for more information.

GET SPONSORED

See whether your company or organisation would want to help you learn and develop. It's always worth asking.

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BUDGET ACCOUNTS LTD (OUSBA)

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

OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University, and you repay OUSBA either in a single sum or in monthly instalments.

You may repay OUSBA at any time before the course begins. In this case, there's no interest.

Alternatively, you may repay OUSBA in monthly instalments payable over up to a year. In this case, interest does apply. The interest rate is fixed for the duration of the course (current representative APR of 5.1%).

As a responsible lender, every application made to OUSBA undergoes a credit and affordability check.

Find out more about OUSBA at **openuniversity.co.uk/ousba**.



MORE ONLINE

To find out more about fees and funding, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees** or call an OU adviser on **0300 303 5303**.

BOOST YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

An OU qualification can really boost your career. Employers the world over will respect what you've tackled. They know it's hard to juggle study, work and family life.

There's no better way to show you can seize opportunity. That you're ready to learn. And up for fresh challenges.

Network Rail, IBM and PwC are just some of the firms which seek recruits from the OU.

YOU'LL BE WORKING HARD. AND WE'LL BE WORKING HARD FOR YOU

Our relationships with employers help us understand what they're looking for. Our educational materials are often designed by leading industry experts. And we check them with skills councils, businesses and professional bodies to make sure they're current and relevant.

That's why so many employers are happy to sponsor their staff to study with the OU.

CAREERS GUIDANCE. RIGHT FROM DAY ONE

We'll help you start, change or develop your career, regardless of your background. And you'll discover opportunities you might otherwise never encounter.

Once you're registered, you'll get access to:

- online forums, webinars, and Facebook Live chats
- a wealth of downloadable guides and the Career Planning and Job Seeking Workbook
- online interactive career planning and CV building tools
- our LinkedIn networking group
- one-to-one guidance from experienced careers consultants.

You'll get EXCLUSIVE ACCESS to

OpportunityHub, the new online platform connecting OU students and graduates with employers Balancing OU study with other commitments gives students flexibility and time management skills particularly valued by employers and can really prepare students for life beyond higher education."

Andrew Bargery, PwC



Find out more at **openuniversity.co.uk/careers**.

OUR RESEARCH – CREATING YOUR CURRICULUM

We're leading the way in world-class research. Tackling real-life issues. And making sure the curriculum you study remains cutting-edge.

VOLCANO SAFETY

First we developed EVOSS - the European Volcano Observatory Space Services project. Now we're developing a real-time satellite volcano monitoring system, designed to expand worldwide. We'll provide vital information on lavas, gas columns and ash plumes - potentially protecting thousands of people.

DOGS GO DIGITAL

Dr Clara Mancini set up our first research programme into animal-computer interaction. Developing tools to enable dogs to work in medical detection.

One tool lets diabetes-alert dogs raise help if their owner suffers a hypoglycaemic attack. Another allows trained pets to operate lights or doors.

Through digital technology, we hope to link these tools to wireless appliances, alert others that help is required, and make these even more useful in people's homes.

ROSETTA: THE GREAT SPACE MISSION OF OUR TIME

It took 10 years for the Rosetta space mission to reach Comet 67P. But after travelling almost four billion miles, it finally made it on 6 August 2014.

Getting there was the first hurdle. Then it was down to the important instrumentation built by the OU to do its work. Like Ptolemy, which measured samples from the comet, and found they contained sugars and amino acids: the building blocks of life.



MORE ONLINE

Find out what else we're discovering: openuniversity.co.uk/ ourresearch



IAMES JAMES FROWEN

James graduated from The Open University with a BA (Hons) in Leadership and Management and progressed in his career to middle management. But with the determination to go further, he registered on an MBA with the OU and is now the Head of Customer Delivery Support with the Welsh Civil Service. After completing my undergraduate degree in four years, I still wanted to go further in my career, so it made sense to undertake an MBA.

Studying with the OU is such a rewarding experience. It's not just the high-quality learning materials, but the opportunity to study alongside students from other backgrounds. It's invaluable. The residential schools have been particularly useful. Spending time with international students gives you great insight and has broadened my perspective, making me a far better leader.

The skills you learn from the OU - the ability to organise yourself, to keep yourself motivated, to go home after work and then sit down for another three or four hours of studies - change you as a person. My studies have made me far more confident. I'm more aware of strategy and the wider picture within organisations, and that has been massively beneficial. One of the key things about the OU MBA is that it takes a practicebased approach. So, when you learn new skills, you can practise them in the workplace immediately. To get the most out of the course, I've had to work very hard. I'm married with a 10-year-old daughter, but the OU has enabled me to be flexible. That means that one day I might be studying quite late at night, and on another, I might be studying on the train to London, and that works perfectly. I couldn't get that at a traditional university. That said, you do have to invest the time – you have to be committed.

I'm now on the corporate leadership group for Companies House and oversee six different teams. It's been an incredible journey. Studying with the OU has been life changing. As well as the benefits to my career, it's completely transformed me as a person.

James Frowen, Currently studying towards an MBA.



FIND A POSTGRADUATE COURSE

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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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 1,800 students are currently engaged in our flexible programme, which covers many fascinating aspects of historical and contemporary cultures. 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. 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.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Art history			F33 (MA)
Classical studies			F27 (MA)
Creative writing			F71 (MA)
English			F58 (MA)
History			F28 (MA)
Humanities	C20	D35	
Philosophy			F30 (MA)



MA IN ART HISTORY (F33)

This online MA will deepen your understanding of art, architecture and visual culture, build your analytical and critical skills, and develop the skills needed for independent study and research. You will start by exploring the core concepts and recent developments that have shaped art history from Renaissance Italy to the contemporary Caribbean, before expanding your understanding of visual and material objects.

MA IN CLASSICAL STUDIES (F27)

This online MA will develop vour 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.

MA IN CREATIVE WRITING (F71)

This online MA offers an exciting opportunity to develop your skills as a writer in fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction and scriptwriting. You'll 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.

MA IN ENGLISH (F58)

This online 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 of your choice.

MA IN HISTORY (F28)

This online 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'll gain practical experience of project planning through the completion of your own independently researched dissertation.

MA IN PHILOSOPHY (F30)

This online MA will hone your ability to think clearly, reason logically, and develop your essay writing, research and analytical skills. You'll put forward and evaluate arguments while exploring current debates and issues in philosophy – engaging with a wide range of fascinating philosophy texts and areas of contemporary enquiry with discussions on environmental aesthetics, consciousness, global justice and political philosophy.



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.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Business administration	C66	E80	F61 (MBA)
Finance	K24	E83	F67 (MSc)
Human resource management	K25	E84	F68 (MSc)
Technology management			F69 (MBA)

The Open University Business School is one of an elite group of schools worldwide which are 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.

The table above 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'll focus on strategic analysis and interdisciplinary skills – building on a solid foundation of core disciplines, including human resource management, organisational behaviour, accounting and finance, marketing and operations.

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: information technology/information systems, 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'll 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 will complete your qualification with a dissertation on a finance topic of your choice that is relevant to your interests or chosen career development.

This qualification has been accepted into the CFA Institute University Affiliation Program.

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'll 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.

Completing the MSc, and the related residential school module, provides a route to professional membership of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD).



CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH STUDIES

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.

We underpin the teaching approach by linking theoretical and practical/policy approaches. Each individual module will increase your knowledge and deepen your critical reflection and insight into working with children and young people.

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.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in childhood and youth studies.

SUBJECT	POSTGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE	MASTERS
	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	DEGREE
Childhood and youth studies	K32	E93	F55 (MA)

MA IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH (F55)

This postgraduate degree offers an interdisciplinary approach to the study of childhood and youth-covering aspects of theory, policy and practice. It's for graduates with a background in childhood and youth studies; sociology; health and social care; anthropology; psychology; or education. It would be particularly relevant for those working with, or aspiring to work with, children and young people, as well as those who want to advance academically or professionally.

The MA comprises three modules: Children and young people's worlds (E808); Frameworks for critical practice with children and young people (E809); and a 60-credit dissertation module (E810).

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH STUDIES (E93)

You can gain the postgraduate diploma when you pass the first two modules from the MA.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH STUDIES (K32)

For this qualification, you need to pass the first module from the postgraduate diploma and MA.



To discover more and register online, go to **openuniversity.co.uk/pg**.

You may also be interested in our **QUALIFICATIONS IN EDUCATION** see page 22



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.

We're 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.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in computing and IT.

SUBJECT	POSTGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE	MASTERS
	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	DEGREE
Computing	K22	E81	F66 (MSc)

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTING (K22)

This qualification is an intensive programme for graduates and professionals with industry experience. It will develop your knowledge and skills in computing, support a professional approach to the application of those skills, and demonstrate your capability for advanced-level study. A wide choice of modules enables you to meet your immediate career needs or extend your understanding of this broad subject.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING (E81)

This flexible diploma enables computing practitioners to pursue their career goals by gaining advanced knowledge, skills and techniques; and to develop a professional approach to the study and application of computing. A wide choice of modules means you can tailor your qualification to the varied requirements of industry and your own career needs, with the option to focus on either software engineering or information security and forensics.

MSc IN COMPUTING (F66)

This industry-relevant qualification provides a rigorous approach to the study and application of computing, covering a range of topics and incorporating transferable skills applicable to professional development. You can choose between the flexible route (offering a wide choice of modules to suit your needs), and either the more focused software engineering route or the information security and forensics route (which enable you to develop in-depth specialist knowledge). All three routes finish with a substantial independent project that will either have a professional or research orientation.



Whether you're an experienced practitioner or looking to move into an education-related role, our qualifications offer flexibility for your professional development and the opportunity to gain career credentials to help you establish yourself as a leader in your field.

The Masters degree in Education (and its associated Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Professional Studies in Education) allows you to choose subject content most appropriate to your professional area of interest.

Subject areas include:

- applied linguistics
- inclusive practice
- leadership and management
- learning and teaching.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Education	K27	E88	F70 (MA/MEd)
Online and distance education	C23	D36	

The online and distance education programme enables you to develop specialist professional expertise in the latest technologies and teaching approaches relevant to digital learning and global education.

Investigation of current and significant issues from your own experience will support your development goals. 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'll also acquire skills and experience in tackling and solving problems. The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in education.

MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION (F70)

This flexible qualification offers four specialist routes - applied linguistics; inclusive practice; leadership and management; and learning and teaching. Your choice of route will enable you to engage with issues, concepts and debates in an area that supports your professional development. Your investigative study or dissertation will draw on your own and others' experience, and on appropriate literature. It will develop your understanding of the role and the limitations of research in informing educational practice.

> You may also be interested in our MA IN TRANSLATION see page 29

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN EDUCATION (E88)

You can gain the postgraduate diploma when you pass the first two modules from the Masters degree in Education.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN EDUCATION (K27)

For this qualification, you need to pass the first module from the postgraduate diploma and masters degree.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ONLINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION (D36)

This postgraduate diploma is open to students around the world. It offers the unique opportunity to study the theory and practice of online and distance education through modules created by experts from the Open University's Institute of Educational Technology who are reinventing digital learning through the innovative use of new media and technologies.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ONLINE AND DISTANCE EDUCATION (C23)

For this qualification, you need to pass one module from the postgraduate diploma.



MORE ONLINE



ENGINEERING, SYSTEMS THINKING AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

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

Imagination and ability to integrate technologies into an organisation's products, processes and services are in great demand throughout public and voluntary sectors as well as in business and industry. Skills in systems thinking also apply to many other domains.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in engineering, systems thinking and technology management.

ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

Our MSc in Engineering fulfils the Engineering Council's educational requirements for Chartered Engineer (CEng) status under UK-SPEC¹, and is accredited by several leading institutions:

- Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE)
- Institution of Engineering Designers (IED)
- Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE).

¹UK-SPEC (UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence) sets out the requirements for UK engineers to achieve professional status.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Engineering		E22	F46 (MSc)
Systems thinking in practice	C72	E28	F47 (MSc)
Technology management	C49	E08	F36 (MSc)

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'll 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 and can help you progress towards Chartered Engineer registration.

MSc IN ENGINEERING (F46)

This MSc 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 and extend your engineering skills. You'll also develop a range of transferable skills, such as the ability to solve problems creatively, communicate effectively, manage projects and turn concepts into reality.









MSc IN TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT (F36)

This MSc will provide you with the knowledge and skills critical to making the right decisions about technology strategy, innovation and management to make a real difference to your organisation. You'll begin by focusing on the operational aspects of managing technological innovation and change. You'll then 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 technology management topic or problem of your choice.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SYSTEMS THINKING IN PRACTICE (E28)

This diploma develops your ability to approach and tackle complex problems, providing practical tools that will help bring new perspectives and approaches to problem solving.

It may well change how you think about a task and situation. 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, in order to move towards effective solutions and avoid systemic failures.

MSc IN SYSTEMS THINKING IN PRACTICE (F47)

This MSc has the development of skills in holistic thinking. and appreciation of multiple perspectives at its core. These skills are relevant to many different domains e.g. health, business, local government, environment, development, engineering, organisational change and IT management. You'll gain insights into the range of ways in which other people think about particular situations and how to apply a wide range of concepts, tools and techniques developed by systems thinkers. You'll also learn to appreciate and develop your own ways of thinking in practice, becoming aware of how you can act to bring about improvements in messy situations.





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

Complying with environmental legislation, 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 are for people who are interested in designing, managing and participating in effective environmental management. The student body is diverse – drawn from local government, consultancies, industry, commerce, non-governmental organisations and communities.

SUBJECT	POSTGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE	MASTERS
	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	DEGREE
Environmental management	K19	E79	F65 (MSc)

ACCREDITATION

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





The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in environmental management.

SELECTED HIGHLIGHT

MSc IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (F65)

This qualification will expand your knowledge of environmental management and develop the skills to participate in more effective, informed and creative environmental management.

You'll 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 needed to unpack the issues and participate creatively in the process of improving environmental performance in all sectors of society.





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.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in development management.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Conflict and development	C67		
Development management	C48	D37	F11 (MSc)
Human rights and development management	C96		

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

The health and social care sector offers a wealth of rewarding opportunities for professional learning. Our postgraduate qualifications are strongly practicefocussed and enable you to build on existing professional experience to progress your career in particular areas.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in health and social care.



SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Non-medical prescribing	K33		
Social work		E85	F80 (MA)

SOCIAL WORK

This programme – consisting of a diploma and a masters degree – is interdisciplinary, with subject matter derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK (E85)

This professional social work qualification combines academic and practice-based learning to enhance your knowledge of social work theory and legislation, and apply your learning to practice. It's approved as a social work qualifying award in England by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and in Scotland by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). You may claim the diploma as a discrete qualification, or as an embedded award within the Master of Arts in Social Work. It includes a residential weekend, face-to-face workshops and two substantive work-based practice placements.

NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING

This new OU programme offers an exciting and innovative approach to non-medical prescribing, allowing you to take control of both the pace and direction of your own learning.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING (K33)

This professional qualification prepares appropriately-qualified pharmacists and allied health professionals' to become Independent Prescribers, opening up opportunities for you to play an enhanced and highly valued role within your organisation. It includes faceto-face workshops alongside online resources and tutorials.

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There's an increasing global demand for translators and language specialists, and our postgraduate qualifications will provide you with the knowledge and skills to embark on a career as a translator.

Translation is an immensely rewarding profession for those with an interest in languages and communication. It encompasses a wide and growing range of areas, including audiovisual translation, advertising or website localisation, as well as semi-specialised and specialised translation.

You can study French, German, Italian, Spanish, Modern Standard Arabic, or Mandarin Chinese - in combination with English.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in languages.

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SUBJECT	POSTGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE	MASTERS
	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	DEGREE
Translation	K30	E92	F79 (MA)

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TRANSLATION (K30)

The postgraduate certificate comprises the first module from the MA. The certificate enables you to start developing your skills as a translator. You'll engage in authentic translation tasks to develop useful employability skills, explore different approaches to translation and develop an understanding of the links between theory and practice. With a focus on recent research, you'll develop an awareness of the wider cultural, ethical and professional contexts of translation.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSLATION (E92)

The postgraduate diploma comprises the first two modules from the MA. The diploma builds on the work covered in the postgraduate certificate to enable you to develop your translation practice through hands-on experience of translation tools. You'll also participate in online open translation projects, giving you some options to choose what you translate and allowing you to connect with established translation communities.

MA IN TRANSLATION (F79)

This qualification is an exciting opportunity to develop your skills as a translator, equipping you to work in the fast-growing translation-services industry. You'll experiment with different genres through practical, inspiring translation activities, and hone your practice through peer review. You'll gain hands-on experience of using tools necessary to operate in this rapidly evolving area (e.g. audiovisual translation or cloudbased translation tools). You'll underpin your work with an understanding of translation theories and debates.



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 might relish the intellectual challenge of exploring particular aspects of pure or applied mathematics that interest you or you could 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 postgraduate study experience will offer clear advantages in progressing your career in mathematics education or as a professional mathematician. Equally, they can 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.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in mathematics.

SUBJECT	POSTGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE	MASTERS
	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	DEGREE
Mathematics	C90	E23	F04 (MSc)



POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MATHEMATICS (C90)

This flexible course comprises two 30-credit modules from a wide choice, enabling you to tailor your studies to your particular area of interest. It's the first stage of our postgraduate mathematics programme; you can progress on to a postgraduate diploma and finally the MSc in Mathematics.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MATHEMATICS (E23)

This postgraduate diploma comprises four 30-credit modules on a range of topics – including analytic number theory, calculus of variations and nonlinear ordinary differential equations – extending your understanding of key areas of mathematics. You can achieve the MSc in Mathematics by taking a further two 30-credit modules.

MSC IN MATHEMATICS (F04)

This MSc enables you to delve deeply into particular aspects of pure and applied mathematics through a wide choice of modules in areas such as fractal geometry, coding theory and calculus of variations. The choice of modules is sufficient to be of interest to not only mathematicians, but also mathematically inclined scientists or engineers looking to advance their career by gaining a high-level qualification. You'll complete your MSc with a piece of independent study, exploring a mathematical topic in detail, and conclude this with a dissertation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- An honours degree (with a 2:2 classification or higher) in mathematics.
- Alternatively, an honours degree (with a 2:1 classification or higher) in a subject with a high mathematical content.

Check you're ready with our self-assessed quiz: openuniversity.co.uk/mscquiz.



SCIENCE

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

Science is a rewarding area to study both personally and professionally. As a professional scientist, you could be instrumental in developing new medicines, researching health sciences or as 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 significantly increase your lifetime earnings.

The table below shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in science.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA	MASTERS DEGREE
Mental health science		E91	F78 (MSc)
Science			F12 (MSc)
Space science and technology	K28	E90	F77 (MSc)

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

MSc IN MENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE (F78)

This qualification is for those with an academic or professional interest in mental health science and the biological and psychological underpinnings of this discipline. It equips you with the necessary skills to critically evaluate the current literature, discuss contemporary issues and communicate a critical understanding of key topics in mental health science. Qualifying from this programme, you'll gain advanced knowledge and understanding of anxiety, depression, psychosis and dementia from an interdisciplinary 'biopsychosocial' perspective. You'll also plan and carry out an academically rigorous research project and develop other skills and knowledge that are relevant to further research, employment, and to inform professional practice.

MSc IN SCIENCE (F12)

This qualification explores some of contemporary science's most pressing issues and develops a wide range of skills associated with postgraduate study. It includes a wide range of taught modules to suit your needs and interests. It concludes with a project module that gives you the opportunity to explore a topic in further depth and undertake a substantial piece of independent research.

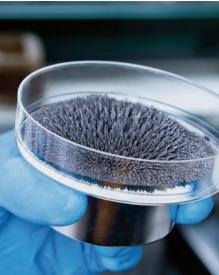
MSc IN SPACE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (F77)

This qualification is for those interested in space science, and the technology that underpins it. or who want to develop a career in the space sector. Developed in consultation with the UK Space Agency and the space industry itself, this MSc equips you with the skills to carry out scientific investigations using remote instrumentation, both individually and as a team. You'll 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. You'll also conduct an in-depth research project in space science or space technology.



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SOCIAL SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology and social science are used in many professional and everyday contexts, including counselling; the operation of criminal justice; social policy; and social research. If you have a passion for social and psychological questions and debates, these courses will have much to offer you.

The table above shows the postgraduate qualifications we currently offer in social science and psychology.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL INQUIRY (K26)

If your work makes considerable use of social or psychological research or you are fascinated by research into social behaviour and issues, this certificate will equip you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to appraise research and communicate your ideas to academic and non-academic audiences.

MA IN CRIME AND JUSTICE (F75)

This MA explores new perspectives and approaches to crime, harm and justice. It is concerned with examining problematic areas of social life, transgression, crime, social harm and justice in an increasingly global world.

SUBJECTS	POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	MASTERS DEGREE
Crime and justice		F75 (MA)
Forensic psychological studies		F73 (MSc)
Psychology		F74 (MSc)
Social and psychological inquiry	K26	

You will consider the significance of power, social structure, and economic and social inequalities in understanding crime, processes of criminalisation, and ideas about justice. The qualification will enhance your ability to construct clear, logical and theoretically informed arguments about problems of criminological interest.

MSc IN PSYCHOLOGY (F74)

This MSc provides a valuable opportunity to gain an advanced understanding of a range of research areas in psychology, including cognitive, social, forensic and counselling psychology. It aims to develop critical appraisal skills in psychological research and practice by showcasing contemporary research carried out by OU academics. You'll also gain an understanding of the reciprocal relationship psychological research has with medicine, public policy, public opinion and the media.

MSc IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES (F73)

This MSc enables you to gain an advanced understanding of the fascinating area of forensic psychology, while enhancing vour analytical and communication skills, as well as your research literacy. You will learn about a broad range of topics relevant to forensic psychology, including cyber crime, investigative interviewing and profiling, and develop an understanding of the reciprocal relationship this field of research has with UK law, policing practice, policy, and the wider public. The qualification also considers international differences in forensic theory, research and practice.



MA OR MSc OPEN

This innovative masters degree allows you to create a personalised qualification across a range of academic disciplines.

The degree will enable you to expand your discipline-related knowledge at masters level, gain broader subject-specific knowledge and pursue further professional development in areas that align with your employment needs and professional aspirations.

- Ideal if you're interested in several different, yet related, fields of study.
- Opportunity to specialise in one of four related areas of study.
- Offers the flexibility to design your own personalised programme of study.
- Tailor your studies to meet your personal interests or professional aspirations.

SUBJECTS	MASTERS DEGREE
Choose modules from a wide range of academic disciplines	F81 (MA or MSc)





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