

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

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- The largest university in the UK with c.150,000 students
- Founded in 1969: mission is to be open to people, places, methods and ideas
- Open entry
- Online and distance learning
- Cutting edge technology and ideas
- Accredited qualifications

FIGURES

>3600 – students in Northern Ireland, 150,000 – students in the UK

31 – average age of an OU student in Northern Ireland

73% - studying while working

17% - students in Northern Ireland with a disability

84% students in NI say studying with the OU improves their transferrable skills across jobs and industries

76% of students in NI say studying with the OU directly increases their ability to do their jobs

DREAM

“My daughter challenged me about my dream of getting a degree. I asked myself ‘Why not?’ and enrolled with the OU. I cannot describe the excitement I felt when I opened the first book and started my adventure.”

Pamela Coyne,
BA (Hons) Humanities

Find out more about my story and the Students First strategy at <http://intranet.open.ac.uk/student-stories>



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BELIEVE

“I missed the opportunity to study in my younger days. It was incredibly difficult, but I felt I just had to stick with it. This was my chance to right a terrible wrong.”

Priscilla Hogan,
BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care

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SUCCEED

“The OU has fundamentally changed my life. I now have a successful career. I couldn’t have done that without studying with The Open University.”

Neil McIvor,
BSc (Hons) Mathematics & MSc Mathematics

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Purpose: to create educational opportunities and social mobility for all who seek to realise their ambitions and fulfil their potential

Access Modules

Access – Art and Languages

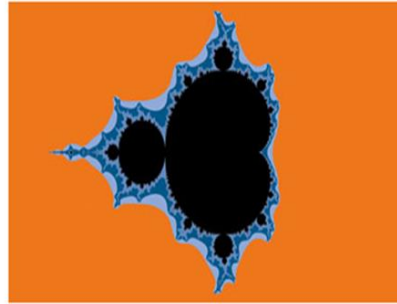
- People, Work and Society
- Maths, Computing and Science



Arts and languages



People, work and society



Science, technology and maths

- 30 weeks
- Build confidence and study skills
- Sample a range of subjects
- Experience The Open University's unique mode of Open Blended Learning

QUALIFICATIONS

Undergraduate

- Certificate of Higher Education
- Diploma of Higher Education
- Honours Degree

Postgraduate

- Postgraduate Certificate
- Postgraduate Diploma
- Masters
- Doctorate

Open Degree: bespoke qualification to suit individual interests and career goals

Credit Transfer: top up from HNC or HND

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Access

- resident in Northern Ireland
- registered on a qualification
- have a household income of less than £25,000 (or be in receipt of qualifying benefits)
- have not completed more than one year on a full-time undergraduate programme at NQF Level 4 or above, or completed 30 credits or more of OU study.

Undergraduate

- Resident in Northern Ireland
- Studying an undergraduate module of at least 30 credits
- In receipt of qualifying benefits or below the income threshold

Student Finance NI

www.studentfinancenir.co.uk

Open Educational Resources

OpenLearn



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Badged Open Courses



Open University digital badge and a statement of participation

Examples:

Returning to STEM

Succeed with Maths

Introducing Practical Healthcare

Supporting Children's

Development

Understanding your Sector

Taking your First Steps into Higher Education



www.open.edu/openlearn/spn-courses

Free Online Courses

Begin your journey to HE study with Routes to Learning – a guide through OpenLearn – a free online education resource for you to delve into and explore. All you need is access to the internet.

If you have little or no experience of university study, the first step might be a bit daunting. Trying a FREE OU OpenLearn unit using Routes to Learning can provide a realistic understanding of what an Open University course is like.

Choose from the following learning areas:
Business, Social Science, Health & Social Care, Arts & Humanities, Science, Sports & Fitness, and Maths.

The FREE Routes to Learning guide can be downloaded at www.open.ac.uk/northern-ireland/routes



Life-changing Learning

Routes To Learning

OpenLearn Ireland

Explore the diverse topics related to the culture, history, environment, and social events of Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland.

OpenLearn Ireland is a FREE online resource which showcases the excellent and diverse learning resources that The Open University has produced about Irish and Northern Irish issues.

Using the site is simple. Choose from the following themes:

- Places, Culture and Heritage
- Literature
- Age of Revolution
- Geology and Environment
- Health and Social Issues

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OpenLearn Ireland can be found at:
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Cultures



Law



Literature



Nature &
Environment



Online & Digital



Politics & the
Modern World



Science, Maths &
Technology

Questions