



About The Open University in Scotland



- The Open University has an open admissions policy: no qualifications are required to study at degree level. One in four students join us without standard university entrance level qualifications.
- More people in Scotland choose to study part-time with The Open University than with any other university. Open University students make up four in ten of all part-time undergraduate students in Scotland.
- The Open University is at the forefront of ensuring people in the workforce have the opportunities they need to develop and update their skills. The University works with hundreds of Scotland's leading employers, and our extensive continuing professional development portfolio is helping to keep Scotland's teaching, health, social care and business professionals at the head of their fields.
- Many of our students are on a low income or unemployed: one in five are able to study because they receive a fee waiver to cover their course fees; one in twenty are able to study with us because they are eligible for an individual learning account (ILA).
- The Open University has one of Scotland's most successful track records in increasing progression from further to higher education. Over a quarter of new undergraduate students in the Open University in Scotland already hold a Higher National Qualification.
- Open University students live in virtually every community in Scotland. The highest participation rate is in Shetland where nearly one in every hundred adults are studying with us.
- In 2007, the National Students Survey gave The Open University the highest satisfaction rating.

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 Facts & Figures
 2006/2007

Students	2005/2006	2006/2007
Total undergraduate level students	12,983	13,177
- Openings access courses	1,020	1,118
- other undergraduate courses	11,963	12,059
Total postgraduate level students	976	948
- taught	970	939
- research	6	4
- PGCE		5
Total students	13,959	14,125
New entrants	4,726	5,166

Student full-time equivalents (FTEs)	2005/2006	2006/2007
Undergraduate	5,322	5,304
Postgraduate	380	365
Total FTEs	5,702	5,669

Course registrations by academic area	Registrations	%
Arts	2,619	15%
Business	1,232	7%
Social sciences	2,440	14%
Education and languages	1,598	9%
Health and social care	2,897	16%
Maths, computing and technology	4,122	23%
Science	3,067	17%

Open University students in the UK		
Students	UK	% in Scotland
Total undergraduate level	164,307	8%
Total postgraduate level	17,675	5%
- taught	16,182	6%
- research	1,493	0.3%
Total UK students*	181,982	8%

*excluding overseas, initial teacher training and validated students

Profile of students	Under-graduate	Post-graduate	All students
Male: female ratio	40:60	50:50	41:59
Age profile			
Under 25	9%	2%	9%
25-34	29%	27%	29%
35-44	33%	37%	33%
45-54	19%	25%	19%
55-64	7%	7%	7%
65 and over	3%	2%	3%
Average age of new undergraduate students	34		
Students sponsored by employer	8%	29%	9%
Students receiving help with fees	26%	0%	24%
Students with disabilities	6%	4%	6%
Credit transfer awards prior to study	1,304		

Students' qualifications on entry*			
No formal qualifications	3%	1%	3%
Low	23%	6%	22%
Medium	21%	9%	20%
HND or HNC	29%	18%	28%
High	24%	67%	27%

* based on 94% of students whose qualifications on entry is known

Ethnic origin of students*			
White	97.5%	95.8%	97.4%
Asian	0.9%	1.7%	1.0%
Black	0.7%	1.5%	0.8%
Mixed and other	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%

* based on 91% of students whose ethnic origin is known

The Open University in Scotland staff	
Salaried academic, academic related and other staff	98
Associate lecturers	523

Qualifications awarded		
	2006/2007	Cumulative 1971-2007
First degrees (BA/BSc including Honours)	894	26,976
Higher degrees (taught)	146	2,113
Undergraduate certificates and diplomas	1,382	17,330
Postgraduate certificates and diplomas	156	2,511
Total	2,578	48,930

Fees	
Undergraduate course (60 credit points)	£525 to £1,995
Undergraduate residential school	£370 to £615
Postgraduate course (60 credit points)	£880 to £2,435
Research degree	
- full-time	£3,168 p.a.
- part-time	£1,580 p.a.
Study packs and materials	£10 to £100

Typical total fees for BA/BSc (Hons) undergraduate degree (360 credit points)	£3,150 to £4,225
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Course information	
Number of standard courses/modules offered	
- undergraduate level	385
- postgraduate level	155

Most popular undergraduate courses		No of Students
DD100	An introduction to the social sciences	683
K100	Understanding health and social care	413
A103	An introduction to the humanities	393
S103	Discovering science	319
M150	Data, computing and information	316