

# IS PART-TIME STUDY RIGHT FOR ME?



The Open University provides part-time and distant learning so you can study at the times and in the place that best suit you. 74% of our students study while working part-time or full-time. The flexibility of the OU also appeals to students with caring responsibilities, parents, and others who may prefer not to travel to university.

There are no formal entry requirements for most courses. OU modules generally start in October and February and last nine months, though there are shorter modules and start dates at other times of the year.

As an OU student you will be allocated a course tutor to support you through each module.

## Choosing your first module

If you feel you're ready to study at university level, have a look at the range of courses available.

[www.open.ac.uk/courses](http://www.open.ac.uk/courses)

The Pathways documents in this pack look at different themes and suggest OpenLearn resources and OU modules which may be of interest to you. These include:

- Digital skills
- Leadership and management
- Health and care

With the Open University in Scotland, you can study one module at a time, so you don't have to commit yourself to doing a degree or other qualification at the start.

## Talk to us

If you would like to discuss the best place to start studying with the OU, contact our advisers on **0300 303 5303**.

## What will it cost?

There is a fee for OU modules and Access courses but nearly two thirds of OU students in Scotland study for free. The Part-Time Fee Grant will cover your module fees in full if your personal (not household) income is below a certain amount – currently £25,000 per year.

[www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding](http://www.open.ac.uk/courses/fees-and-funding)

## Support for disabled students

Our flexible system of learning supports the largest disabled student community of any UK university. Find out more about the support we offer:

[help.open.ac.uk/topic/disability](http://help.open.ac.uk/topic/disability)