

Discovery Learning with The Open University

Online Open University Courses are a new way of learning that can offer you the flexibility of distance learning and let you tap into the large amount of information available in the online, digital world.

Online Courses can be studied by thousands of people at the same time, from anywhere in the world. They usually have no entry criteria, don't normally charge fees and you can read course materials, watch videos and take tests anywhere that suits you – all you need is access to the internet.

Open University courses have been proven to increase confidence and develop the skills needed to enter Higher Education and succeed with learning.

You can choose an OpenLearn course from a wide range of subjects. Some are based on Open University course materials. Others are written specifically for OpenLearn.

What are the advantages?

- **OpenLearn free courses are available immediately**
Our courses do not have a start and end date. You can start right away or at a time that suits you.
- **You can work through at your own pace**
You can spend as long as you like on an OpenLearn course, plus, if you sign up you can track your progress and work towards a **statement of participation**.
- **There are around 1000 courses to choose from**
The courses always focus on a specific area of learning. Some focus on important and fascinating academic subjects, whilst others help you develop skills needed for study or work.
- **You can try out what's on offer from The Open University**
If you're interested in taking an Open University course but are not sure what to study or if distance learning is right for you, then OpenLearn lets you get a feel for what's on offer.

To register for free and begin your discovery in deeper understanding of your field of interest, go to <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/about-openlearn/try>



What do the icons mean?

Search results on OpenLearn display our content in boxes with icons. Here we explain the icons.

-  This icon tells you that this is a free course with a statement of participation available.
-  This shows you the learning level. There are 3 levels on offer: Level 1 Introductory, Level 2 Intermediate and Level 3 Advanced.
-  This icon shows that the course offers a digital badge on completion. See badged OpenLearn courses for more information.
-  This icon indicates the suggested study time to fully complete the course.

OpenLearn has 3 levels of study for courses

1 LEVEL	2 LEVEL	3 LEVEL
Level 1 Introductory For those new to a subject. Learn the basic and essential concepts across a range of subjects.	Level 2 Intermediate If you have some familiarity with a subject area but want to know more, Level 2 courses are for you.	Level 3 Advanced 'Want to gain a more critical understanding of a subject and take your learning further?' Level 3 courses are for you.