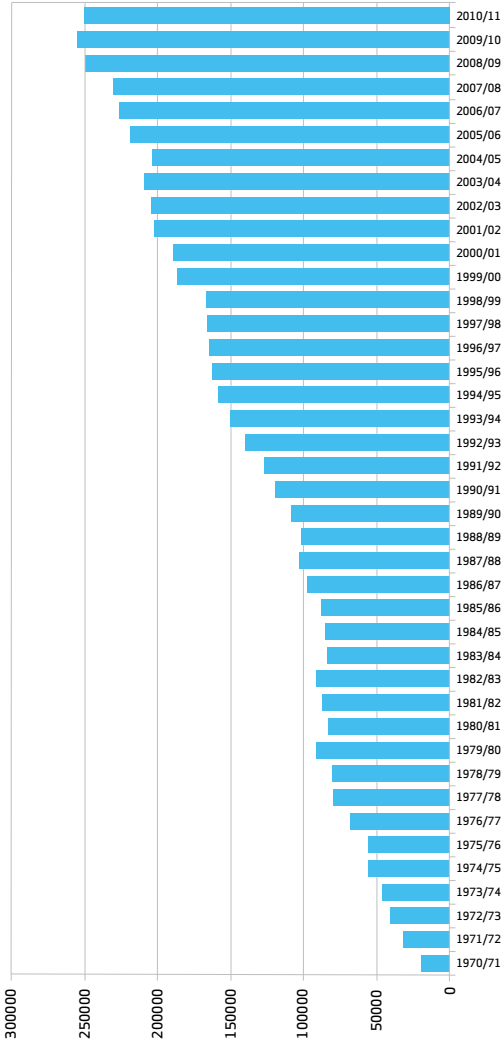


Open University Students – 1970/71 to 2010/11



## About The Open University

- The OU is the largest academic institution in the UK and a world leader in flexible distance learning. Since it began in 1969, the OU has taught more than 1.7 million students.
- The OU teaches over one-third of all part-time undergraduate students at UK higher education institutions each year.
- The OU has been one of the top three UK universities for student satisfaction in the National Student Survey every year since the survey began in 2005.
- The OU's academic provision is regularly reviewed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education. The 2009 Institutional Audit resulted in judgements of confidence in the soundness of the University's management of both academic standards and quality of learning opportunities.
- Over 70% of OU students are in full-time or part-time employment, and more than four out of five FTSE 100 companies have sponsored staff to take OU courses.
- Nearly 20% of OU undergraduates in the UK live in the 25% most deprived areas.
- 27% of new OU undergraduates in 2010/11 were aged under 25.
- The OU supports a vibrant research portfolio, conducted in the UK and in international partner institutions. In the UK's last Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008), it climbed 23 places to rank 43rd. Its freely accessible research repository, Open Research Online (ORO), contains almost 22 thousand original research publications, nearly half of which are full text PDFs.
- The OU's research funding from UK funding councils and external grants was over £27m in 2010-11, an increase of over 20% in the 3 years since 2007-8. The University had over 1,250 Postgraduate Research Students in 2010-11; including around 370 based in its Affiliated Research Centres located around the world.
- In 2008, the OU was the first UK university to join iTunes U and has since become the first university to reach 50 million downloads of its material.
- The OU is the largest European provider of content on YouTube Edu, and the OU's OpenLearn web site is the UK's largest source of free university learning materials, with over 19 million unique visitors since 2006.
- In September 2011 the Open University's Teacher Education in Sub-Saharan Africa (TESSA) programme was awarded one of six prizes from the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) and commended by the judging panel for its "outstanding quality and... exceptional impact" in its work to improve the quality of teacher education in sub-Saharan Africa.
- In 2010 the OU became one of The Sunday Times' Best Places to Work in the Public Sector.



Student and customer statistics*	2009/10	2010/11
Undergraduate-level students	190,272	191,522
Postgraduate-level students		
taught	14,986	14,459
research part-time	664	639
research full-time	650	628
Initial Teacher Training	517	603
Overseas special scheme students	6,797	5,360
Students on validated programmes	39,189	37,121
<b>Total students</b>	<b>253,075</b>	<b>250,332</b>
Study packs and materials sold	2,273	2,162
<b>Total students and customers</b>	<b>255,348</b>	<b>252,494</b>

\* All student statistics are student headcount unless stated otherwise

Student distribution	2009/10	2010/11
UK students		
England	166,936	166,607
Scotland	15,744	16,443
Wales	8,443	8,576
Northern Ireland	4,255	4,497
<b>Total UK students</b>	<b>195,378</b>	<b>196,123</b>
Republic of Ireland	3,385	3,205
Other EU	8,794	8,825
Non-EU	6,329	5,058
Students on validated programmes	39,189	37,121
<b>Total</b>	<b>253,075</b>	<b>250,332</b>

Qualifications awarded	2010/11	Cumulative 1971-2010/11
Foundation degrees	620	1,649
First degrees	10,365	331,491
Higher degrees	2,701	53,261
Undergraduate certificates and diplomas	17,653	300,109
Postgraduate certificates and diplomas	2,872	62,659
Validated qualifications (under/post-graduate)	8,256	117,086

Students by subject area (FTEs)*	2009/10	2010/11
Subjects allied to medicine	3,101	2,954
Biological and Physical Sciences	12,357	13,527
Mathematical Sciences, Computer Sciences and Engineering & Technology	15,074	14,910
Social Studies	16,381	16,212
Law	2,641	2,899
Business and Administrative Studies	8,381	9,073
Mass Communications and Documentation	123	0
Languages	7,678	7,874
Historical & Philosophical Studies	8,686	8,932
Creative Arts & Design	2,528	2,178
Education	7,250	7,105
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,198</b>	<b>85,663</b>

\* Excludes non-credit-bearing modules, study materials and packs, and students on validated programmes

Features of Open University students	2010/11	
	Undergraduate Level	Postgraduate Level
Male: female ratio	40:60	49:51
Age profile		
17 and under	3%	0%
18-21	6%	1%
22-24	8%	4%
25-34	31%	31%
35-44	27%	35%
45-54	16%	21%
55-64	7%	6%
65 and over	2%	2%
Median age of new undergraduate level students		31

Ethnic origin of new undergraduate students*	2010/11
White	88%
Asian and Black	9%
Mixed and Other	3%

\* where ethnicity was disclosed

Qualifications on entry of undergraduate level students	2010/11
No formal qualifications	3%
A Levels - amount not specified	5%
1 A level or lower	42%
2 A levels or equivalent	19%
HE qualification	23%
Postgraduate qualification	8%
Not known	0%

Other student information	2010/11
Number of students receiving help with fees	64,595
Number of students with disabilities	13,589
Number of credit transfer awards for prior study	15,317

Modules information	2010/11
Number of standard modules offered	
Undergraduate level	562
Postgraduate level	156
Overseas versions	50

UK fees	2010/11
Undergraduate module (60 credit points)	£495 to £2,330
Undergraduate residential school	£465 to £770
Postgraduate taught module (60 credit points)	£380 to £1,800
Research degree	
full-time	£3,441
part-time	£1,675
Study packs and materials	£6.50 to £42.55

Cost of study to UK students	2010/11
Typical total fees for BA/BSc (Hons) undergraduate degree (360 credit points)	£3,900 to £5,285

Finance	2009/10	2010/11
	(£ millions)	(£ millions)
<b>Income</b>		
Funding body grants	244.0	257.8
Tuition fees and education contracts	156.7	164.0
Research grants and contracts	17.0	15.6
Other income	29.1	29.2
Endowment and investment income	3.3	3.9
<b>Total income</b>	<b>450.1</b>	<b>470.5</b>

Expenditure	2009/10	2010/11
Staff costs	275.2	276.6
Depreciation	11.8	10.6
Other operating expenses	137.6	136.1
Interest payable	0.0	-0.1
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>424.6</b>	<b>423.2</b>

Staff statistics	2009/10	2010/11
Salaried academic staff	1,286	1,218
Academic-related staff	1,931	1,887
Support staff (secretaries, clerks, technicians, etc)	1,902	1,852
Associate lecturers	7,743	7,413

Most popular undergraduate modules	2010/11
	No. of students
AA100 The Arts Past and Present	7,592
DD101 Introducing the Social Sciences	6,748
K101 An Introduction to Health and Social Care	5,948
B120 An Introduction to Business Studies	5,809
DSE141 Discovering Psychology	5,703