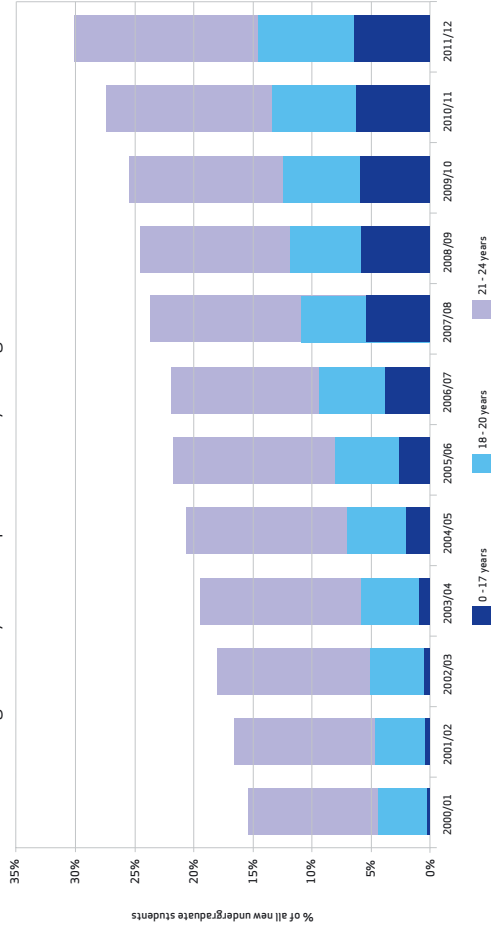
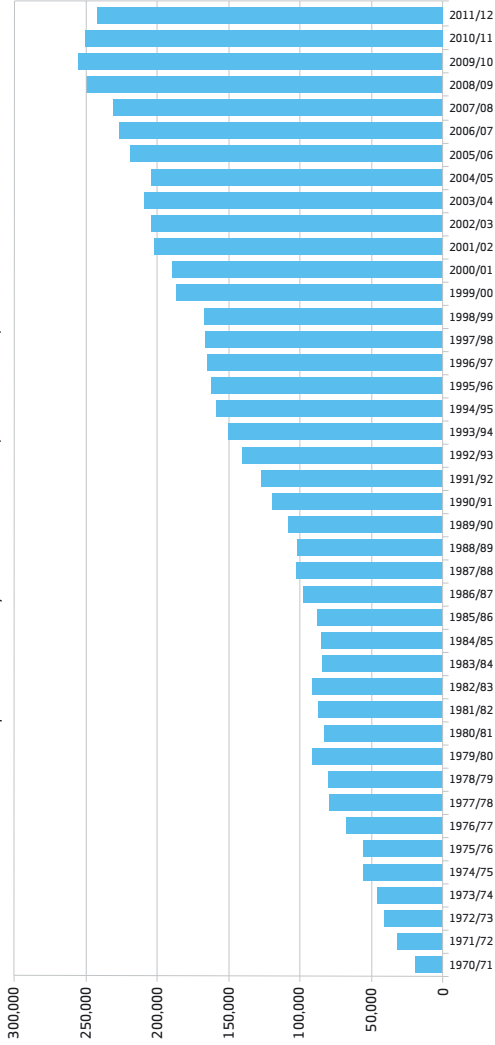


Age on entry of new Open University undergraduate students



Open University students – 1970/71 to 2011/12



### The Open University and its input to the UK economy

- The OU is the largest academic institution in the UK and has taught almost 1.8 million students since 1969. It is a world leader in flexible distance learning.
- The OU teaches over one-third of all part-time undergraduate students at UK higher education institutions each year.
- The OU was the highest-rated university in 2012, and in the top three UK universities every year since 2005, in the National Student Survey's measure of student satisfaction.
- More than 500,000 teachers on 19 teacher education programmes have benefitted from the OU's TESSA (Teacher Education in sub-Saharan Africa) Project.
- In 2011/12 16,125 students studied directly with the University overseas and more than 37,000 students on validated programmes.
- 75 of the FTSE 100 companies have sponsored staff on OU courses.
- Over 71% of OU students work full or part-time during their studies.

### Open University students

- 71% of OU undergraduates have no previous HE qualifications on entry to the university.
- Nearly 20% of OU undergraduates in the UK live in the 25% most deprived areas.
- 27% of new OU undergraduates in 2011/12 were aged under 25.
- The OU has 1,000 postgraduate research students registered directly with the University; over 300 are based at the OU's main campus in Milton Keynes.

### Research

- In the UK's last Research Assessment Exercise (RAE 2008) the Open University was ranked in the top third of UK higher education institutions.
- Around 23,000 research publications are freely available to view and consult via Open Research Online, which is one of the largest and fastest-growing research collections in the UK.
- Overall 87% of all OU research was deemed 'internationally recognised' or better in the last national assessment of UK research.

### Learning Innovation

- The OU's extensive material on iTunes U has had 56 million downloads.
- The OU is YouTube EDU's largest UK university channel, and the OU's OpenLearn website, providing free learning resources, has had 23 million visits since its launch in 2006.



The Open University

Facts & Figures

2011/2012

Student and customer statistics*	2010/11	2011/12
Undergraduate-level students	191,522	185,775
Postgraduate-level students		
taught	14,459	12,807
research part-time	639	576
research full-time	628	608
Initial Teacher Training	603	543
Overseas special scheme students	5,360	4,649
Students on validated programmes	37,121	37,121
<b>Total students</b>	<b>250,332</b>	<b>242,079</b>
Study packs and materials sold	2,162	478
<b>Total students and customers</b>	<b>252,494</b>	<b>242,557</b>

\* All student statistics are student headcount unless stated otherwise

Student distribution	2010/11	2011/12
UK students		
England	166,607	159,938
Scotland	16,443	15,711
Wales	8,576	8,769
Northern Ireland	4,497	4,415
<b>Total UK students</b>	<b>196,123</b>	<b>188,883</b>
Republic of Ireland	3,205	3,272
Other EU	8,825	7,946
Non-EU	5,058	4,907
Students on validated programmes	37,121	37,121
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,332</b>	<b>242,079</b>

Qualifications awarded	Cumulative 1971-	
	2011/12	2011/12
Foundation degrees	721	2,383
First degrees	10,496	342,425
Higher degrees	2,638	55,919
Undergraduate certificates and diplomas	13,939	315,506
Postgraduate certificates and diplomas	2,286	65,170
Validated qualifications (under/post-graduate)	10,905	128,000

Students by subject area (FTEs)*	2010/11	2011/12
Subjects allied to medicine	2,954	3,104
Biological and physical sciences	13,527	14,029
Mathematical sciences, computer sciences and engineering & technology	14,910	16,183
Social studies	16,212	16,358
Law	2,899	3,006
Business and administrative studies	9,073	8,056
Languages	7,874	7,602
Historical and philosophical studies	8,932	8,860
Creative arts and design	2,178	2,440
Education	7,105	6,508
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,663</b>	<b>86,146</b>

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

Features of Open University students	2011/12	
	Undergraduate level	Postgraduate level
Male: female ratio	39:61	50:50
Age profile		
17 and under	3%	0%
18-21	7%	1%
22-24	8%	4%
25-34	30%	30%
35-44	26%	34%
45-54	16%	22%
55-64	7%	7%
65 and over	3%	2%
Median age of new undergraduate-level students		30

Ethnic origin of new undergraduate students*	2011/12
White	88%
Asian and black	9%
Mixed and other	3%

\* where ethnicity was disclosed

Qualifications on entry of undergraduate level students	2011/12
No formal qualifications	3%
A Levels - amount not specified	9%
1 A level or lower	37%
2 A levels or equivalent	22%
HE qualification	24%
Postgraduate qualification	5%
Not known	0%

Other student information	2011/12
Number of students receiving help with fees	67,379
Number of students with disabilities	17,108
Number of credit transfer awards for prior study	12,754

Modules information	2011/12
Number of standard modules offered	
Undergraduate level	473
Postgraduate level	146
Overseas versions	58

UK fees	2011/12
Undergraduate module (60 credit points)	£535 to £2,505
Undergraduate residential school	£500 to £830
Postgraduate taught module (60 credit points)	£410 to £1,935
Research degree	
full-time	£3,732
part-time	£1,914
Study packs and materials	£6.50 to £29.95

Cost of study to UK students	2011/12
Typical total fees for BA/BSc (Hons) undergraduate degree (360 credit points)	£4,200 to £5,700

Finance	2010/11	2011/12
	(£ millions)	(£ millions)
<b>Income</b>		
Funding body grants	257.8	232.9
Tuition fees and education contracts	164.0	174.0
Research grants and contracts	15.6	13.8
Other income	29.2	28.3
Endowment and investment income	3.9	4.6
<b>Total income</b>	<b>470.5</b>	<b>453.6</b>

Expenditure	2010/11	2011/12
Staff costs	276.6	271.2
Depreciation	10.6	10.6
Other operating expenses	136.1	133.3
Interest payable	-0.1	0.6
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>423.2</b>	<b>415.7</b>

Staff statistics	2010/11	2011/12
Salaried academic staff	1,218	1,129
Academic-related staff	1,887	1,845
Support staff (secretaries, clerks, technicians, etc)	1,852	1,748
Associate lecturers	7,413	6,989

Most popular undergraduate modules	2011/12
	Number of students
AA100 The Arts Past and Present	7,420
DSE141 Discovering Psychology	6,275
DD101 Introducing the Social Sciences	6,218
B120 An Introduction to Business Studies	5,927
MST121 Using Mathematics	5,476