



HOW TO APPLY

It can take around 6 weeks for a credit transfer application to be assessed. You need to apply before you register for a qualification. However, you can start study on a standalone module basis and apply for credit transfer at a later date. If you are considering this route, please contact us for advice.

1. Check that your previous study is eligible for credit transfer by visiting www.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer
2. Choose The Open University qualification that you want to claim towards and find out how much credit transfer it allows from the qualification factsheet.
3. Download the claim form from the credit transfer website.

FINANCIAL HELP WHATEVER YOU'RE EARNING

The financial support offered to students in Scotland means it's never been a better time to opt for the OU.



FIND OUT MORE

Visit www.open.ac.uk/courses/college-routes/
Call 0131 226 3851
Email scotland@open.ac.uk

PART-TIME FEE GRANT

If your personal income, including replacement living-cost benefits, is £25,000 a year or less and you plan to study 30 or more credits (at undergraduate level), you may be entitled to a part-time fee grant.* You apply once a year for a part-time fee grant, at the same time as you register for your modules.

Contact the Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS) at www.saas.gov.uk or call **0300 555 0505**, for more information or a form. It takes around 28 days for SAAS to approve your application, so we must receive it by the deadline for financial support applications, which is on our website.

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENT BUDGET ACCOUNT (OUSBA)

The OUSBA offers a convenient 'pay as you go' option to pay your OU fees, which is a secure, quick and easy way to pay. Register now, pay later – OUSBA pays your module fee direct to the OU. You then repay OUSBA interest-free and in full just before your module starts. 0% APR representative.

PAY BY INSTALLMENTS

OUSBA calculates your monthly fee and number of instalments based on the cost of the module you are studying. APR 5.1% representative. www.ousba.co.uk/

SPONSORSHIP

If your study relates to work, your employer may be prepared to pay some or all of your fees.

PAY UP FRONT

You can use a credit or debit card when you sign up for each module.

*The part-time fee grant is not available for postgraduate study.

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YEARS

A DEGREE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

If you hold an HNC or HND you could count it towards an Open University degree

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR COLLEGE QUALIFICATION

Every year around 900 people with college qualifications take the next step towards a degree with The Open University in Scotland. 'Open Learning' means they are able to fit study around work or other commitments.

IMPROVE YOUR CAREER PROSPECTS

Whether you're about to leave college, or you're already in work, upgrading your college qualification with the OU is the flexible way to develop your career and improve your job prospects, as well as your earnings potential.

Studying part time, while managing work and personal commitments, demonstrates special qualities such as determination, adaptability, motivation, organisation and problem solving skills which are highly valued by employers.



CREDIT TRANSFER MEANS YOU ARE ALREADY ON THE WAY TO YOUR DEGREE

Getting your college qualification is a great achievement and gives you a valuable qualification that will help you build for the future. Depending on your qualification you may be able to transfer credit towards an Open University degree. If you have a HNC or HND, for example, you could qualify for credit transfer towards an Open University honours degree.

I'M CURRENTLY STUDYING, WHAT CREDIT CAN I GET FOR MY COLLEGE QUALIFICATION?

Anyone studying with an HNC, HND or a range of other eligible courses at college will be able to count credit from their studies towards an Open University degree.

How much credit you can be awarded will depend upon the qualification that you wish to study for. For example, towards a BA or BSc (Honours) Open degree, a HND might allow for up to 240 credits, whilst an HNC might allow for up to 120 credits. The credit permitted towards degrees in a named subject will differ.

I'M HAVING A BREAK FROM STUDY, CAN I USE CREDIT TRANSFER?

Maybe you are in work already or your next step might be to get a job and earn some money, either in a field you've worked in before or a completely new area. Either now or at a later date, the chances are you'll want to develop your skills even further to improve your job prospects or improve your career. Even if you have been away from study for a while you may still be able to apply for credit for eligible college qualifications.

OPEN UNIVERSITY DEGREES

You can choose to study for a BA or BSc Open degree with Honours, which allows you to explore a wide range of subjects. You're not restricted to the subjects you studied at college, so you can tailor your degree content to meet your current needs.

Honours degrees in many named subjects are also available, including Business, Computing and IT, Engineering, Social Science, Childhood and Youth Studies, Natural Sciences, Sports, Fitness and Coaching and many more. Check our website for the full range of degree programmes available. The level of credit transfer awarded for your previous study will differ depending on your college qualification and the degree you're working towards.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY FOR CREDIT TRANSFER?

You should think about applying as soon as you've got a good idea of which Open University qualification you want to do. This way, you'll be able to plan out your actual course of study knowing how much credit you can take forward.