



The Open
University

Forty years in number

In 40 years we have...



- become the UK's largest university with more than 220,000 students
- helped more than 2 million people achieve over 675,000 qualifications
- created a global learning community with approaching 70,000 students on Open University courses outside the UK
- helped more than 10,000 disabled people to study with us each year
- made higher education accessible to thousands of people who failed to achieve their potential earlier in life. As many as 44% of our undergraduate students join us without the entry qualifications demanded by conventional universities
- made it possible to earn and learn at the same time. Some 70% of our students are also in employment
- opened up opportunities for students from lower-income groups. More than 37,000 Open University students are receiving help with their fees
- broken down the traditional age barriers to higher education. We have students in their teens, students in their 90s, and all ages in between
- made more than 8,500 hours of learning resources available free of charge over the internet via our open educational website OpenLearn
- become the largest provider of management education in Europe, with one in five UK MBA students studying with The Open University
- inspired more than 50,000 employers to sponsor their staff to enrol on Open University courses