

Using multi-subject curriculum to provide a range of bespoke educational solutions: a stakeholder approach



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Given the continued popularity of studying in a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary way, particularly with an increasing focus on the provision of Liberal Arts curriculum, it is clear that studying more than one subject is not only attractive to students, but is also relevant to changing workplace environments and valued by prospective employers. This poster outlines some of the ways in which The Open University's 'Open' qualifications can be tailored to meet the needs of employers, as well as other educational providers and students themselves.

Scottish Water

The Scottish Government is committed to making Scotland the first Hydro Nation, raising Scotland's global profile through recognition as an international leader on water management and governance. Scottish Water asked the three educational institutions: Glasgow Clyde College, the OU and Heriot-Watt University, to work together to provide an articulated study route for people working in the water industry in Scotland and beyond. The OU will give credit for the HNC in Water Operations from Glasgow Clyde College into a **BSc (Honours) Open degree**. We have also worked with Heriot-Watt University to identify pathways through the degree that are of particular relevance to the industry and ideal preparation for the MSc in Water and Environmental Management.

Cambridge University

The OU is currently exploring a potential collaboration with the University of Cambridge to pilot a new module called **Making your learning count (YXM130)** with a cohort of students in secure environments. Students would complete a series of face to face teaching sessions at the prison (delivered through Cambridge University's Learning Together programme and access module support through the OU's well-established methods of providing education to students in prison.

If completed successfully, the module would result in the award of 30 credits at OU level 1, which would enable students to start continue studying a **BA/BSc (Hons) Open degree** with the OU. The Prisoners Education Trust and the Ministry of Justice are also very supportive of this initiative, which we hope to launch in October 2018.

Scottish Union Learning

Through a partnership between The Open University and Scottish Union Learning (SUL), fifteen students from Orkney to Oban embarked on the two-year **Certificate of Higher Education (Open)** with a focus on Business and Management. The modules selected were focused on business and management, aligned to the specific needs of this cohort of union learners, offering students the opportunity to engage work-relevant learning and complete the qualification.

OpenPlus

OpenPlus is a unique partnership between the OU and other leading science universities around the UK opens up a more affordable and flexible route to an honours degree in chemistry, environmental science and physics. With OpenPlus, students start studying part-time through supported learning with the OU and attend a residential school. Students then complete their degree by studying two years full-time at a chosen partner university. The 'Open' qualifications provide students with the opportunity to register for a qualification while they study with the OU and helps other institutions recruit students into full-time programmes that wouldn't otherwise be able to apply.

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