

	Chester	Derby	Open	Staffordshire
<b>Start Dates</b>	Ongoing – please contact for details.	Anytime – Flexible roll-on–roll off course.	First year degree courses starts November or May, although some courses start February.	Anytime - where there are sufficient student numbers.
<b>Programme length</b>	Negotiated (up to 6 years) Minimum 9 months.	Negotiated (up to 8 years for a BA Hons degree, up to 7 year for a Foundation Degree, up to 6 years for a Masters) No minimum time to complete, but must complete at least 30 credits.	Up to 6 years, but can be completed in 2-3 years by studying overlapping courses	18 months to Cert HE and a further 18 months to full Foundation Degree.
<b>Mode of learning</b>	<b>Primarily:</b> • <b>Work-based learning</b>  Negotiated mix of: Work-based (in / at workplace); Face-to-face; Online.  Support: Personal Tutor (face-to-face and online), Academic Tutors, learning resources, student support services, e-support.	<b>Primarily:</b> • <b>Work-based learning</b> • <b>Online</b>  Supplementary: • Telephone support; • Face-to-face tutorials available if requested.  Support: Tutor (face-to-face and online) Online community, learning resources and advisor network. Derby Student Support Services.	<b>Primarily:</b> • <b>Online</b> • <b>Work-based learning</b> • <b>Face-to-Face</b>  Online and face-to-face depending on course. Work-based focus in many courses.  Support: Tutor (face-to-face and online), Online community of 200,000 students, learning resources and advisor network. OU Student Support Services.	<b>Primarily:</b> • <b>Face-to-Face work-based delivery at individual bases</b>  Face-to-face delivery at individual bases; Online support during deployments.  Support: Personal tutor; online learning resources.
<b>Location</b>	Negotiated mix of: In/at workplace. Face-to-face: various bases, Chester, and Warrington. Locations with internet access.	Negotiated mix of: In/at workplace. Locations with internet access. Face-to-face tutorials at Derby if requested. Possibility of tutorials at various bases if numbers worthwhile.	Locations with internet access. Can be studied without face-to-face, suitable for OOA personnel.	At individual bases.
<b>Max credit for prior learning</b>	50% of award (certificated and experiential). 67% to convert HNDs / Foundation Degrees to BA Hons. The first module helps confirm possible claims.	Up to 75% for the Foundation Degrees under certain circumstances, check with tutor individually. For a classification at BA level it would need to be less as you will need at least 60 graded credits.	67% of award can be given but slightly less in practice due to size of larger modules (60 CATS points)	Up to 75% of the Foundation Degree.
<b>Intermediate Awards</b>	Professional Certificate (60 credits); Certificate of Higher Education (120 credits); <b>Foundation Degree</b> in Business or in Leadership & Management (240 credits).	University Certificate (60 credits); Certificate of Higher Education (120 credits); University Diploma (180 credits); <b>Foundation Degree</b> in Applied Business or in Leadership & Management (240 credits).	Certificate in Business Studies (60 credits) <b>Foundation Degree</b> in Business or in Leadership & Management (240 credits).	Flexible entry and exit routes leading to: Continuing Professional Development Certificate (30 credits); Certificate of Higher Education (120 credits); <b>Foundation Degree</b> in Business or in Leadership & Management (240 credits).
<b>Progression routes</b>	<b>PG Cert</b> (60 credits) <b>PG Dip</b> (120 credits) <b>MA</b> (180 credits)  You tailor post-graduate awards with negotiated titles and content to suit work needs and aspirations (examples include Leadership, Management and Project Management).	<b>University Advanced Diploma;</b> <b>BA (Hons)</b> Applied Business or Leadership and Management; <b>BA (Hons)</b> and <b>Masters</b> awards with negotiated titles and content to suit work needs and aspirations.	<b>BA (Hons)</b> Business Studies; <b>BA (Hons)</b> Leadership & Management; <b>BA(Hons)</b> Open.	Top-up awards to full honours degrees: <b>BA (Hons)</b> Business Management; <b>BA (Hons)</b> Leadership & Management; Leading to Postgraduate programmes including <b>MBA</b> .
<b>Latest can move to this University</b>	Up to 2/3 way through a BA(Hons), or 1/2 of other awards (see above). BA (Hons) Business or Leadership & Management (360 credits).	Up to 3/4 way through a Foundation Degree, or 2/5 for the BA, however, ideally the Learning Contract (self review) and Exit review should be part of this.	Up to 2/3 way through a BA (Hons) or Foundation Degree; or 1/2 of Cert. Bus. Studies.	Up to 2/3 way through a Foundation Degree or 1/2 way through Cert. Bus. Studies.
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<b>Costs</b>	For 2007/8: £310 (per 20 credits); APEL = £200 (per 20 credits); APCL = no charge (£200 if more than 5 years).	For 2007/8: £249 per 15 credit undergraduate module; £345 per 15 credit postgraduate module; APEL 30 % of above; APCL no charge.	For 2007/8: £2720 for whole Foundation Degree; APCL no charge.	For 2007/8: £2,880 for whole Foundation Degree; APEL 40%; APCL 10%.
<b>Computer minimum spec required</b>	Computer with internet access (broadband desirable).	Computer with internet access (broadband desirable).	Comp with DVD drive and internet access (broadband desirable).	Comp with DVD drive and internet access (broadband desirable).
<b>Library access</b>	Online, and face-to-face on Chester/ Warrington and various other campuses.	Online, face-to-face at Derby campuses, and via post using Infocus.	OU Library online Main building at Milton Keynes.	Online, face-to-face at Staffordshire University campus, access to local University library.