



The Open University Worldwide

What is the OU?

Andrew Law

The key's in the name. It's Open...

Professor John Zarnecki

...to people...to places...

Andreia Inamorato Dos Santos

...it's open to all nationalities or groups. I am Brazilian for example and I am here...

Professor John Zarnecki

...to methods and to ideas.

Andrew Law

When you work with people here you realise they are open to ideas. They are open to fundamentally changing the way that the University is delivering its teaching and learning experiences.

Professor Hazel Rymer

The OU is the only truly global University.

Ruth Stokes

It never ceases to amaze me that wherever I go and mention Open University people have heard of it.

Daniel Nti

The brand stands for quality. The brand stands for integrity.

Kate Clark

What we do is not just straight distance learning. It's blended learning.

Professor Jonathan Silvertown

Because our students are spread all over Britain and in fact increasingly all over Europe and the rest of the world, we can use technology to help students compare their experiences or their local environments with each other.

Mike Lucas

We have a tradition that we've developed I suppose of using technologies to support and overcome that sense of isolation that can be felt with distance learning.

Peter Scott

You and your students need to look at knowledge and media and how they work together. The Open University is doing that.

Professor Josie Taylor

We are often training people who in their own countries are also running large institutions. So we've had a lot of impact not only through our undergraduate student base but through our postgraduate student base too.

His Excellency Berhanu Kebede

In every sector of the Ethiopian economy you'll find people who are trained by the Open University.

Larissa Bendova

Open University model of teaching is very new and very popular in Russia.

Murilo Matos Mendonca

The Open University is seen as a leader in quality in terms of distance education and distance learning.

S. Bobby jena

I keep on telling to everybody that it's really nice to work with them.

Murilo Matos Mendonca

But I had no idea of the infrastructure that it has and of how big it was.

Professor H.K. Cheung

The particular thing that I'm impressed about is the very comprehensive learning materials. Indeed if a student were to study on his own he can actually do it using the OU UK materials and pass the exams.

Catherine Xiang

Life is a really fast pace and many people have to work and want to improve their standard of living and improve their skills at the same time. So I think that the course that the OU offers is actually ideal for people who want to work and also study at the same time.

His Excellency Berhanu Kebede

It gives room for those who are still working in government, who have a busy schedule to adjust their programme to attend this higher level education.

Peter Scott

The world is changing. It's always been changing. It's in its nature. But it changes so fast now that you can't be looking at a conventional view of higher education.

Lord Puttnam

The OU in a sense is a child of technology and one of the most impressive things is the way the OU has managed to stay at least with and sometimes even ahead of the curve.

Professor Jonathan Silvertown

You could say that the Open University has been waiting for the Internet.

Laura Dewis

The visual landscape of the Internet is changing dramatically.

Professor Jonathan Silvertown

What it does essentially is it makes distance irrelevant.

Laura Dewis

We've been known as the University of the air so it's very, very natural for us to be in that kind of space.

Lord Puttnam

So a TV based University has genuinely become a digital based University.

Professor John Zarnecki

We started nearly 40 years ago by absolutely breaking the mould. That initial excitement, the ability to challenge the traditional way of doing things it's still there, it's still inherent in us all I think here at the Open University.

Professor Sergei Shchennikov

For me absolutely the Open University is the place where we can dream about the real future and to approach the future and our dream.

Billy Khokar

The Open University I think is a mechanism for liberation, for families, for communities, for different groups because it's through education that we can actually change people's lives.

Professor Brigid Heywood

That has to be the most powerful strap line. An inspiring University that changes lives.

Lord Puttnam

I've never had anyone say to me that it wasn't difficult. But I've never had anyone say to me that it wasn't utterly rewarding.