

# What do I need to get started?



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## What equipment do I need?

OU learning is delivered via the module website, so you will need access to the internet. You'll also need a [desktop or laptop computer](#) and you can check course-specific requirements on your module website. If you don't have your own device, you should be able to use one at your local library or [Digital Inclusion Hub](#).



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## What digital skills do I need?

You will need to have basic digital skills to study with the OU. If you need some help, then the ['Being Digital'](#) resource from our Library is a great place to start. Alternatively, support with [improving your skills](#) is available via our Help Centre, which also provides guidance on [getting set up for online study](#).



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## Where do I study?

The OU gives you flexibility to study when and where it suits you. If you're squeezed for space at home, try a café, library or [Digital Inclusion Hub](#). As an OU student, you can also use a library at a University near you if you sign up to the [SCONUL Access scheme](#). This [video](#) explains how it works.



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## Can I get help with costs?

You may be eligible for funding towards any of your [study-related costs](#), including devices and broadband. Other [financial support](#) is available too. As an OU student you are entitled to Microsoft 365 for free – follow the [Help Centre link](#) to find out how to access this.



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## Who can I contact if I have other questions?

Your [Student Support Team](#) will be able to answer any general questions about studying with the OU. The [OU Students' Association](#) offers advice and resources as well as friendly groups to help you connect with fellow students.