

## YO33: Science, Technology and Maths Access Module

### Summary

The Open University offers introductory Access modules that have been specially designed to help you find out what it's like to study with the OU, get a taste of a subject area, develop your study skills, and build your confidence.

Starting an Access module with PET is the perfect opportunity to try out degree-level study without taking out a student loan.

This module introduces you to a range of technical subjects, including computing and IT, engineering and design, environment, mathematics, and science. As the foundation for further studies in these fields, this is the ideal module to build your confidence and prepare you for your next steps.

<b>Course Provider</b>	The Open University (OU) SiSE Registration team, Student Recruitment and Support, PO Box 197, Milton Keynes MK7 6BJ 0300 303 6789 <a href="http://www.open.ac.uk">www.open.ac.uk</a>
<b>Qualification Accreditation</b>	Open University regulatory bodies
<b>Academic level</b>	Level 3
<b>PET entry requirements</b>	Level 2 English and Maths
<b>Format of course material</b>	Paper-based and a CD-ROM for the audio-video content. All content is also available on the VC2.
<b>Structure of course</b>	<p><b>Three blocks:</b></p> <p>Block 1: Life (Biology and ecological ideas)</p> <p>Block 2: Water (Scientific experiments to understand how water shaped our planet)</p> <p>Block 3: Home (Design, engineering and computing)</p>
<b>Assignments</b>	<p>There are four tutor-marked assignments (TMAs) to be submitted one-by-one and meet specific deadlines. There are five interactive computer-marked assignments (iCMAs). No computer access needed.</p> <p>iCMAs are sent in a booklet included in their printed packs. Some iCMAs are to be completed throughout the module and the students will get the feedback during the module. Other modules the iCMAs are due at the end and they will get the feedback back at the same time.</p>
<b>Exam</b>	None
<b>Estimated completion time</b>	270 hours

<b>Maximum course duration</b>	One academic year, depending when the start date is. Extensions for individual assignments are possible.
<b>Prison support requirements</b>	Register and reserve learner on the course before start date (February, May and October each year) with the OU and Student Finance England/ Wales. Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost. Contact supplier for more info on assignment submission. See contact details are above in the 'Course provider' section.
<b>Supplier tutor's support</b>	There is supplier tutor support available. Tutors mark assignments and they are available for learners' consultations. Tutor support is organised via prison staff. See 'Contact provider' section for more details
<b>Certificate</b>	No certificate is provided but upon request a diploma supplement to prove successful completion can be provided.
<b>Progress</b>	There are a range of possible follow-up courses including an OU degree (funded via a student loan) so please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).