



Online Learning

Massive Open Online Courses or MOOCs have many benefits when it comes to preparing for university. They are free and the modules are usually delivered by university staff.

- Modules can be used to build up knowledge on a subject and this may help with making the right choice of degree.
- Study of them can be mentioned in a personal statement indicating exploration of modules relevant to the degree being applying for.
- It indicates to admission tutors a commitment to learning, beyond the A Level/IB/BTEC syllabus.
- It will also provide evidence of degree level work.
- There's a huge range of courses available.
- They do not lead to a formal qualification

There are many suppliers of MOOCs and all have worldwide contributors

[FutureLearn](#) was set up in the UK by the Open University and offers modules from world-leading academic institutions known for their teaching and research across a variety of fields.

Others are based in the USA:

[Coursera](#)

[Udemy](#)

[Udacity](#)

[edX](#)

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[Udacity](#) focuses on Computing, AI and Business modules.

[Edx](#)

[MOOEC](#) based in Australia.

Some UK universities do offer online learning. Search by university or subject but a few examples are below:

[The Open Univesity](#)

[University of Reading](#)

[University of Edinburgh](#)

[University of Southampton](#)

Many universities also have Podcasts on a wide range of subjects and these are also a way of exploring interest in a subject. They are free and can be listened to at any time. A search can be done by subject or institution.