

What our researchers say



“Since starting this degree, I have found that I very much enjoy the Ultraversity approach to learning. I was concerned about how this degree would affect my job within the school but I

now feel that it will be a great support system for my role and a good opportunity for developing my knowledge and abilities. I have found that doing this degree is already making me look at my role more objectively and I think this research will definitely benefit me in the workplace. My chosen areas of further research will develop my knowledge and therefore improve my professional practice.”

Ultraversity Cohort 1, 2004

“The community spirit has been excellent also, I feel free and uninhibited to speak to my facilitator and fellow researchers about any areas of concern. I thought at first I would be by myself but actually feel part of a team...”

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What degree do I get?

If successful you would get a BA (Hons) Learning Technology Research, which is fully accredited by Anglia Ruskin University. You will do all of your studies online and use your day-to-day work as the focus for your degree. This is a unique approach to undergraduate study and you will negotiate what you work on, rather than learn about a specific subject.



What will I have to do for this degree?

For the most part you will be looking at your workplace, reflecting on what you do and how you can do your job better. Much of the degree is based around action research and reflective thinking, which means you will look at specific areas in your job and try to find ways to improve. Because of this we refer to you as a 'researcher' and not as a student. You will be expected to participate in online communities with other people, sharing your ideas and working collaboratively to gain a higher level of understanding. You will find out about research practices and will be applying these to your own work. You will work entirely online, submitting your work electronically to your learning facilitator, who will help you understand how to improve.

Do I get a tutor to support me?

Yes. There is a team of dedicated Learning Facilitators (who are university lecturers) who work with you throughout your time on the programme. This all takes place through our online communities, where you will spend much of your time 'talking' with others on the degree. From time to time there



will also be experts brought in to the conversations to help you gain a better understanding from their own experience. You will be able to talk directly with these experts and get the answers you need. Your facilitator will support your learning.

Do I have to sit examinations?

No. Throughout the three years you will be submitting work electronically in a variety of formats to suit you. There is no written examination as such, but in your final year you will create an exhibition of your learning for others to see which may be in your actual workplace or some other suitable setting. You are expected to 'defend' your work and evaluate the feedback that you get from it. This is a major component of your third year and much of what you do will lead towards completing this.



What will it mean for my employer?

Your employer will benefit from your improved understanding of the job you do and some have already commented on the positive impact the degree programme has had on their employees and their organisation. The programme is designed to increase your confidence and ability to influence and improve practice within your work setting. The intention is that you become a more articulate, critically reflective problem solver!

Can any business or organisation afford not to maximise the potential of its employees?

The Ultraversity degree aims to provide access to higher education for people who are committed to developing themselves in their work role.

Visit our website
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to find out more and take a virtual
tour of the degree course.



What is the background of a typical researcher?

We welcome applicants from all walks of life. Our researchers include: teaching assistants, (some of whom aspire to become teachers); health workers and managers from the NHS; business advisers; members of the armed forces; customer support personnel; ICT technicians; parents, carers and many more.

But I am not in employment?

The good news is that you don't have to be! For example, if you are a parent of young children or a carer for a handicapped child or elderly relative, you can use this as the 'context' for your degree. What is important is that you can demonstrate to us that you have long-term access to viable research opportunities. As a parent or carer this can involve considering your parenting/caring role and what it entails, who else is involved (agencies, health professionals, family, clubs and associations) and how you interact with them. You will engage with others on the course who are in a similar position to you. You might research specific aspects of child development, or care for the elderly, such as behaviour or eating issues.

Why are Ultraversity students called Researchers?

The degree is based on research methodology. You set out the context for your study and you develop your research skills in a very practical way. There will always be some studying, but we are keen for you to be researching too!

You will get all of the benefits of being a student, such as a student travel card, access to university resources and support services. The only difference is that you won't be on-site in the university as you learn but you are invited to attend the awards ceremony at the university when you graduate.

Can I use this degree to apply for jobs in other fields?

Yes. The skills you learn can be taken and applied to jobs in many workplace settings.



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