

My experience with Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs)

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When I heard about MOOCs I had a look at what was on offer and decided to start with **Richard III** as I have always had an interest in history.

Since then, over the past three years, I have completed a diverse range of courses reflecting my rather eclectic taste.

I have studied some subjects out of personal interests such as **Creative Writing, Genealogy, Managing Money** and **Ecology** and some to enhance career related knowledge such as **Medicine, Cancer and Forensic Psychology**.

The study of **the Holocaust** was by far the most interesting, approaching the issues in a way I had not previously encountered.

The courses range in difficulty and interest; the course on **Genetics** presented quite a challenge for me.

At stages during the weeks study there are opportunities to interact with other students by making comments. In some courses, work can be submitted for peer review and you have the opportunity to review fellow students work.

The courses offered by **The Open University (as Future Learn)** are all totally free of charge. At the end of the course there is the opportunity, should you choose, to purchase a Statement of Participation for £35.

The courses cover a huge field of study, giving everyone an opportunity to learn something new or enhance their knowledge and in many cases provide information and incentive to carry a subject further.

I can thoroughly recommended **Future Learn**, there is nothing to lose by having a go.