

# TECH BOOT CAMP: Universal Class

Universal Class is a free online resource for anyone with an Oxford County Library card. Once you register you have access to over 500 courses on a range of topics from using a computer, arranging flowers, or budgeting for small business. All courses are self-paced, and have online instructors to help answer your questions and grade your work. When you have completed a course you can print or share your certificate of completion.

To access Universal Class you need a computer or tablet with internet access. First go to our library website [www.ocl.net](http://www.ocl.net) then click **Take a Course from Universal Class** under the **Quick Links** section.

## Navigating Your Start Page

The screenshot shows the Universal Class interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'Universal Class' logo, 'Course Catalog', and 'My Classes' buttons. On the right, there are icons for user profile, menu, and power, with the text 'You are: mberry11'. Below this is a 'Classes I'm Taking' section with an apple icon. A sidebar on the left contains 'My UC' (My Classes, My Achievements, My Profile, My Contacts) and 'My UC Email' (Inbox, Contact Invites, Spam, Sent). A course card for 'Yoga 101' is displayed, featuring a photo of a woman in a yoga pose, an 'Enter Course' button, and statistics: '0 Lessons Completed' and '12 Lessons To Go'. A blue arrow points from the 'My UC' sidebar to the course card, and a red arrow points from the 'Enter Course' button to the explanatory text below.

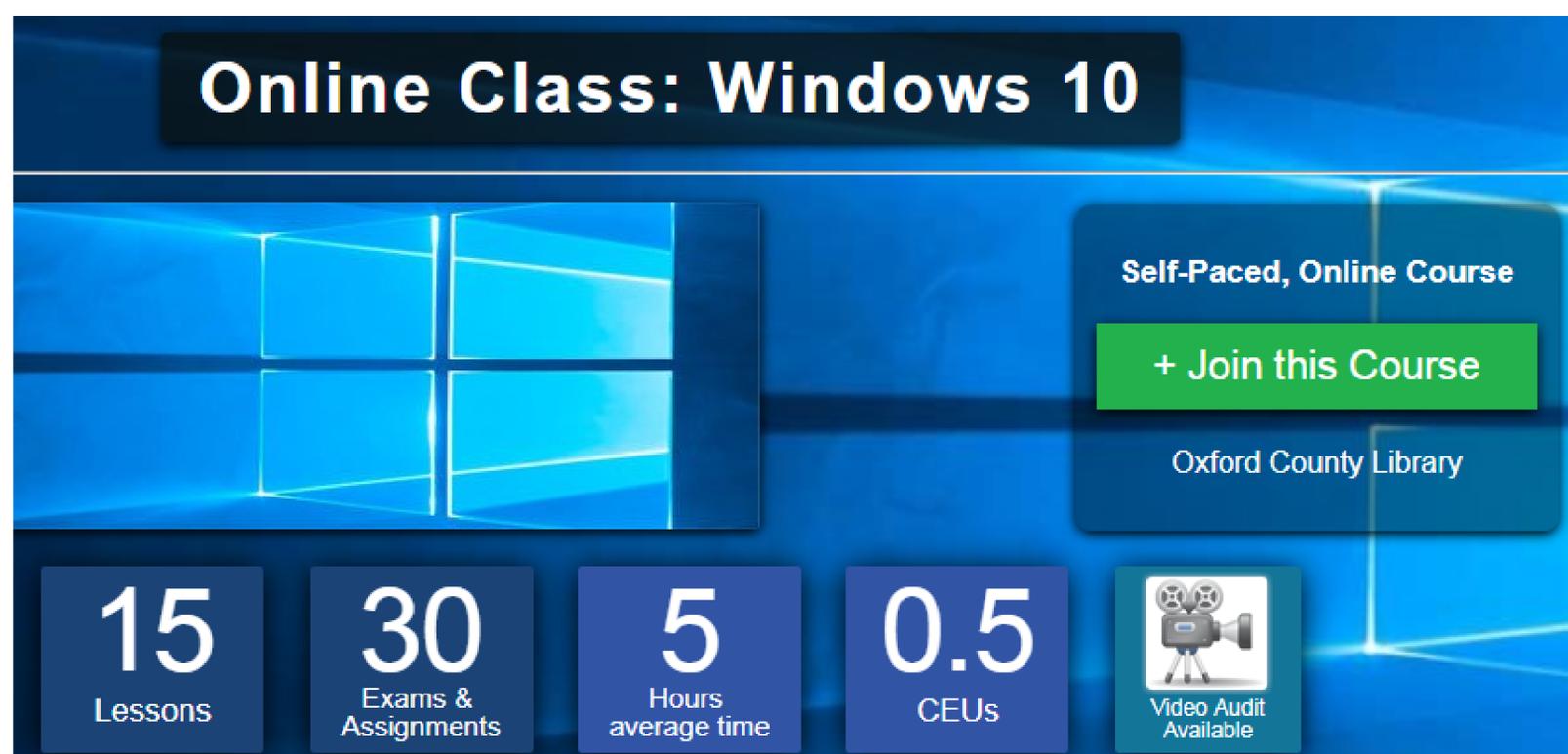
Find your grades and certificates for completed courses here.

Click here to start your course or pick up where you left off. There is no time limit to finish your course, and you can take several courses at once.

Contact your course instructors or classmates for help with assignments or course questions. Send and receive messages in your UC email inbox.

## Browsing Universal Class

To browse the course selection click the **Browse Catalog** button at the top of the page. Courses are divided into categories, but you can search for classes or topics in the search bar. Click on a course that might be of interest to you and see what the course is about, lesson topics, course reviews, and expected length of time to complete course. If you'd like to take the course click **+Join this Course**. You will now find it under the **My Classes** button at the top of the page.



The screenshot shows a course page for "Online Class: Windows 10". The page features a blue background with a Windows logo graphic. Key information is displayed in a grid of boxes: 15 Lessons, 30 Exams & Assignments, 5 Hours average time, and 0.5 CEUs. A "Video Audit Available" icon is also present. A prominent green button labeled "+ Join this Course" is visible, along with the text "Self-Paced, Online Course" and "Oxford County Library".

## Free Online Learning Resources

### edX - [www.edx.org](http://www.edx.org)

Access 1600 free online courses from 100+ leading institutions including Harvard, Berkeley, MIT, and more. \*Not all courses are free.

### Coursera - [www.coursera.org](http://www.coursera.org)

2000+ courses from schools like Stanford and Yale - no application required. Build career skills in data science, computer science, business, and more. \*Choose from many free courses.

### Alison - [www.alison.com](http://www.alison.com)

Alison is a leading provider of free online courses. Find the latest courses from the world's top experts including Google, Microsoft, MIT, Cambridge and others.

### GCFlearnfree - [www.gcflearnfree.org](http://www.gcflearnfree.org)

The freedom to learn what you want, when you want, absolutely free! Learn how to navigate tablets, computers, popular websites, and more.