A buen puerto LZX314

Presentation pattern February to October

Module description

A buen puerto follows on from L204/LZX204 Viento en popa: moving on in Spanish to complete the Diploma in Spanish. The module uses a variety of authentic audio, video and printed materials from Spain and Latin America to improve students language skills, knowledge of Spanish-speaking societies and intercultural competence. It also aims to develop their critical and analytical skills appropriate to Level 3 study. The themes covered are: cultural diversity; art; society; languages in context; science and technology; trade and employment; and the environment. This module is presented with online tutorials using Lyceum, the Open University’s voice and visual conferencing system. It is also offered with face-to-face tutorials; the code for that is L314.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a degree or equivalent in Spanish and be a native speaker or have near-native speaker competence
- extensive experience of teaching Spanish language and Hispanic studies at advanced levels, preferably to adults
- commitment to communicative language teaching
- sensitivity to the particular problems of teaching languages at a distance
- a broad understanding of Spanish-speaking countries, their societies and cultures
- sympathy with an approach that presents Spanish as a world language
- a willingness to develop students’ intercultural awareness.

It would be an advantage to have:

- an appropriate teaching qualification
- experience of teaching at tertiary level.

Additional information

- Tutorials are arranged in the evenings or at weekends. You are expected to be available by telephone or email between tutorials to help students with their difficulties
- You should have access to a computer that conforms to the specifications set out on the personal computing website for LZX314 and be willing to train to teach online using Lyceum, The Open University’s voice and visual conferencing system.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module: 60

Number of assignments submitted by the student: 9

Method of submission for assignments: 1b

Level of ICT requirements: 2

Number of students likely to be in a standard group: 15

Salary band: 7

Estimated number of hours per teaching week: 6