**Presentation pattern: October to June**

**Module description**

Development management engages with the multiple challenges of ‘development’ and this module sets out to build up the basic capacities for managing those challenges. Development, in this context, refers to the multitude of actions and interventions that people take to bring about change – predominantly social change – that can take place anywhere in the world. Building on the global agenda for sustainable development, it rests on the assumption that development management is a political and ethical process, a matter of the use of power to bring about desired goals in contexts characterised by conflicts of interests, values and agendas. The module teaches a range of skills needed by a development manager or practitioner to do with strategic thinking, research, advocacy, planning, policy making and evaluation. This 60-credit post graduate module makes up the first Certificate in the MSc in Development Management.

This module is being presented on FutureLearn which was founded by The Open University. FutureLearn has a growing section, containing a more extensive set of options and tools that is used to host full fee-paying university courses. This is where D890 will be presented. Unlike the platform’s short MOOCs, D890 will have full AL support, including opportunities for both synchronous and asynchronous interaction.

**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 good postgraduate qualification in a subject which informs the theory and practice of development management
- significant experience in development management practice in a UK or international context
- substantial knowledge and understanding of current issues in development management
- experience of guiding and facilitating adult learning and assessment at postgraduate level
- experience in supporting teaching and learning through online forums and online tutorials
- the ability to support students of different backgrounds and capacities in developing knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to development management
- the ability to create a constructive social learning environment in which all students can learn well individually and collectively

* You also need to be able to work with students from all cultural backgrounds and to communicate well with students in very distant geographic locations.

- an awareness of your own worldview and respect for those of others.
It would be an advantage to have:

• experience of development management in multiple geographic areas and/or contexts

• recent experience at a management level of leading development management projects or initiatives

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

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The teaching and assessment strategy for this module has not yet been approved and therefore the information is subject to change.