Investigating the social world DD103

Presentation pattern

October to June

February to October

Module description

Drawing on the disciplines of criminology, economics, environment, geography, international studies, politics, social policy and sociology, DD103 examines how the social world is investigated through the lens of the social sciences. In this module the methods and tools of the social sciences are examined and explained to further develop the evaluative and analytical skills of students at OU Level 1. Through its investigative approach DD103 will prepare students for specialisation at OU Level 2, with a range of skills for further independent study, as well as for their personal and working life.

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:

- degree or equivalent in any of the social sciences taught on the module or a closely related subject, i.e. Sociology, Economics, Social Policy and Criminology, Geography or Politics and International Studies
- experience of teaching adults, ideally at a distance and using online as well as face-to-face provision
- interest in contemporary social science debates across the above named disciplines
- ability to teach across the above named disciplines in both an interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary context
- ability to teach basic undergraduate level numeracy skills.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a postgraduate qualification in one of the above named disciplines
- experience of teaching across the above named disciplines at undergraduate level.

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: | 5 |
| Method of submission for assignments: | 2 |
| 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 |