

*Presentation pattern*    *October to June*

*Course description*

This course teaches economic theories that explain the behaviour of people in households, firms, markets and governments. It presents alternative economic explanations stemming from different fields and social sciences that will enable students to make their own critical judgements of which alternative serves which purpose best. The course also equips them with the research skills that they'll need to conduct their own project on a subject they want to know more about. At the end of the course, they should have developed a more critical view of the socio-economic and financial world in which they live.

*Person specification*

The person specification for this course 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 experience of teaching microeconomics
- be engaged with interdisciplinary approaches
- have experience of (or the potential for) supporting and assessing student projects
- have basic familiarity with PC packages and the internet
- be willing to use the internet to receive, assess and return coursework and for student support.

It would be an advantage to have:

- specialisation in one or more of the following areas: environmental economics, finance, econometrics, interviewing techniques.

*Additional information*

- This course will not include face-to-face tuition. Tutors will be required to support students using various tools of the Open University Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) – such as forums.

*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:	6
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	7
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	6

*There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.*