

Presentation pattern *October to June*

Module description

What influences children's development? How is childhood changing and how important is society and culture in understanding this change? This introductory module offers a fascinating insight into the lives of children and young people. It brings together approaches from psychology, anthropology and sociology to provide a complete account of some of the complex influences that shape children's experiences. Students will investigate topics central to the lives of children and young people, from birth to 18 years, and explore their emotional, physical, intellectual, social and cultural development. They'll be introduced to these thought-provoking topics through audio, video and interactive online materials.

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:

- an honours degree in childhood studies, psychology or education
- knowledge of different theories and approaches within the discipline of childhood studies or developmental psychology
- teaching experience in higher education including experience of supporting Level 1 students through marking and tuition
- experience of supporting students' academic study skills.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a higher qualification in childhood studies, psychology or education
- experience of supporting students working in an online environment
- demonstrable track record in conducting research with children or young people.

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:	4
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	8
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	7