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Children's literature EA300

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*Presentation pattern*    *October to June*

*Module description*

This module provides a broad introduction to the vibrant and growing field of children's literature studies. It covers children's literature in English ranging from its beginnings in eighteenth century chapbooks and fairy tales, through seminal nineteenth century novels, to contemporary examples of fiction illustrating current trends. The module also includes the study of picture books old and new, stage performance and film, story telling and poetry. Students will learn about the distinctiveness and purposes of children's literature, its prestigious and popular modes and its different representations of children's worlds.

*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 first or higher degree in a relevant discipline (e.g. literature, English, childhood studies)
- a keen interest in children's literature from a critical and theoretical perspective
- a willingness and ability to develop and foster in others an interdisciplinary approach to the study of children's literature
- some knowledge and understanding of contemporary and/or historical debates about children's literature
- an ability to help students engage with critical approaches to children's literature at an appropriate level
- an interest in and an ability to foster online learning and teaching

It would be an advantage to have:

- a wide-ranging knowledge of children's literature
- experience of teaching adults
- experience of online teaching and assessment.

*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.*