

*Presentation pattern*    *October to June*

*Module description*

This key introductory Level 1 module is designed to introduce *students* to key concepts relating to languages, language learning, plurilingualism and intercultural communication. It will help them develop intercultural skills and language awareness to support and complement the language skills that are covered in language-specific modules. Study resources include printed books, a dedicated website with online activities and audio-visual resources, and a discussion forum. Together, they will introduce *students* to some of the elements that define studying modern foreign languages and English language studies.

*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 degree (or equivalent) in a discipline relevant to the module (e.g. a foreign language, intercultural communication/cross-cultural communication, linguistics/applied linguistics, English/English language)
- an appropriate teaching qualification (e.g. a PGCE or equivalent in a relevant subject area, HEA membership or equivalent)
- experience of teaching at tertiary level
- knowledge of at least one of the following areas and a willingness to develop knowledge in the remaining areas: theory and current practice of intercultural communication, theory and current practice of language teaching and learning, foreign languages at work including aspects of translation or interpreting
- willingness and a proven ability to embrace an interdisciplinary teaching approach including subject areas that may be new to you
- native or near native speaker competence in written and spoken English
- knowledge of at least one modern foreign language other than English at B2 Level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
- the ability to support and facilitate a group of diverse learners ranging from school leavers to mature students, with varying levels of intercultural and language study experience
- the ability to develop and foster in others an open, yet critical approach to intercultural issues
- experience of teaching Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) and a commitment to online teaching

It would be an advantage to have:

- experience of teaching access or first year undergraduate modules
- undertaken training in intercultural communication
- a postgraduate qualification in a discipline relevant to the module

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

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	30
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:	4
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	4