Presentation pattern   October to June

Module description

This online module develops the specific language needed for successful academic study in English. It consists of a common core of English for academic purposes with two strands – one representing science, maths, computing and technology – and one the arts, humanities, social sciences, business and health studies. This allows students to develop the academic English that is most relevant to their study. It is based on texts covering a range of topics, including module reading material, student assignments, spoken presentations and oral interactions. Students will also consider the use of English in Western academic culture, comparing it with that used in other parts of the world.

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:

- a first degree (or equivalent) in a discipline relevant to the module – for example, linguistics, English language studies or similar
- an appropriate teaching qualification, such as CELTA/DELTA, or PGCE
- experience of teaching English for Academic Purposes (EAP), English for Specific Purposes (ESP) or Study Skills
- experience of teaching adults at pre-degree or undergraduate levels
- the ability to support and facilitate a group of diverse learners ranging from school leavers to mature students and including home and international students (both native speakers and those with English as an additional language)
- access to a computer that conforms to the specifications set out on the personal computing website for L185.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a postgraduate qualification in a discipline relevant to the module, such as an MA in TESOL, Applied Linguistics
- knowledge of current issues and developments in academic literacy teaching and learning in FE or HE
- recent experience of working in EAP in the tertiary sector
- experience of teaching English for Specific Academic Purposes
- experience in teaching online.

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:	3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	5
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	4.5

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.