
English in the World – L201

Presentation pattern: Starting October 2021

Qualification description**Module description**

Today, English is the pre-eminent global language, spoken by more than a quarter of the world's population. English plays a key role in international diplomacy, trade and commerce, the global media and entertainment industries, and is used in everyday encounters across the world. On this module, you'll trace the history of its spread across the globe and explore the diversity that characterises present-day English language in a range of everyday settings from home to education and work. Using both print and online materials, you'll investigate its influence, alongside other languages, in contemporary global issues such as migration and political protest.

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. linguistics/applied linguistics/sociolinguistics, English/English language, or media/communication studies), or comparable experience at the OU in applied linguistics or English language studies
- knowledge of at least one of the following areas: the history of the English language; language and social context; socially oriented approaches to language; sociolinguistic variation; the linguistic analysis of spoken and written texts (including discourse analysis); the acquisition, teaching and learning of English as a foreign or additional language; English as a global language; world English's; language and the media, including social media
- the ability to develop and foster in others an interdisciplinary approach to English language study and an appreciation of diverse perspectives and experiences
- good IT skills
- experience of and commitment to synchronous and asynchronous online pedagogy
- experience of and/or commitment to shared planning and tuition (face-to-face and online)
- commitment to formative assessment and feedback

Additional information

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:	eTMA
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20:1
Salary band:	7
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	5