
Worlds of English U214

Presentation pattern *October to June*

Module description

What are the origins of the English language? How has it spread internationally? Is the worldwide influence of English a cause for celebration or concern? How is it changing in response to social, cultural, and technological developments? These are just a few of the questions that students will investigate in this module which looks at the history, diversity, and use of English around the world. Using a combination of printed materials and computer-based resources they will be introduced to the major debates in the field, and to some of the ways language is described and analysed.

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, English/English language, or media/communication studies)
- knowledge of at least one of the following areas: the history of the English language; language and social context; sociocultural approaches to language; the linguistic analysis of spoken and written texts; the acquisition, teaching and learning of English as a foreign or additional language; English as a global language; world Englishes
- the ability to develop and foster in others an interdisciplinary approach to English language study
- experience of, or willingness to be trained in, the use of VLE tools and a commitment to their application.

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