
 Design essentials T217

Presentation pattern October to June

Module description

The world is full of designed objects, from skyscrapers to products that fit into the palm of your hand. Designers have used their skills to translate ideas and needs into all the objects that you see around you. In this course students will learn about the essential skills and practices of designers. They will also develop their own ability to identify design problems, meet the needs of potential users and create and communicate new design solutions. The knowledge and skills that they will gain can be applied in many design domains as well as being useful in a wide range of industries.

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 degree or equivalent in a design-related subject or evidence of significant working experience in a subject relevant to design
- practical design experience
- an interest in using digital technologies and social networking tools for teaching
- the ability to help students develop design skills such as drawing, 3D computer modelling, 3D physical modelling, research and creative thinking skills
- a willingness to engage with of a number of design disciplines and understand a generic approach to teaching design.

It would be an advantage to have:

- experience of teaching design at undergraduate level.

Additional information

- ALs will be expected to run a day school at the beginning of the module and two face-to-face tutorials. They will provide additional tutorial support using online tutorial rooms which permit ALs to meet (and record) synchronous meetings with students. Students will also be using a virtual studio space (OpenDesignStudio), and ALs will be expected to have some interaction with this interface to ensure that students are keeping up with the activities set throughout the module. ALs will assess 4 student assignments ('Tutor-marked assignments' or TMAs).

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:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	6
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	5.5

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.