

Presentation pattern October to June

Module description

The MEng individual project provides an opportunity for students to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during their studies to research, analyse and solve an engineering problem. This self-directed piece of independent work will require and develop: a deep understanding of the relevant engineering practice; knowledge of the related literature, and an ability to manage the project. Ethical, as well as societal and market issues, and relevant legal requirements, such as those related to intellectual property, will need to be considered. Students will evaluate the significance of their findings and present the outcomes of their research in a formal technical report. Throughout the module, tutors will advise and guide students, but students will be expected to produce their work independently, without close supervision.

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:

- ability to support students on a project at an MEng level; You should already have demonstrated the ability to support students on projects at least at an undergraduate level
- experience of teaching one or more of the related Level 3 modules or relevant experience in the field (in which case, you will need to become familiar with at least one of the related modules) and demonstrated the ability to help students to develop their idea into a viable project specification
- ability to meet the person specification for one of the related Level 3 modules
- ability to support students in developing generic key skills, reflective practice and self-evaluation relating to project work and employability

It would be an advantage to have:

- experience of supervising project work with students in an academic environment, especially at MEng level
- familiarity with current electronic literature searching techniques and resources

Additional information (only occasionally required)

- Associate lecturers are encouraged to act as second markers on the project reports of another associate lecturer's students
- Because of the close links between the projects and precursor modules, applications are encouraged from associate lecturers who are tutoring or have tutored any of these Level 3 modules
- Other applications are also welcome, particularly from those prepared to take up their post earlier than usual, to give themselves time to become familiar with the content of one or more of the related modules

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

completion of a module:	
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	2
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	6
Salary band:	2
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	2.5