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Worlds of English      U214

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*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:      5

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