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Teaching English for Academic Purposes



Course Overview

The number of students studying for their undergraduate or postgraduate degrees abroad is increasing at the same time that the use of English as a medium of instruction is spreading. The result is a mounting demand for teachers with an awareness of the key issues involved in teaching EAP, and a knowledge of the main and the most effective solutions to deal with these. This course provides participants with an overview of the major concerns of those teaching and researching EAP, extending awareness of theory and best practice.

Who is the course suitable for?

- Teachers working on or wishing to work on pre-sessional and in-sessional English courses at tertiary level, either in the UK or in contexts overseas where English is needed for study purposes
- Participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B2 on the Common European Framework

What will the course include?

As a course participant, you will receive a pre-course questionnaire, which should be returned prior to the course. This is to ensure that the areas of most relevance to you are integrated into the course content.

The course will include content drawn from some or all of the following areas, depending on your contextual and personal needs and priorities:

- Approaches and methods in teaching EAP
- Student needs recognising situational constraints
- Discourse and genre analysis
- Content in the EAP classroom
- Materials evaluation
- Materials design
- Teaching study skills
- Cross-cultural and intercultural dimensions in EAP classrooms
- Assessment in EAP contexts
- EAP course and syllabus design

Time will be built into the course for reflection and for participants to consider how to adapt ideas from the course to classrooms in their own professional contexts.

All NILE's courses involve a significant element of English language improvement and/or development of language awareness.

How long is the course?

The 50-hour course provision is built around intensive tuition from trainers who are experts in the field of teaching English for academic purposes and also includes opportunities for reading and research, as well as guest lectures from well-known figures in the field of ELT. Classes are held from Monday to Friday and take place as detailed in the course-specific timetable but always within the hours 0915 – 1715.

What approach is used?

- Classes will be practical and 'hands-on', but with reference to relevant theory
- Courses are participant-centred, involving tasks providing memorable learning contexts
- Tasks will be used to illustrate the key course objectives through procedure and content

Facilities and resources

The NILE course venue includes an extensive ELT library and computer suite with Wi-Fi throughout the buildings. Each course has an accompanying online platform which enables you to access course materials and share ideas and materials with other course participants as well as a comprehensive online library. This is available for six months after the course so you can keep in touch with your colleagues and continue to access course materials once you have returned home.