

Y031: Arts and Languages Access Module

Summary

The Open University offers introductory Access modules that have been specially designed to help you find out what it's like to study with the OU, get a taste of a subject area, develop your study skills, and build your confidence.

Starting an Access module with PET is the perfect opportunity to try out degree-level study without taking out a student loan.

You will explore a range of subjects in this module - including art history, English language, English literature and creative writing. The module touches on modern languages, history, religious studies, classical studies and music too. It will help you to explore your creative side and hone your study skills

Course Provider	The Open University (OU) SiSE Registration team, Student Recruitment and Support, PO Box 197, Milton Keynes MK7 6BJ 0300 303 6789 www.open.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	Open University regulatory bodies
Academic level	Level 3
PET entry requirements	English L2
Format of course material	Paper-based and a CD-ROM for the audio-video content. All content is also available on the VC2.
Structure of course	Three blocks: Block 1: Finding your voice (English literature and English language) Block 2: Speaking out (Language use in popular culture) Block 3: Visions of protest (Art in protest)
Assignments	Four written assignments to be submitted one-by-one and meet specific deadlines. There are five interactive computer-marked assignments (iCMAs). NO computer access needed - iCMAs are sent in a booklet included in their printed packs. Some iCMAs are to be completed throughout the module and the students will get the feedback during the module. Other modules the iCMAs are due at the end and they will get the feedback back at the same time.
Exam	None.
Estimated completion time	270 hours

Maximum course duration	One academic year, depending on when the start date is. Extensions for individual assignments are possible.
Prison support requirements	<p>Register and reserve learner on the course before start date (February, May and October each year) by contacting the OU and Student Finance England/ Wales.</p> <p>Support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost. Contact supplier for more info on assignment submission. See contact details are above in the 'Course provider' section.</p>
Supplier tutor's support	<p>There is supplier tutor support available. Tutors mark assignments and they are available for learners' consultations.</p> <p>Tutor support is organised via prison staff. See 'Contact provider' section for more details</p>
Certificate	No certificate is provided but upon request a diploma supplement to prove successful completion can be provided.
Progress	There are a range of possible follow-up courses including an OU degree (funded via a student loan) so please contact us if you need advice about other options. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).