



Course for University Teachers of English from China

Aims

The course is specially designed for Chinese university teachers of English. It aims to help the Chinese teachers keep abreast of the latest EAP (English for Academic Purposes) and ESP (English for Specific Purposes) methodologies, to enhance their understanding of critical thinking skills and intercultural communication, and to provide a unique opportunity for them to experience and gain insight into the British culture.

Structure

The course is comprised of the following components:

- EAP and ESP methodologies (main component of the course).
- Critical thinking skills.
- Intercultural communication.
- British culture.

Content

- EAP and ESP methodologies, including the teaching of listening, speaking, reading and academic writing skills.
- Critical thinking skills in language teaching and learning.
- Intercultural communication: Intercultural competence in teaching and intercultural learning activities in class.
- Aspects of British Culture and Society (including site visits).

Excursions during free afternoons and weekends will also be facilitated but the costs of these excursions are not included in the course fees.

Staffing

The course will be jointly delivered by staff of ISLC (International Study and Language Centre) and NCLL (National Centre for Language and Literacy).

Dates

17th July – 5th August 2013

Contact hours

26 contact hours per week

Certification

Each participant will be awarded a University of Reading Certificate upon successful completion of the Course.

The International Study and Language Centre (ISLC) and the National Centre for Language and Literacy (NCLL) of the University of Reading are both renowned internationally for their range and quality of the language courses and professional development courses for teachers, particularly teachers of English from China.

Reading is a beautiful satellite city of London in Berkshire in the South of England, with easy access to a number of places of historical and tourist interest such as London, Oxford, Windsor, Bath and Brighton.