

Advanced Language, Materials and Methodology



Course Overview

As English teachers, one of our biggest challenges is to continually develop our English proficiency and at the same time improve our awareness of current methodology and materials

This 30-hour course reviews the principles and practices of English language teaching and looks at recent developments in teaching methodology. You will examine the relationship between language, materials and methodology and will be encouraged to re-examine your own teaching.

Who is the course suitable for?

- Teachers who wish to improve their understanding and command of contemporary written and spoken English
- Teachers who wish to raise their awareness of how language, materials and methodology interact in the teaching of English to secondary school students and/or adults*
- Participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B2/C1 on the Common European Framework

*Those teachers working in primary education may like to refer to the course description for our TYL course.

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:

- Language change
- Language and culture
- Motivating learners
- Creativity in the classroom
- The role of affect in the classroom
- 21st Century Skills
- Using and designing authentic tasks
- Activities to develop language knowledge and use
- Multimedia materials
- Recent developments in methodology
- Issues in language learning
- Helping learners become more autonomous

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.

What does the course consist of?

The 30-hour course is taught by trainers who are experts in the fields of language, materials and methodology, and includes a guest lecture by a well-known figure in the field of ELT.

The classes are held from Monday to Friday within the hours 09.15 – 13.15 in our Manchester centre.

Your free afternoons will give you the opportunity to choose from a variety of options to further develop your special interests:

- working on individual projects or tasks set up during your course
- collecting authentic materials for your own teaching
- investigating language in action in Manchester
- doing reading and research online or in the library
- getting to know Manchester's rich cultural heritage

During this time you will have access to the teaching centre's resources and support from a tutor should you need it.

What approach is used?

- Classes will be practical and 'hands-on', but with reference to relevant theory
- Courses are participant-centred and entail involvement in tasks and activities which boost confidence and provide memorable learning contexts
- Tasks will be used to illustrate the key course objectives through procedure as well as content

Facilities and resources

The NILE course venue includes an ELT library and computer suite with Wi-Fi throughout. Each course has a Moodle online learning platform which includes a comprehensive online library and enables you to access course materials and share ideas and materials with other course participants. This facility will be available to you 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.