



Multimedia and The New Technology in ELT: Masters Level Course

Credits 30

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module students will:

- be aware of the possibilities and challenges offered by digital technologies both now and in the next five years;
- be able to use the technology personally to access resources and for communication;
- be able to use the technology in a learning/teaching environment, either distance or face to face;
- be able to use the Worldwide Web both receptively and productively;
- be able to evaluate Web and CD ROM based resources;
- be able to understand and apply the principles underlying the creation of a CAL facility.

Assessment

1 A portfolio consisting of :

- An evaluation of a technology based resource for teaching and learning;
- A personal or institutional web page;
- An outline of a resource development project demonstrating an understanding of the practice and principles of the use of several aspects of the technology;

(50%)

2 An article for a professional journal on the use of technology in a learning/ teaching environment.

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Content

The following key areas will be covered:

- Applications software for language teachers: Power point and more advanced uses of Word.
- The creation and use of multimedia materials using commercial software from Wida and/or Camsoft.
- Using CD ROMs for reference, language practice and as a source of authentic material.
- The use of concordancers and text analysis software for both language analysis and classroom use.
- Core skills for the internet such as searching, creating, and evaluating web pages; communication using discussion lists, conferencing etc... and integrating these into the classroom.
- Setting up and managing a CALL facility.
- The impact of the technology on methodology and the long-term and short-term implications for teachers and learners.

In the second week, participants will begin work on an agreed project, including (but not limited to) the preparation of one or more lesson plans; a set of electronic learning materials; and a small website.