



Contemporary English and British Culture

2 weeks – 33 hours' course content – 11 hours of workshops and talks - full social programme

Erasmus + funding available

Course summary

This is a practical and interactive course that explores current trends in the English language and British culture, whilst providing opportunities for language development and practice. You will learn up-to-date idiomatic and colloquial English, explore how the current cultural climate is affecting English and be more aware of changes in English pronunciation and grammar. You will also experience a variety of effective teaching strategies, activities and techniques that you can use to bring British culture to life in your own classroom.

This course is for:

- Experienced teachers with an **advanced (C1)** language level or above.
- Participants with a high existing level of English who want to **fine-tune** and **update** their language and their classroom practice.
- Participants who want to know about **new trends** and **changes** in modern English usage and deepen their understanding of contemporary **British culture**.
- Teachers who want to help their students have a better understanding of **cultural differences** and teach English through cultural topics.

What you will gain by attending the course:

- Increased awareness of recent changes and developments in English grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.
- Improved English language competencies, including a greater knowledge of idiomatic and colloquial language.
- Greater awareness of a range of techniques and strategies for presenting and practising new language.
- A broader understanding of different aspects of contemporary British culture.
- A deeper understanding of British culture, moving beyond stereotypes and traditions.
- Practical ideas for helping students compare their own culture with new cultures.
- Improved language competencies and greater confidence in your own English.
- A greater appreciation of the link between culture and language and the ability to share this with your students.
- Opportunities to develop and disseminate innovative teacher practice internationally.



Course content

This course will cover some or all of the following topics:

- How English is affected by the cultural climate
- Language, gender and political correctness
- Lexical change and development: where new words come from and how they are formed
- Grammar change and the implications for teaching
- Slang, contemporary phrasal verbs and idioms
- Pronunciation: from RP to the English of the future
- Exploiting authentic materials for learning activities
- British Education, media and institutions
- Family life, youth culture and multicultural Britain
- Eccentric Britain and humour
- The changing language and teaching culture
- Cross cultural awareness in the classroom
- Exploiting materials to teach culture

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