



International House On-line Certificate in Teaching Languages Course Formats

1) The course modules

The distance component of the course lasts a total of 120 hours and is divided into the following modules:

60 hours of input

This takes the form of on-line discussions, assignments to complete and upload, reading, etc and is made up of:

- 48 hours (80%) compulsory core content
- 12 hours (20%) optional content according to the needs of the course participants.

24 hours of teaching practice

There are eighth teaching practice sessions, each consisting of:

- 60-75 minutes of guided lesson preparation with the local tutor
- A 45 minutes lesson observed by the local tutor
- 60-75 minutes of lesson feedback with the local tutor

34 hours of observation

Each observation is accompanied by an observation task and is made up of:

- self-observation
- peer-observation
- observation of experienced teachers

2 hours of tutorial with the distance tutor

In addition, candidates should spend a minimum of 30 hours on additional reading and lesson planning, plus additional time on assignment writing, a minimum of 3000 words in total.

2) Course schedule possibilities

The modular nature of the course allows us to make it as flexible as possible. Some examples of how a six-month course may be delivered will help to illustrate this.

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Version 1: course participants do a little of everything each week. The work load is approximately 5 hours per week.

	Input	Teaching	Observation
Month 1	2½ hours per week	1x3 hours TP every 3 weeks	1½ hours per week
Month 2	2½ hours per week	1x3 hours TP every 3 weeks	1½ hours per week
Month 3	2½ hours per week	1x3 hours TP every 3 weeks	1½ hours per week
Month 4	2½ hours per week	1x3 hours TP every 3 weeks	1½ hours per week
Month 5	2½ hours per week	1x3 hours TP every 3 weeks	1½ hours per week
Month 6	2½ hours per week	1x3 hours TP every 3 weeks	1½ hours per week

Version 2: course participants do only input for the first two months, only observation for the next two months and only teaching practice for the final two months.

	Input (60 hours)	'Teaching' (24 hours)	'Observation' (34 hours)
Months 1&2	7½ hours per week	None	None
Months 3&4	None	None	4 hours per week
Months 5&6	None	1x3 hour TP per week	None

Version 3: course participants have a slow start to the course (perhaps to take into account the beginning of term) doing only input. From month three onwards they do a little of everything for a total of about six hours per week. A break is timetabled, perhaps to take Christmas into account.

	Input (60 hours)	'Teaching' (24 hours)	'Observation' (34 hours)
Month 1	2½ hours per week	None	None
Month 2	2½ hours per week	None	None

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Month 3	2½ hours per week	1x3 hour TP per fortnight	2 hours per week
Month 4	2½ hours per week	1x3 hour TP per fortnight	2 hours per week
3 week break			
Month 5	2½ hours per week	1x3 hour TP per fortnight	2 hours per week
Month 6	2½ hours per week	1x3 hour TP per fortnight	2 hours per week