

CULTURE IN THE ENGLISH SPEAKING WORLD FOR THE LANGUAGE CLASSROOM

Course dates

18 July - 31 July

Course fees

€1535

Course location

University of Limerick

Target audience

You will need at least an upper intermediate to advanced level of English (B2).

Teachers who have a strong wish to understand how culture shapes the English language.

Teachers who teach the culture of English speaking countries to young adults and adults.

Teachers who wish to update their English based on real life models of the language.

Course summary

The course offers an opportunity for data and information collection on the culture of English speaking countries and an update on current English usage. You will be learning about present-day British life, language and culture through direct encounter. We aim to provide you with an exciting, inspiring and authentic course that would not be possible for you to experience in your own country. Classroom training will be supplemented by guest speakers from different sectors of local society. This course also provides a large amount of English practice throughout.



Course content

English or Englishes?

Youth culture

Authentic modern English

Changes in education and their effects on parents, teachers and children

The changing world of work

The shadow side of English culture, crime, subculture and the poor

Multiculturalism in English speaking countries

The relation between language and culture

Political correctness

Humour in the English speaking world



Sample Programme

Please note this is an example of a daily programme. Course content may often be usefully adapted to incorporate the needs of each group member.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00-10.30	Introductions and group bonding.	Group formation activities	Englishness defined	Visiting speaker 1	Listening. A variety of UK accents.
11.00-12.30	Needs analysis and goal setting	The interface between language and culture	Analysis of content and language use from the above	Visiting speaker 2	Accent and social class
14.00-15.30	Facts and figures. A UK quiz	Different approaches to analysing culture	Politeness codes	Analysis of content and language use from the above	Review of week one, feedback and goal setting for week two
Week 2					
9.00-10.30	Aspects of multiculturalism In the UK	Overview of the UK political system	Overview of the UK class system	Overview of the British educational system	Overview of English humour.
11.00-12.30	The shadow side of culture	Visiting speaker 3	Visiting speaker 4	Visiting speaker 5	Political correctness
14.00-15.30	Analysis of content and language from the above	Different varieties of English	Analysis of content and language from the above	Analysis of content and language used in the above	Course review, including evaluation and farewells

Recommended reading

“Thinking Through Cultures – expeditions in cultural psychology” R. Shweder (Harvard University Press) 1991

“Watching the English” Kate Fox (Hodder and Stoughton) 2004

Culture in Second Language Teaching and Learning” Eli Hinkel (CUP) 2000

Please note it’s not necessary to buy or bring those books to the course.

Type of certification awarded

Attendance certificate detailing topics covered, course content and the number of training hours.



Is this the right course for me?

Yes, if you want to update and improve your knowledge of current English usage while learning about “living UK culture.”

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