



Advanced Language, Materials and Methodology

Who is the course suitable for?

This course is aimed at ELT professionals who are interested in:

- improving their understanding and command of contemporary written and spoken English
- raising their awareness of how language, materials and methodology interact in the teaching of English

Participants should have a minimum language level corresponding to B2/C1 on the Common European Framework

What are the aims and objectives of the course?

- To review how English is used both inside and outside the classroom
- To review the principles and practice of teaching English as a second or foreign language
- To introduce and critically survey recent developments in methodology and the analysis of language for teaching
- To examine the relationship between language, materials and methodology
- To consider how materials are developed for English teaching and to review a range of recent materials relevant to participants' needs
- To encourage course participants to re-examine their own teaching.

What will the course include?

All course participants receive a pre-course questionnaire, which should be returned prior to the course. This is to ensure that the areas of most relevance to participants are covered. The three main strands of the course will be carefully integrated but will include attention to some or all of the following, in line with participants' needs and interests:

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| • Personal language development | • Materials evaluation |
| • Pedagogic grammar | • Basic principles in materials design |
| • Grammar at discourse level | • Multimedia materials |
| • Vocabulary extension work | • Recent developments in methodology |
| • Language change | • Issues in language learning |
| • Language and culture | • The changing role of the teacher |

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.

How long is the course and what approach is used?

The 50-hour course provision includes intensive tuition by trainers who are experts in the fields of language, materials and methodology, as well as opportunities for reading and research and guest lectures from well-known figures in the field of ELT.

Classes will be practical and 'hands-on' but with reference to relevant theory.

Classes are held from Monday to Friday and take place as detailed in the course-specific timetable but always within the hours 0915 – 1715.

NILE course participants have free access to an extensive ELT library and a modern suite of computers with a broadband Internet link. The NILE course venues have a wireless (Wi-Fi) environment.

[Sample Timetable](#)