



Modular Delta

Module Three

Following a comprehensive review of Delta, Cambridge ESOL has introduced a revised syllabus comprising three modules:

- Module One focuses on the background to teaching and learning
- Module Two focuses on developing professional practice
- Module Three focuses on a specialist option (e.g. Young Learners, English for Special Purposes, 1-1).

Module Three

Extending practice and English language teaching specialisation (20 credits)

Units:

1. research into specialist areas
2. syllabus design: principles, influences on, methodological effects of, and major syllabus types as applied to the specific learning context
3. designing syllabus and teaching programmes to meet the needs of learners in the specific context of their selected specialisation
4. course design and development in the specific context of their selected specialisation
5. the principles and practice of testing and assessment and application to the candidate's specialist area

The purpose of Module Three is to:

- enable candidates to develop their knowledge in relation to specialisms within English language teaching
- develop candidates' knowledge of the principles of curriculum design and assessment in an English language teaching context, and to be able to apply it to a specific group of learners
- enable candidates to synthesise all of their learning into a project which can be coherently presented to a third party.

Module Three achieves this through a focus on the main types of syllabus and the methods for conducting needs analysis within different English language teaching specialisms. Candidates are introduced to research skills and the theory and techniques behind assignment planning and syllabus design.

Module Three also looks at assessment and its impact on syllabus content and teaching methodology.

Module Three is assessed via an extended written assignment.



Modular Delta – Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some key questions and answers which will explain how the modular structure works and how modular Delta differs from previous versions.

Why was Delta changed?

We have introduced the new modular version of Delta to:

- create an accessible and modular form of Delta that will offer candidates flexible entry points
- enable candidates to achieve Delta in stages, over a period of time that can fit with career and other commitments
- provide Delta candidates the opportunity to include a focus on specialist teaching e.g. teaching young learners or business English
- encourage more flexible delivery, e.g. blended learning options
- allow individual modules to be taken as part of a programme of continuous professional development
- certificate partial achievement, e.g. development as a general English teacher.

Do I have to take all three modules?

No. Candidates may choose to enter a single module or any combination of modules. Each module is separately certificated so this will allow candidates to receive credit for each module successfully completed.

Can the modules be taken in any order?

While candidates may choose to take the modules in any order, Modules Two and Three assume the candidate will have the knowledge and competences gained in the previous module(s) so for most candidates the most practical order will be from Module One through to Module Three.

Can I take all three modules at the same time?

Yes. Some centres may carry on delivering Delta as a single course (all three modules being run concurrently by a centre). However, the distribution of content across the three modules allows centres the flexibility of offering individual modules or combinations of modules for candidates who may not wish to, or need to, complete them all.

Do I have to complete all three modules within a specific time?

No. Candidates will be able to complete modules as many times as they wish and there will be no time limit for completion of all three modules.

Can I retake modules?

Yes. There is no limit to the number of times a candidate may take a module.

Do I have to take a course for each module?

Attendance on a course will only be necessary for Module Two so that practice can be directly assessed. Candidates can enter for Module One and Module Three without taking a course.

Does Modular Delta have the same recognised status?

Yes and it will also offer greater transparency and flexibility as each module will be worth 20 credits, allowing candidates, universities and other users to more easily see how Delta fits in relation to other qualifications.

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