

Working in Partnership The Open University of China



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The Partner

China Central TV & Radio University (CCRTVU) was officially founded in 1979 and became The Open University of China in 2009. The Open University of China (OUC) carries out national modern distance education through various media, such as printed materials, audio-visual materials, multimedia courseware and online courses based on computer networks and satellite TV network.

OUC consists of six academic faculties covering a wide range of subject areas; the Faculty of Arts and Law; the Faculty of Economics and Management; the Faculty of Engineering; the Faculty of Teacher Education; the Faculty of Foreign Languages; and the Faculty of Agroforestry and Medicine. OUC has developed more than 1,800 courses and 70 programmes.

OUC, together with 44 provincial Radio & TV Universities (RTVUs), 949 branch schools and 1,832 working stations, has formed a modern systems of open and distance education. There are 85,751 staff in the system. Enrolment across the system is currently 2.43 million students. There are nearly 7 million diploma and degree graduates.

The Project

The Open University in the UK has been working in partnership with OUC since 2000. OUC license course materials from two courses called This is English and World Class English for Business (L550). This is English is delivered through the TVU system at four different levels, including Central TVU, Provincial TVU, Branch schools at city level and local study centres. There are tutors at each level who are responsible for offering learner support, including face-to-face tutorials.

Three online courses were developed and launched in 2009. The courses were written by The Open University in the UK and translated and tutored by OUC. They are aimed at teachers and practitioners of distance learning. The courses, which consist of 20 hours of learning each, focus on Student Support, Course Design and Teaching Online. Each course is 6 weeks in duration.

The Aim

- To reach out across the sector to raise awareness of the quality of The Open University's Open Distance Education materials. To enrol students from across the sector.
- To enable students and practitioners to understand the model of distance learning that the OU uses.
- To help OUC to develop into a world class Open University and national centre of distance education.
- To help build capacity across the sector by strengthening skills and sharing The Open University's experience of ODE.

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