OPEN | Online Courses for Teachers

Summer 2025 OPEN PROGRAM APPLICATION(GOC)
DEADLINE: April 21, 2025

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR APPLICATION TO RangoonUSECA@state.gov

Personal Information		
First Name (Given):	Middle Name:	Family Name (as listed on passport):
City of Residence/Ethnic/ Sex: *e.g. Mandalay/Shan/Female*		
Will you be living in your country, during the OPEN course? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Email Address: (Please use your *own* email address.)	Phone Number: (Please provide current valid number.)	
Teaching Experience and level of Teaching:		
Years of Teaching Experience: _____ ☐ Tertiary	☐ K-12 ☐ Administrator Other: _____	
Employment		
School name/Institution:	Organization's address: Phone:	
What is your role? *(Check as many boxes as apply.)*		
☐ Freelance Tutor	☐ Ministry of Education Official	
☐ In-service Teacher (Primary/Private)	☐ Administrator	
☐ In-service Teacher (Secondary/Private)	☐ In-service Teacher (Primary/Public School)	
☐ Tutor (University/College)	☐ In-service Teacher (Secondary/Public School)	
☐ English Access Program Teacher	☐ University Professor/Lecturer	
☐ English Access Program Administrator	☐ Other _____	

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Educational Background **Please assess your present English language proficiency.** (*Select one*)	
Understanding of written English	☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair
Expressing yourself in written English	☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair
Please respond to the following statements by selecting one of the boxes.	
I have taken an online course before.	
☐ Yes ☐ No	If "Yes" when and a course title:
I have regular and reliable access to high-speed internet connection.	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
I commit to spending 8 to 10 hours online each week for the duration of the 8-week course to participate in this course.	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please assess your computer skill level. (*select one*)	☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair
Please tell us who recommended this program to you.	

How will you share the information you will learn with your colleagues after the completion of the course? Check as many boxes as apply and explain.

☐ Workshops _____

☐ Presentations _____

☐ Informal discussions

_____

☐ Sharing of resources

_____

☐ Other _____

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Which OPEN courses would you like to take? (*Rank your top 3 choices 1 – 3.)*
Please note that some course titles have changed for AY24-25 for clarity. Please go to the following link to view course descriptions: https://openenglishcommunity.org/page/global-online-courses.

___ Teaching Grammar Communicatively

___ Using Educational Technology in the English Language Classroom

___ Teaching English Academic Writing to Speakers of Other Languages

(*formerly Developing and Teaching Academic Writing Courses*)

___ Teaching English to Young Learners

___ Professional Development for Teacher Trainers

___ Creating and Implementing Online Courses

___ Fostering Student Motivation and Engagement

Statement of Purpose:
Write a response to the following question(s). You can add a page, if necessary. We are interested in getting to know you as a candidate, so please include examples from your personal experiences. We ask that you do not submit AI-generated responses because they will not provide us with the best information about you as an applicant.

****AI – Resistant Writing Prompts****

Generative AI (ChatGPT, Google Bard, or Bing) is particularly good at producing factual, summative, or analytical responses. Prompts that seem to be resistant to AI include responses that require personal experiences, reflection, and application of knowledge. Here are some sample prompts you might try to avoid AI-generated responses. You might also include a statement like the one above to discourage the use of AI.

Personal History

Tell us about a recent opportunity for professional development. What did you learn? How did you use your learning experience in your English language teaching?

Reflection

Why did you choose the OPEN global online courses you selected? How do these courses meet your needs for professional development right now?

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Application

How do you plan to use the knowledge you acquire in the OPEN global online courses you selected?

Letter of Recommendation: **Important Note** - One letter of recommendation from a current or former employer, teacher, mentor, or someone familiar with your work is **required** for your application to be considered complete. Please send the application form, your statement of purpose and the recommendation letter in PDF format to RangoonUSECA@state.gov before the deadline.

If you have applied to OPEN in the past 6 months, you do not need to submit new recommendation letters. Please email us to confirm that we have your previous recommendation on file.