

Online Courses with U3A



September: a good time to start?

- * Independent study with tutored or untutored courses
- * Free frameworks could inspire an existing group
- * Ideas for starting your own U3A group
- * Links to a wide range of Australian courses and to free Open University courses

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Writing Short Stories



19th September for 13 weeks (6 Units / 2 weeks per unit)



Many of us write solely for our own interest, others perhaps with the ambition of winning a competition or of seeing their writing published. We may have revealed our work only to close family and friends. At some point we inevitably ask ourselves is this any good? meaning perhaps what would be the reaction of a wider, unknown, readership?. In short, we seek approval and validation. We need to be reassured that we are on the right track.

In keeping with the principles of U3A you will receive no written certificate; the course is structured to offer validation through careful analysis and suggestions from both mentors and other course members.

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Botany for Knowledge and Enjoyment

China in Transition: From Mao to Now

Continents on the Move

Design in Your Life

Food for Thought

Genealogy Online

Human Biology

Introduction to Western Philosophy

Left, Right or Centre: A very brief Introduction to Political Ideologies

Maintaining Independence

My Life Story

Myths and Legends

Practical Psychology for Relationships

Religions of the World

Renaissance Italy

Resources for the Future - Renewable and Non-Polluting

Saving the Soil

Storytelling with Pictures

The Evolution of life on Planet Earth

The History and Spread of the English Language

The Night Sky

The Northern Sky

The Romans

The Shaping of the Modern Mind

The Story of Science - The Emergence of Natural Philosophy

Thoreau Emerson and the Conduct of Life

Unleashing your Creative Spirit

Writing Family History

Writing for Pleasure

Next steps

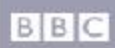
Register with either UK or Australian site and pay
to enrol

Costs

- UK courses: untutored £10 for 12 months; for tutored courses an additional £5.
 - Australian courses: the equivalent of \$25 Australian dollars.

Next steps

- * Check out the OU's Open Learning page - www.openuniversity.co.uk/u3aopenlearn.



British Isles Geology Toolkit

open2.net



Here's your chance to discover the unique landscape of the British Isles.

To begin exploring, click on the contents of the toolkit.



Zoom in

No internet access?

- If the topic you would like to study is related to the group you attend, ask your co-ordinator if the whole group could look at any online material when you are at the house of a member who is online.
- Ask for help at the library.
- Ask about the U3A's collection of resources
- Your committee would be happy to help.