



E-LEARNING INNOVATION COMPETITION

A blended learning approach to the acquisition of modern foreign languages: University of Worcester

We plan to provide new, innovative and highly flexible opportunities for the learning of modern foreign languages (MFL) within our region.



There are **two groups** of MFL learners who find it difficult to find opportunities to learn or continue to learn an MFL:

- Those who wish to learn a foreign language that is less in demand, for example, Serbo Croat, Turkish etc.
- Higher level students of more popular MFLs who wish to continue studying.

The FE classes are then **typically closed** due to lack of students or run at a loss. We propose to develop blended learning MFL courses that would enable these learners, who live within travelling distance of Worcester, to study via blended learning.

There would be **three purposes** of the online provision:

- To provide course information to participants.
- Provide opportunities for the participants to communicate with each other and their tutor synchronously and asynchronously using:
 - Discussion and audio forums (voice boards)
 - Application sharing
 - Email (text and voice)
 - Wikis
 - Blogs
 - Synchronous videoconferencing
- To provide learning activities for students to practise, extend and revise what they have learnt using a variety of Wimba and Moodle facilities.

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