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Synopsis :
The course introduces participants to the central concepts of language test development and its application to language testing concerns. Qualities of a good language test will be discussed and opportunities for hands-on experience of a variety of test techniques will be given. Participants are encouraged to discuss the application of these qualities and techniques in relation to their own teaching situations. Participants will also be involved in a review of relevant literature and evaluating tests developed for particular contexts and uses. The course will culminate with a project in which participants will design a test for use in their specific context by integrating the theoretical input and hands-on experience gained from the course.