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<td>Expand your Vocabulary</td>
<td>Semesters 1 &amp; 2</td>
<td>5 weeks (2hrs x 5wks, offered twice a term)</td>
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**Aims**
To help you expand your vocabulary and explore structured ways of doing so, which will take you beyond dictionaries and enhance your independent learning skills.

**Outline**
The syllabus is flexible and based on your language needs, but will cover:
- Academic style and register
- Word grammar and word families (synonymy, antonymy, homonymy and semantic fields)
- Collocations, connotations and concordances
- Introduction to a range of corpora and how to use them effectively
- Idiomatic expressions, dependent prepositions and complement structures
- Deducing meaning from context
- Exploring methods for organising vocabulary and techniques for enhanced memorisation

**Outcomes**
By the end of the module you should have:
- Developed confidence in accessing corpora using a concordancer to examine how vocabulary is used in a variety of contexts and registers
- Practised making evaluative judgements about the relative merits of different systems to assist vocabulary storage, memorisation and retrieval
- Acquired a better understanding of what information is essential for accurate use of new vocabulary
- Considered ways of recording lexis more effectively
- Appreciated the importance of context and register for lexical items
- Developed strategies to help you deduce the meaning of unknown vocabulary in the context of both reading and listening texts
- Exploited a variety of resources to independently research the meaning of unknown lexis of interest