

Sample

Summer Camp *English for Academic Purposes* at Kobe University

Overview:

This course will equip you with the necessary skills to succeed in your studies abroad or to excel in courses taught in English at Kobe University. Over 2 weeks, you will greatly improve your speaking, listening, reading, and academic writing skills in small groups (approx. 10 students/class) with classes in the morning and afternoon. In a comfortable and supportive study atmosphere that focuses on active student participation, this summer camp hopes to promote a lively exchange of opinion between teachers and students. Your small-sized, interactive classes are all led by outstanding graduates from the University of Oxford, whose major aim is not only to equip you with new skills, but also encourage you to speak up during the lessons. Using a variety of audio-visual technologies, you will have the chance to get used to different native and non-native accents, to experience typical European-style academic seminars, and to acquire a plethora of skills required for success in their academic career not only abroad, but also in Japan.

Students are encouraged to think critically and to be proactive and focus on the main five core competencies:

- understanding academic lectures, and being able to take notes
- reading academic texts quickly and effectively
- expressing ideas clearly and accurately in academic writing
- giving oral presentations
- expressing personal opinions in a classroom setting
- being able to discuss and debate academic subjects

Elective classes (offered in the second week, to be selected by the students) include topics like drama & speech, filmmaking, Business English, magazine writing, oral conversation, debating, and advanced intense academic writing.

More than just offering daily lessons, the summer school hopes to be like a summer camp where interactions and intercultural exchange continue after class. In the evening and during the weekend, participants will have the chance to take part in various activities including Karaoke with English songs, British Pub night, waffle making and excursions, to name just a few. These extra-curricular activities pose a great chance to meet international students at Kobe University, to interact with teachers in English in a private setting, and to apply the class contents in practice.

Course period:

August 25th – September 6th, 2014 (no compulsory classes on 30/31 August as well as on 6 September);

Regular classes from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm, with lunch break from 12.45 pm to 2 pm (*participation in all classes not marked as 'non-compulsory' in the schedule required*) Extra-curricular events with non-compulsory participation in the evening and on August 30th and September 6th.

Participants:

max. 50 students (undergraduate & postgraduate) from the Humanities and Social Science Faculties at Kobe University, plus participants from collaborative universities, namely Kyushu U, Osaka U and Nara Women's University. While this course is designed for students who plan to study abroad, participation is open to everyone who has a serious interest in improving his/her academic English skills.

Aim:

To improve the students' performance in the following areas:

Logical, critical thinking and structured presentation of arguments

- academic presentations (incl. PowerPoint slides and handouts)
- discussion
- debating
- speech
- taking notes in class

Speaking

- fluency and correctness of expression
- intonation & pronunciation
- small talk

Writing:

- academic writing (research papers)
- journalistic writing (elective)
- creative writing (elective)

Listening:

- comprehension of lectures and talks in English by native and non-native speakers
- understanding the news in English

Reading;

- quick and effective reading comprehension
- 'speed reading': skimming texts

- critical understanding and summarising of texts
- visualising information from texts in structured handouts

Electives (offered in week 2, one to chose from the following):

- 1.) IELTS / TOEIC test preparations
- 2.) Debating & Discussions
- 3.) Film-making (Kobe U video, targeting at foreign students)
- 4.) Journalistic writing (Kobe U '*welcome brochure*' for foreign students)
- 5.) Speeches (recitation and own speech)
- 6.) Acting

Plus seminars on **studying abroad:** (optional courses)

- Studying abroad: survival kit
- Intercultural communication and cultural differences
- Why studying abroad? Where to study?

Teaching staff:

Graduates and post-docs from Oxford University (predominantly native speakers)

Dr Anbara Khalidi (PhD Theology, Oxford)
 Alastair Cockburn (MSc, BSc Biology, Oxford), CELTA diploma
 April Vlahakis (BA History, Oxford)
 Hermione Waterfield (BA History, Oxford)
 Samuel Copley (MSc Japanese Studies, Oxford)
 Dave Watson (BA History, Oxford)

Plus: Anna Schrade (Lecturer, Kobe U)

Method of delivery:

- interactive classes based on active class participation
- small groups
- elective courses according to preferences
- continuous feedback and help
- special programme to interact with foreign tutors and students

Participation fee:

Free [lunch and elective evening/weekend programme at students' costs]

Schedule: (subject to change)

	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
9.30 – 11.00	General welcome speech (all students together); split up in classes: Introduction & ice-breakers	Marketing presentations	Critical reading and discussion	TED talk: taking notes in class, structuring	Discussions	
11.15-12.45	Small talk & Let's talk about...	Reading comprehension / speed reading	Academic writing	Debating	Academic writing	
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Potluck lunch	Lunch	Lunch in Sannomiya
14.00 – 15.30	Academic writing	Academic writing	Academic Presentation	Kobe: city guide presentations	Academic presentations	City tour Kobe in English by student guides
16.00 – 17.30	TED talks	Intonation & pronunciation (early end)	studying abroad (lecture)	Kobe: city guide presentations	Intercultural communication & cultural differences	City tour Kobe in English / coffee break
evening	Welcome party (Free)		International party: waffle making	Karaoke night	Night out in Kobe	

Class Level & level allocation:

Level and class allocation to be determined by a short placement test ('take-home exam' that is mainly based on academic writing) that will be sent out by email on June 23rd, and should be filled out and submitted electronically by June 30th to the EJCE office (ejce-admi@office.kobe-u.ac.jp).

Paper tests can be picked up in the EJCE office (Frontierkan, 6th floor) after June 23rd and need to be returned by June 30th.

	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
9.30 – 11.00	Academic Presentations	Electives	Academic writing	Discussions	TED talk: taking notes & discussion	
11.15-12.45	Listening: News in English	Speeches	Reading comprehension	Critical text analysis	Small talk	
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch	Lunch	Potluck lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch in Rokkomichi
14.00 – 15.30	TED talks	Academic writing	Academic Presentations	Electives	Farewell party with presentations, speeches, and stage performance	activities with TAs and teachers in small groups, led by students
16.00 – 17.30	Electives	Intonation & pronunciation (early end)	Electives	Electives	Farewell party with presentations, speeches, and stage performance	activities with TAs and teachers in small groups, led by students
evening	Studying abroad: survival kit and one-to-one advice		House party in Kamokogahara		Farewell drinks around Rokkomichi	Informal good-bye

Presentations

Reading

Listening

Speaking (inc. debating, speeches, discussions)

Academic Writing

Electives (in groups)

others

Extra-curricular events (participation not compulsory)