

CHAUCER COLLEGE CANTERBURY

FACULTY OF TEACHER EDUCATION

English Major

Your **COURSES FOR SUBJECT CREDITS** begin during your first full week at Chaucer. Classes begin at 09.00 in the morning and finish at 16.30. Friday afternoon is a free/Outreach/Volunteering afternoon.

The programme contains the following classes:

Title	Content
Homeroom & Coursebook	Every day you have a homeroom and coursebook class with your HOMEROOM TEACHER. Usually it is at the beginning of the day, but not always. Your homeroom teacher is the person who will know you best, who you can talk to about your life, your studies and any problems you may have. Your homeroom teacher will often give you information as well as help you improve your language skills. These classes are also based on an English language coursebook. Your coursebook will be given to you. In these lessons there will be an emphasis on speaking and using English in meaningful communicative tasks. You will also practise reading, listening and study grammar.
Writing	One of your homeroom & coursebook lessons is writing. You will practise grammatical areas you have studied in your language classes and produce a number of pieces of writing based on various topics chosen by your writing teacher.
World News	Every Monday and Thursday evening you will watch the BBC news in your homeroom classroom. In one lesson a week you will practise your reading skills and broaden your vocabulary around world news. You may also study one news story in more detail.
Current Issues	You will learn about and discuss current world events and global issues.
Computer Studies	You will study word processing, spreadsheets and computer art, and learn professional presentation skills. You will also study the Internet, emails, file management and desktop publishing.
English Syntax	In 'Syntax', you will study <i>discourse</i> and learn how to describe it. You will meet and need to learn a very large number of grammar terms! There will be an end of course exam for this subject.

TOEIC (Examination practice)	During this class you are prepared in the language and examination skills required to increase your level when taking the TOEIC examination. At the end of the entire programme at Shumei University, students will be awarded credits according to their TOEIC score. E.g. 470=2 credits, 600= 4 credits. You will sit a practice paper at the end of this course.
TOEIC Vocabulary (TOVO)	This lesson prepares you for the vocabulary learning required for the TOEIC examination. Common TOEIC exam topics are studied and word sets are taught.
History of the English Language	In this course, you will study the origins, development and spread of English – from pre-medieval times to the present day. You may be asked to produce an assignment for this course – if so, it will be assessed. There will be an end of course exam for this subject.
Outline of British Literature	We will look at some of the great writers of English, some of whom are world famous and whose writing has helped to form the British identity. You will learn about their lives and look a little at their writing and see what themes are important in their novel, poem or play. We will often watch a DVD of their work. Towards the end of the course you will be assessed on a Powerpoint Presentation of a writer. The other writers will be tested in the end of course exam.
English Literature Texts	During this course, you will study 3 texts: A story from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, a Shakespeare play and some selected modern poems. Students will have one written piece of assessed work on The Canterbury Tales. The other texts will be tested in the end of course exam.
English Phonetics and Phonology	This course will help prepare you to improve your future primary or high school pupils' production of spoken English. There will be an end of course exam for this subject.
English Grammar	In this course, you will learn more about the grammatical structures contained within English – their form and meaning – and you will practise using them in class. There will be an end of course exam for this subject.
School Observations & visits	You will learn about the British Education System and prepare for school visits in Homeroom. You will visit schools in the local area and sit in on classes of varying subjects. Part of your assessed work will be to complete a task based on these visits.
General Studies (Monday afternoon options)	As requested by Shumei University, students do the 'sports' option.

Volunteering	Students have opportunities for volunteering in order to meet English people and improve their communication skills.
Festivals and Outreach Activities	Students take part in a number of local cultural festivals holding workshops and performing music and dance. Some students may visit local schools to show people Japanese culture.

Activity Days:

During the course, you will go on two trips with your teachers to famous cultural places. You will prepare for this in class and do follow-up work.

Links with the University of Kent:

Chaucer College has close links with the University of Kent. Some University of Kent students live in Chaucer College and will have conversation classes with you in the evenings.