

## CHAUCER COLLEGE CANTERBURY

### FACULTY OF TEACHER EDUCATION

#### Primary Education 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   |
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| <b>Homeroom &amp; Coursebook</b>                        | <b>Every day you have a homeroom and coursebook class with your HOMEROOM TEACHER.</b> 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.<br>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. |
| <b>Writing</b>  | 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.   |
| <b>World News</b>                                       | Every Monday and Thursday evening you will watch the BBC news in your homeroom classroom. 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.  |
| <b>Current Issues</b>                                   | You will learn about and discuss current world events and global issues.  |
| <b>Computer Studies</b>                                 | 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.  |
| <b>Practical English Teaching for Primary Education</b> | This course is designed to provide practical classroom practice for teaching English. You will have the opportunity to plan, prepare & deliver active English lessons suitable for primary school pupils.<br>You will be encouraged to try out a variety of teaching activities: using drills, using flashcards, working with music, building vocabulary, and so on.  |

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|   | These skills will prepare you to successfully deliver an English lesson to your pupils. During this course, you will be taken to a number of primary schools, where you will observe lessons and do some 'micro-teaching'.   |
| <b>TOEIC<br/>(Examination practice)</b>                 | 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.  |
| <b>TOEIC<br/>Vocabulary (TOVO)</b>                      | This lesson prepares you for the vocabulary learning required for the TOEIC examination. Common TOEIC exam topics are studied and word sets are taught.  |
| <b>English Literature for Children</b>                  | You will study a number of children's books that are both popular and part of the primary syllabus, for example: Alice in Wonderland, Peter Rabbit, The Hungry Caterpillar, The Gruffalo, Paddington Bear, Where The Wild Things Are, Fantastic Mr. Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. You will examine a variety of teaching techniques that primary teachers use to exploit and encourage understanding of the selected texts.  |
| <b>Outline of British Literature</b>                    | 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. |
| <b>British Culture for Primary Education</b>            | You will learn about British culture and will learn how to use a variety of teaching techniques to introduce these topics to your pupils. Topics will include British festivals, British food and the history of Britain.<br><br>Lessons will be taught using methods appropriate for teaching primary school children, with an emphasis on songs, making, doing, and experiencing.  |
| <b>English Phonetics and Phonology</b>                  | 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.  |
| <b>Practical English Language for Primary Education</b> | You will study the English language that is taught in primary schools, including grammar, vocabulary, the skills of speaking, reading, writing and listening, as well as a practical introduction to the features of English pronunciation taught at primary level. You will be introduced to the active   |

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|   | teaching techniques needed, which will then be developed and practised in the <i>Practical English Teaching</i> lessons.  |
| <b>School Observations &amp; visits</b>           | 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. |
| <b>General Studies (Monday afternoon options)</b> | As requested by Shumei University, students do the 'sports' option.   |
| <b>Volunteering</b>                               | Students have opportunities for volunteering in order to meet British people and improve their communication skills.  |
| <b>Festivals and Outreach Activities</b>          | 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.