Professional courses in

Education and English Language
I learned a lot from the courses, including some key concepts, issues of EAP and useful classroom methodologies. I will use what I have learned, especially useful teaching slides, websites and course materials in my new semester’s teaching work. This is a perfect course and I really learned a lot.

Xiuchun Zhang, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics
About the University of Leicester

The University of Leicester is a leading UK university committed to international excellence through the creation of world changing research and high quality, inspirational teaching. Ranked in the top 1% of the world’s universities by the Times Higher Education World University rankings (2015/16) and given 5/5 stars by the international QS university rankings, we are able to offer courses at the very highest level.

University of Leicester is a global institution, being ranked in the top 50 of the world’s most international universities by Times Higher Education and with 30% of our full time campus based students coming from outside the European Union. Our state of the art facilities include the award winning David Wilson library and a new £30 million Centre for Medicine.

We have earned our reputation as an institution at the forefront of research developments and teaching practices. In the Times Higher Education REF Research Power rankings, 75% of our research was judged to be internationally excellent and the Times Higher Education World University rankings placed us in the top 100 worldwide for citations. Famous breakthroughs that have occurred at Leicester include Sir Alec Jeffrey’s pioneering work in establishing genetic fingerprinting in 1986 and, more recently, the discovery of the body of King Richard III in a Leicester car park.
About Education CPD+ and the English Language Teaching Unit

**Education CPD+**

Education CPD+ specialises in developing and delivering Continual Professional Development (CPD) courses for education professionals. Staff in our Education CPD+ department are highly experienced in providing quality and innovative bespoke programmes, either in the UK or internationally, to meet the needs of specific clients, whether involved in primary, secondary or higher education teaching.

Benefiting by being part of the University of Leicester’s School of Education, Education CPD+ has access to the latest cutting edge research as well as input from highly respected academics, educational consultants, teachers and technicians. Education CPD+ strives to make this research available to organisations, as well as expertise in innovative pedagogy and new technology, in order to develop their staff.

In addition to its bespoke courses, Education CPD+ runs a comprehensive range of CPD sessions which are open to all throughout the year. It also hosts regular seminars and conferences to address topical educational issues and developments.
English Language Teaching Unit

The English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU) was established in 1988 to provide English language preparation support for the University of Leicester’s international students. Since then, the ELTU has evolved into one of the largest departments of its kind in the UK. Today, as well as continuing to provide pre-sessional support to over 1,000 students every year, the ELTU’s scope has expanded to offering a wide range of services for a variety of organisations, including Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) teacher training, English for both specific and general purposes and English language teaching consultancy. The ELTU is:

- Accredited by the British Council
- An authorised centre for both Cambridge language examinations and CELTA courses
- An active member of BALEAP (British Association of Lecturers in English for Academic Purposes).

The ELTU also delivers credit bearing modules for Bachelors and Masters degree programmes, and offers a distance learning Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English for Academic Purposes.

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What we can offer

Education CPD+ and ELTU can provide a range of learning and training solutions for clients, working either individually or in co-operation. The key lies in our ability to be flexible and tailor the exact package to meet clients’ specific training needs. Factors to consider could include:

- Course content and outcomes
- Location of delivery
- Mode of delivery
- Programme duration
- Budget
- Profile of delegate
- Class size.

We also have access to academic and teaching excellence across the University, which can be matched according to the specialism of the client. Programmes could therefore have input from, for instance, Leicester School of Management or Leicester Medical School.

Examples of what we can offer:

- **Consultancy**
  - Our expertise can be used to develop curricula, provide accreditation and quality assurance or supply visiting academics.

A range of additional options are available for courses delivered in Leicester, including:

- A choice of accommodation options
- Excursions to cities such as London, Oxford and York
- Airport transfers
- Visits to local organisations of interest such as hospitals, companies, local authorities or schools
- Social events with local staff and students.

- **Teacher training**
  - Training is available for teachers operating at all educational levels and could focus on topical areas such as e-learning and educational technologies, curriculum development, communication skills and effective leadership

- **English language classes**
  - As well as academic and general English, we can also offer English classes for specific purposes, such as airline, medical and public administration English

- **English teacher training**
  - We are accredited to offer CELTA, one of the most recognised qualifications in this area

- **Internships**
  - Specialist programmes can be developed for interns, which may include individual research projects, specialist lectures and training courses, classroom observations, English language preparation and shadowing of academic staff
Case Studies

Bolashak Programme, Kazakhstan

The University of Leicester regularly hosts groups of interns from universities in Kazakhstan. These groups spend between four months and a year on a specialist programme developed to address their individual academic requirements. This programme includes a series of training courses designed specifically for the interns, cultural visits across Britain and access to a wide range of subject specific lectures. There is also the opportunity to liaise with equivalent interns and academics currently working at the university. The interns have always found this programme to be informative and enjoyable, demonstrated by the numerous repeat visits.

Egyptian Ministry of Education

We have completed a series of programmes for Egyptian educators on a number of topics. One such programme lasted 12 weeks and focused on how to develop the use of technologies in an educational setting. Delegates took part in a series of courses designed to help develop teaching techniques before eventually applying the knowledge they gained to issues faced in their normal day-to-day work. Once again, these visits led to successive programmes for more groups who wanted to benefit from the extensive courses on offer.

University of Babylon, Iraq

This programme involved a series of courses on English language training and different teaching techniques. Some delegates also took the opportunity to take part in some work shadowing. This involved spending time with senior professors at the University and discussing teaching and research methods - benefiting from the knowledge of the leading academics that gives the university its strength. Delegates also had the opportunity to attend a variety of lectures at the university that complemented the main programme.
Nantong University, China

Groups of academic staff from Nantong University have been welcomed annually for specially tailored English for Academics courses. Over 11 weeks the course focuses on general English communication, communication skills for professional academics and teaching and learning in higher education. Participants, who come from a range of academic disciplines, undertake individual research on a project of their choosing, making use of the University’s facilities and resources, and having access to academic departments across the institution. As well as an improved level of English, participants leave with a clearer understanding of the British higher education context as well as other aspects of British culture.

Japanese medical programme

For nine years, the ELTU has offered a three-week summer programme specifically aimed at Japanese medical professionals and students who wish to improve their English. The course aims to improve communication when using English for both general and, in particular, specific medical purposes, with special emphasis on speaking. Participants also gain an insight into the health system and medical practice in the UK through hospital visits, seminars in the School of Medicine and language classes focusing on specific health issues.
Studying at the University of Leicester

Campus facilities
The University of Leicester’s bustling and compact campus is a vibrant community, with all manner of places to meet, eat and drink, as well as study. The University has a commitment to providing high quality facilities and a £1bn campus development plan ensures all resources meet the needs of our international students, no matter the length of time they study with us. The University also has two sports centres, one of which is on the campus, and places for religious worship, all of which are available to visitors on short courses. In addition, the full range of amenities available in the city centre are only twenty minutes’ walk or a short bus ride away. Both Education CPD+ and ELTU are based in specialist facilities ten minutes’ walk from the main university campus.

Accommodation options
The University of Leicester offers a range of accommodation options to suit all budgets and preferences. Halls are situated in numerous locations across the city. City-living accommodation lies between the University campus and city centre, within easy walking distance of both. Other accommodation is located a short walk from the University or in the Botanical Gardens, a scenic area populated by a mix of beautiful Edwardian mansions and the latest modern housing.

Other preferences can also be catered for including private lodgings, homestay with local families or state of the art conference style accommodation at College Court. Accommodation can either be on a self-catered basis or meals can also be provided.

Library
Formally opened by Queen Elizabeth II in December 2008, the award winning David Wilson Library is a cutting edge hub for research and education. Containing numerous study areas, 350 computers and 38 kilometres of shelving for books, it is one of the most well-equipped university libraries in the country. Information Librarians provide detailed advice for each subject area and help students make the most of resources available in the Library and on the web.

Over £6m a year is invested in the Library, which is open 24 hours a day in term time. It includes access to over a million printed volumes and to the Leicester Digital Library of tens of thousands of journals, which is accessible from anywhere in the word with an internet connection.
The City of Leicester

Leicester is a lively and diverse city and the tenth largest in the UK. It is known for its multi-cultural society and has a friendly and safe atmosphere. Leicester hosts a range of cultural and religious communities, with numerous mosques, churches and temples available to visitors, many religious festivals taking place throughout the year and restaurants featuring cuisines from every corner of the world.

Recent investment in the city has led to the opening of the world-class Curve Theatre and Phoenix Square Independent Arts Centre in the new Cultural Quarter, which complement Leicester’s array of cinemas, theatres, museums and galleries.

The sparkling Highcross complex features 110,000 square metres of shops, cafes and restaurants while Leicester Lanes houses a variety of independent boutiques and specialist shops. The city has a rich history and visitors can view the ruins of the Roman town at Jewry Wall, one of the tallest surviving pieces of Roman masonry in the country, and visit the fascinating exhibition documenting the University’s discovery of the body of King Richard III.

Leicester also caters for sports fans with Leicester City playing Premiership football and Leicester Tigers being one of England’s most famous rugby clubs.
Ideally located in the centre of England, Leicester is well connected by road, rail and air and is only an hour by train from London.