

Spring Camp: Academic English & Academic Skills 2016

The spring camp is designed for KUPES and double-degree students to improve their English, academic skills, teamwork, and critical thinking. It also serves as intensive camp to improve the students' knowledge on the EU.

It is divided into two parts:

English skills/academic skills (Kobe University): February 15-19, 22, 23, 26

EU intensive camp (Awaji island): February 24, 25 (*leave Kobe in the morning of February 24, returning in the afternoon of February 25*).

Learning aims:

The course is designed to improve your English as well as your academic and study skills so that you can be better prepared for and more successful at your studies in Kobe and abroad. You will develop awareness of academic conventions and practices, learn about formal English and academic style, and get a better understanding of the requirements for term papers, presentations and literature reviews. Additionally, you will develop your academic listening strategies, practise giving academic presentations, and get practice in how to successfully participate in seminars. The course will also cover new approaches to reading understanding and helps you develop better management skills of your workload, incl. reading materials.

Every day, you will have 30 minutes of fun, engaging speaking and critical thinking classes, as well as some options to select from.

Intensive camp on Awaji Island:

Over two days (February 24-25) you will acquire general knowledge of the EU, its institutions and its policies.

You will be able to choose from several different workshops, offered by Prof. Kreck, Prof. Riminucci and Prof. Schrade, depending on your personal interest and knowledge.

You will discuss different aspects of the EU in small groups, thereby increasing your knowledge of the EU, your ability to express yourself in English, as well as your analytical skills.

Participation (accommodation, transportation, meals, classes) is free.

Programme:

February 24:

AM: departure from Kobe (chartered bus)

Noon: lunch

PM: workshops (EU institutions, EU history, EU policies, Germany in the EU etc.) [Kreck, Riminucci, Schrade]

Evening: dinner, quiz night, entertainment

February 25:

AM: workshops (current issues in the EU)

Noon: lunch

Return to Kobe (chartered bus)

Preparations for the Camp on Awaji Island:

Please buy and read the following book

Pinder/Usherwood (2013). The European Union. A Very Short Introduction. Oxford: Oxford UP.

Can be bought online at amazon.co.jp, for approx.. 900 yen + 250 yen for shipping (oder together with your friends and save shipping fee!). Takes 5-10 working days to arrive.

<http://www.amazon.co.jp/gp/offer->

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You can also buy the book shipping free from the link below.

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