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Newsflash: "Let's Enjoy English!" to Start in June!

"Let's Enjoy English!", an extracurricular conversation class, is going to start from the late June.

The classes are held online (using Microsoft Teams) this year, and you must apply during the specific application period, between June 7th to 11th, through an application form on a dedicated webpage. (The URL of the form will be in the Shugaku Shien System.)

Classes are held on weekly basis, so you have to choose one which you can join every week. It means the members of each class are fixed throughout the term.

More details are to be announced through Shugaku Shien System in the early June.



Hello Aidai Students! - A Message from a New Teacher



DESI TOM

Hello! My name is Desi Tom. I am from the United States. I was born and grew-up near Los Angeles and moved to San Francisco after high school to attend university. I have lived in Japan for almost 20 years total. Before moving to Matsuyama, I lived in Nagoya, Miyazaki and Nagasaki.

I have many hobbies. I like to play golf, jog, go to the gym, cook and listen to podcasts. However, my biggest passion is coffee. I am proud to say that I am a coffee-otaku. I often read coffee blogs on the internet,

watch YouTube videos on coffee making and travel all over the world to drink coffee from famous cafes. My dream is to buy a mini-café truck and travel all over Japan to see its beautiful sights, meet interesting people and to introduce tasty coffee to those who are unfamiliar to very good coffee.



I am glad to be in Matsuyama and want to explore it more. I look forward to visiting the castle, Dogo onsen and of course, the nice cafes. I am happy to meet students, so if you see me around campus, please don't be afraid to say "hello".



Join The Book Club!

Are you interested in speaking English ?

This means you will use "daily use" English such as greetings, common expressions and SNS slang. The Book club is for you! Especially for those who would like to learn and practice English. Also, it will motivate you. The concept of "ゆる~く学ぶ" is very important. That is why our rules are: "You can join or skip activities depends on your needs." & " Just 1 hour a week with us ."

- Members -

Nanami, Law and Letters: I love Pokémon, Ms. Adverb. I'm studying English just for the passion.

Fumi, Science: I love Minions, movies, and music. I'd like to use English in business.

Sayako, Law and Letters: I love capybaras and café-hopping. I'd like to enjoy talking with people of various cultures.

Soichiro, Law and Letters: The chance to study English is when I have taken the exam to get into here. The faster I can read English, the more I like English.

...and so on!

- Schedule & Time -

Every Friday, 10:00~11:00 am

10:00~10:10 Reading / TED / Free talk

10:10~10:55 Topic for the day ※

10:55~11:00 TED

※In this semester, we're going to focus on speaking and reading skills. For example, we will go over pronunciation, how to understand movie/news, speed reading etc.

The Book Club is for those who would like to have opportunities to use English, and have learning mates! Until now (global pandemic), you must feel interested in English. You can get the experience that you can speak English, talk with us, and learn using natural expressions. Don't you want to study English? Why don't you?

Join us! If you are interested in joining or have any questions or concerns, please send an email to Fumi! ↓ ↓



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- by Nanami Yano (Faculty of Law & Letters)

The account name is hidden for personal information protection. If you would like to e-mail to Fumi, ask the EEC office (eec@stu.ehime-u.ac.jp) for her contact address.



Upcoming Events

GTEC Academic (Online)
for 1st year students

Jul 26 - 30

Open Campus

Aug 7 - 8

School Holiday

Aug 7 - Sep 30

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My Favorite Local Destination

To the many students who have joined Aidai, but who are not from Ehime, I would like to introduce to you my favorite place, Mount Ishizuchi. With travel restrictions, now is the perfect time to explore locally. It is also great all year round! Summer, winter, autumn and spring, all offer a different side of nature to enjoy.

When I write this in spring, it is a great chance to approach Mount Ishizuchi from the Omogo Valley. There are many beautiful waterfalls and rock pools at the base, and as you elevate, there is a very special treat for your hard work. There are beautiful flowers here, that I have been told are called akebono tsutsuji, or in English a type of azalea. My pictures cannot do justice to the beauty of these flowers, please climb and see for yourself! I think it rivals cherry blossoms in its beauty.

Summer is very hot, and climbing the mountain from the bottom can be exhausting, so I recommend cheating with the ropeway. You can take a swift ride up, and then you only have a three hour hike to the summit! Amazing! The views are breathtaking, and because of the warm weather,



there is no ice in the more dangerous spots, like the climbing chains, or the nerve racking crossing of the stone ridge, to the highest point, Mount Tengu.

Autumn is your last chance to see the summit, before the heavy snow falls make it impossible for the average hiker like me. The stark difference of the top between Summer and Autumn is unbelievable. To look down from the summit, and see patches of vibrant red dotting the forests of Shikoku, while the skeletal frost covered branches reach up towards the peak in the early hours, is worth it.



Autumn Ishizuchi

The last and probably most underutilized time to visit Mount Ishizuchi is winter! There are websites that will advise when the road is clear of ice, and the ropeway itself drops you off above the snow line! You can hire any kind of winter sports equipment you like, but I strongly recommend just making snowmen, having snowball fights, and enjoying the thick blanket of snow. All year round, please visit, but challenge me to a snowball fight if you see me there in winter!

- by Andrew Strange (Assistant Professor)



English Professional Course Report

Do you know the English Professional Course? It is a specialized curriculum for students who wish to acquire skillful and practical English ability. Here is a report from a graduate student who completed the course last year.

Hey guys! I am Keisuke Mizoka. I graduated the English Professional Course last year. Currently, I am a graduate student in the Faculty of Engineering, studying fluid dynamics (water, air flow, and machine learning). Let me give you my impression.

The students in this program are comprised of 2nd year students and above from all departments except the medical school. They like English or are interested in different cultures. We do group work in class, there were times it was not easy to exchange our opinions or agree on everything as a group. However, it was fun. There were times when the assignments were difficult, but because of my Pro-course classmates, they helped

me get through it.

Not only did my English skills improve, also I learned other skills such as presentation, speech, writing academic paper, discussion and so on. I could not learn them in my departmental courses, so it was exciting for me. If you are interested in learning new things, you can find these classes with unexpected results. In my opinion, you will be able to apply them in your studies.



- by Keisuke Mizoka
(Graduate School of Science & Engineering)