



Electives

The system of afternoon **'Electives'** at Cambridge Academy enables you to adapt your studies as much as possible to your individual academic plan, career or personal interests.

Electives are special areas of English study that you **'elect'**, or choose, for yourself. They are run for 90 minutes every afternoon from Monday to Thursday, every week of your course. Some are offered throughout the year and others change every few weeks.

You can take an elective in a wide variety of subjects. It would be impossible to give a complete list of the electives at CAE - because we are always adding new ones to the list! However, here are some very popular subjects:

Academic English

- **English for Academic Purposes** - For those who need Academic English (especially IELTS or TOEFL) for University or school.
- **Cambridge Exam Workshop** - Get to know the FCE, CAE and CPE exams in detail and work on your problem areas.
- **Writing Practice** - This is the ideal elective for those students who need extra help with basic writing skills.
- **Grammar Workshop** - An opportunity to do some intensive work in areas of English grammar that you find a particular problem.

Speaking and Listening

- **Vocabulary in Situations** - In the marketplace, at the airport, visiting the dentist - you'll need different vocabulary every time. This is a chance to discover new words and phrases for a wide range of interesting situations.
- **Multi-media English** - For those who find listening and speaking particularly difficult. Lots of fun activities as well as serious practice using the audio-visual equipment in our Multimedia Centre.
- **Ideas and Issues** - This is a chance for you to use your English to express your opinions on subjects that are important to you - the more controversial the better!
- **Cartoon Films** - Learn some REAL English from the Simpsons, South Park, etc. Great for listening, good for those who like a challenge.
- **Reading for Pleasure** - Stories, poems, plays, song lyrics - an elective to get you reading and speaking.

Special Interest

- **Cambridge People & Places** - Find out about historic Cambridge city, visit some of the places and meet some of the people from one of the most famous university cities in the world.
- **Communication in Business** - Learn to develop the language you need for the world of business. Practise all your skills in a business context. For TOEIC students too.
- **Film Studies** - Watching films and discussing them is great for your listening, speaking and vocabulary.

Here are three different students and the Electives they have chosen ...

- **Tomasz** is 21, and from Gdansk. He is studying Art and Design, but also has a general interest in the culture of the English-speaking world. During his 6-week course at CAE he has chosen to follow the elective 'Reading for Pleasure', which enables him to study in detail the lyrics of some of his favourite songs. After four weeks he will then change to 'Film Studies', which give him the opportunity to analyse and discuss the dialogue of a variety of famous movies.
- **Luisa** is a 23-year-old journalist from Bologna, and is interested in developing her career in international journalism. In the two weeks she is spending at CAE she is very keen to develop her English interviewing techniques, and has therefore decided to follow an elective in 'Ideas and Issues'. She'll have the chance to ask and answer questions on challenging issues such as climate change, freedom of speech and animal rights.
- **Fawaz**, 20, is from Kuwait and is planning to start an engineering degree at a British university next year. He is at CAE for 12 weeks, and this will give him the time to follow three different electives. For the first four weeks of his course, Fawaz will do Reading and Writing, as he needs extra practice in these skills. Then he will follow Extra Exam Practice, to develop skills he will need for the IELTS exam. His third elective will be Academic English which will help him acquire important skills like essay-writing and note-taking that he will need for university.