

Plymouth

UCP Marjon is located on a pleasant green-field campus on the edge of Plymouth, in the south-west of England. This is a very attractive part of the country, with many places of historic or cultural interest nearby. The air is clean and there is plenty of open countryside, including the famous Dartmoor National Park only 5 km away.

Plymouth has a long history connected with the sea, and its port of Devonport has served as a naval base to the British Royal Navy for centuries. With a population of 250,000, Plymouth has all the attractions of a big city – shopping, entertainment, culture and restaurants – but is close to beautiful beaches, picturesque villages and wild countryside. The cost of living is lower than in many other British cities, and the climate is the mildest in Britain.

Plymouth has excellent transport connections by rail, road and air to London and beyond, and direct ferry connections to France and Spain.



UCP Marjon

University College Plymouth St Mark & St John (UCP Marjon) has been a major contributor to education in England since its foundation as a church college in the early 1840s, almost 170 years ago. UCP Marjon offers specialisations in the humanities, social sciences, sports and teacher education. It has a very active Centre for International Education, whose teaching staff deliver language development and teacher training courses in the UK and around the world. The institution especially welcomes international students.

UCP Marjon is a small, caring and friendly academic community with high standards, and is particularly known for the quality of its teaching. In 2007 it was rated the fifth best University College in the United Kingdom (Sunday Times Good Universities Guide), and the National Student Satisfaction Survey placed it in the top 20 of all Higher Education Institutions in the UK.

The University College awards its own degrees, and credits for its courses. It provides a serious academic environment with excellent facilities, including a library, a computer network and a sports centre, to which all students have full access.

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Teaching English to Young Learners (TEYL)



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The two week TEYL course is intended for both new and practising teachers of English as a second or foreign language for younger learners, aged from 3 to 11. The participants may include secondary teachers of English who are starting to teach at primary level, and also primary teachers of other subjects who need to teach English as a subject or through English as a medium. This is essentially a practical, activity-based course which draws on the expertise and resources of our Bachelor's degree in TESL for Primary Teachers.

The course covers a variety of topics and content areas, and may include the following:

- *Approaches to TEYL:* Language-based learning, activity-based learning, topic-based learning
- *Developing language skills and systems:* Teaching reading, writing, speaking, listening, vocabulary and grammar (appropriate to age range)
- *Story as methodology:* Using, selecting and adapting stories
- *Using songs, music, drama and games for developing English language skills*
- *TEYL textbook and materials review*
- *Testing and assessment of young learners*

The content, focuses and emphasis of the course can be adjusted to some extent to meet the needs, interests and priorities of the particular participants.

Methodology

On all our professional development courses we work broadly within a reflective model, encouraging participants to draw on past experience, to share experiences, to evaluate them in the light of inputs from course tutors and reading, and to plan for action on return to their own teaching contexts.

Our Staff

All our staff have specialised ELT qualifications, and relevant experience and expertise. Many staff currently also teach on our BEd (TESL) programme for primary teachers of English. They adopt a practical, hands-on approach and take account of the professional and cultural background of participants.

Social Programme/Excursions

On courses during the summer, there is an optional, on-demand programme of social events and excursions. The excursions comprise various half-day and full-day visits.

Accommodation & Welfare

Participants may live on campus or with carefully selected local families. Families provide an ideal authentic English language practice environment and opportunity for immersion into British life and culture.

UCP Marjon employs a full-time International Student Welfare coordinator, who has responsibility for the welfare needs of all international course participants.

Other Courses Available

Our summer programme also includes the following two week courses:

- **Trainer Development for ELT**
- **Language Development for Teachers**
- **Language Awareness / Materials Development for ELT**
- **Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)**
- **Classroom Research/Language Assessment**

Some can also be taken as an accredited module in a validated Certificate / Diploma / Masters Degree programme. As an accredited module, there are associated substantial assessment requirements with on-line support.

Award-bearing Courses

The Centre for International Education also runs full-time one year Masters programmes related to ELT for teachers and trainers of ELT teachers.

Tailored Courses

Courses in all the areas listed above can also be designed and delivered to suit the needs of closed groups, both at the University College in Plymouth and at sites overseas. Please contact the International Office for more information.

Funding

UCP Marjon's short Professional Development courses for Teachers and Trainers are all recognised by the European Union as eligible for Comenius funding. Please contact the International Office for more information: inted@ucpmarjon.ac.uk



For details of scheduled courses, including detailed descriptions and information about fees and dates, please check our website: www.ucpmarjon.ac.uk