



CAMBRIDGE C1 ACTIVATE PREPARATION COURSE

PRESENTACIÓN

The primary objective of this course is to activate students' grammatical and vocabulary knowledge, and practice the reading, listening and speaking skills associated with language use at CEFR C1 Vantage / Advanced level. The course will also introduce students to some of the tips and techniques required for successful completion of Cambridge English Advanced (CAE) examination tasks.

- **Carácter:** Optativa
- **ECTS:** 2
- **Curso y semestre:** 2025-2026, semestre I
- **Idioma:** inglés
- **Título:** Activate C1
- **Libro:** *Cambridge English Compact Advanced* (Peter May)
- **Profesor:** Stephen Markey (smarkey@unav.es)
- **Horario:** miércoles 18:00-20:30h 17/09-19/11
- **Aula:** Aula B3, Edificio Amigos

RESULTADOS DE APRENDIZAJE (Competencias)

The following is a description of what a C1 learner should be capable of doing (adapted from the Common European Framework of Reference and Association of Language Testers in Europe criteria).

Speaking: Level C1 users are capable of keeping up lengthy, casual conversation with a good degree of fluency. In the workplace, they can contribute effectively to meetings, seminars and conference-calls concerning their own area of responsibility or expertise. Students at this level can give a clear presentation on a familiar topic, and in tutorials or seminars, present, and to some extent, justify their opinions.

Writing: At this level, personal letters and some more formal types of correspondence, such as a letter to a newspaper, can be dealt with. In the workplace, users can draft professional correspondence and take reasonably accurate notes in meetings. If studying, they can take useful notes in seminars and lectures, make notes from written sources and write essays which demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively.

Reading: At C1 level, users have the reading competence of an average native speaker. They are capable of understanding most magazine and newspaper articles. In the workplace, they can understand instructions, articles and reports in their own field. If studying, reading related to their own subject area presents few problems.

Listening: Users at this level can cope with everyday life situations. They can enjoy a wide range of social contacts, and understand a great deal of what is broadcast on TV and radio,



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and in films. In the workplace, they can understand most of what takes place in meetings and seminars within their own area of work. Students at this level can follow much of what is being said at lectures, seminars and tutorials.

PROGRAMA

Module 1 (This Activate C1 course): Language - activating skills, particularly grammar, vocabulary, listening, reading, and speaking to bring students up to the C1 level as a launch pad for module 2.

Module 2: Intensive preparation for the Cambridge English Advanced Exam (CAE).

ACTIVIDADES FORMATIVAS

One two-hour sessions per week, during the first semester of the second academic year.

A wide range of pedagogical activity types will be employed including individual, pair and group work and some on-line activities.

ASSESSMENT

All participants will receive a final grade that reflects their performance in the course.

Grading criteria:

There will be an academic record, reflecting students' performance in the course. The final grade is based on attendance and participation and it will be either "meets the requirements" or "doesn't meet the requirements".

FUNDAE bonus criteria:

University staff subsidized by FUNDAE will receive the bonus if they meet the attendance requirements set by FUNDAE (in-presence classes: 75% of total sessions).

Additionally, they will receive a final grade reflecting their performance in the course (either "meets the requirements" or "doesn't meet the requirements").

Special Cases

Students with special needs must inform the instructor in advance to allow for appropriate accommodations.

HORARIOS DE ATENCIÓN

Contact your class teacher Stephen Markey via email (smarkey@unav.es) to arrange a meeting.

BIBLIOGRAFÍA

Module 1:



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Students will be given a copy of **Cambridge English Compact Advanced by Peter May**, this book will be used as the main base and structure of the course. However, additional material will also be provided.

A highly recommended book for all students and crucial for those in greater need of extra vocabulary and grammar practice is **Recycling Advanced English by Clare West**.

Module 2:

Students will be given a copy of **Cambridge English Advanced 4 (CAE)** as well as plenty of additional material for practice.