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Ing CAE C1 S1
Guía docente 2023-24

CAMBRIDGE C1 ADVANCED PREPARATION COURSE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This eight week course provides thorough preparation for the Cambridge C1 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) English examination. Access to the course is decided on the basis of a special Entry Level Test taken online, via the Instituto de Idiomas webpage ([HERE](#)). The focus of the course is on examination skills and techniques, task types and time management. Although some grammar and vocabulary teaching is included, it is expected that students will already have acquired sufficient skills in these areas to be able to make the most of the preparation course.

- **Instructor:** María Teresa López Vázquez
- **Language of Instruction:** English
- **Department:** Modern Languages Institute, English Department
- **Class Schedule:** Saturdays 9.00h - 12.30h.
- **Course dates:** Saturday 20th January 2024 - Saturday 9th March 2024
- **Location:** Aula 09 Edificio Amigos, Campus Universitario, Pamplona.

COMPETENCIES

The successful CAE candidate (C1 level) will have acquired the following linguistic skills:

- **Speaking:** Level C1 users are capable of keeping up lengthy, casual conversations 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 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 the 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, 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.

GUIDED LEARNING HOURS



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According to the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for language learning), the number of guided learning hours estimated to progress from a B2 to a C1 level is **200 hours**. (Total hours to achieve B2: 500-600, and to achieve C1 700-800 hours). Obviously, there are individual differences that must be taken into account but it should be clear that achieving a C1 level involves extensive personal work and commitment.

PROGRAMME

The Cambridge C1 Advanced exam consists of 4 papers. The course programme centres on each paper in the following way:

Paper 1. Reading and Use of English.

- What is tested in each part of the Use of English paper is explained and practised in class. (Part 1, multiple-choice cloze test. Part 2 open cloze test. Part 3 word formation. Part 4 sentence transformation).
- What is tested in each part of the Reading paper is explained and practised in class. (Part 5, multiple choice questions. Part 6 cross-text multiple matching exercise. Part 7 gap-fill exercise. Part 8 multiple-matching questions. Students will acquire the skills they need to improve their performance in each part of the reading paper.

Paper 2. Writing. The format, style and register of the following writing tasks are explained in class: an essay, formal and informal letters, a report, a proposal, an article and a review. Assignments are revised and corrected in detail and students are given specific suggestions on how to improve their written work.

Paper 3. Listening. The listening paper has four different parts. The general objectives include: understanding general meaning, gist, specific details, opinions, feelings and attitudes, etc. Students acquire the listening skills they need to optimise their performance in the examination.

Paper 4. Speaking. The classes centre on the acquiring the following language and skills: talking about yourself, likes and dislikes, the language of comparison and contrast, speculation and hypothesis, agreement and disagreement, decision-making, successful interaction, etc. Students are also given a complete mock oral exam during the course.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

This course with twenty-four class contact hours is divided into two parts: the first part focuses on becoming familiar with the exam and the linguistic knowledge and skills needed to successfully complete the exam; the second part centres on improving performance via timed activities and mock exams.

Part 1

1. Individual and group activities to review aspects of language.
2. Guided practice of the different parts of the exam.
3. Presentation of exam tasks
4. Analysis and review of oral and written language production.

Part 2

1. Timed practice of the different components of the exam.
2. Completion of complete and partial papers in mock exam conditions.



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3. Oral interview practice, using peer assessment
4. Complete mock oral exam in a different room by a different teacher.

EVALUATION

Continuous Assessment

- All tasks completed during the course are graded and form part of the course continuous assessment.
- At the end of the course individual overall performance is compared with the Cambridge assessment scales for C1 Advanced.

ORDINARY CALL

The Cambridge C1 Advanced paper based in-person exam, takes place on **Saturday 16th March 2024** with the schedule 9.00-13.00h. (approximate). The oral exam may take place on the same day in the afternoon or on a day in the week leading up to the written exam (oral times and dates are emailed to each candidate individually). The written and oral paper based exams take place in the Edificio Amigos, Universidad de Navarra, Campus Pamplona.

EXTRADORDINARY CALL

There is only one sitting of the C1 Advanced exam with no possibility of a re-sit at a later date.

OFFICE HOURS

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- Sala de Profesores 3050 Edificio Ampliación Biblioteca de Ciencias. Planta 02
- Time slot available on request, via email.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

COURSE MATERIAL PROVIDED ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

- **Cambridge C1 Advanced, Practice Tests 4.** CUP 2021

RECOMMENDED

- **Cambridge C1 Advanced, Practice Tests**, Volumes 1-3. CUP 2015-2018
- **Grammar and Vocabulary for Advanced.** Martin Hewings, Simon Haines CUP 2015
- **Exam Booster** for Advanced (self-study edition). Carole Allsop, Mark Little, Anne Robinson CUP 2018.
- **C1 Advanced Trainer.** Felicity O'Dell, Michael Black, CUP 2015
- **C1 Advanced Trainer 2.** Felicity O'Dell, Michael Black. CUP 2020
- **Common Mistakes at CAE.** Debra Powell. CUP 2005
- **Common Mistakes at CAE** (with Testbank). Debra Powell CUP 2016
- **Destination C1 and C2.** Grammar and Vocabulary. Malcolm Mann, Steve Taylor-Knowles, Macmillan 2009