

Cambridge English: Certificate of Proficiency in English C2

Preparation Course

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Introduction

The course is one semester long (48 hours, 2nd semester only) and is taught in English and it is open to students enrolled in Bocconi degree programs (Bachelor, Master of Science, Integrated Master of Arts in law), Master and PhDs.

The aim is to provide a solid preparation in order to take and successfully pass the Certificate of Proficiency in English exam. Every student receives details about how and when to apply. When the enrollment period is over, applicants will receive confirmation of their acceptance/non-acceptance on the course.

This activity will start if a minimum number of enrollments is reached, is limited to 60 participants. Registrations cannot be carried out once this number has been reached or after closing of the registration period. A certificate of attendance will be issued upon completion of the course (minimum 75% attendance).

Minimum Entry Level

To be admitted students should possess a **C1 level of English**. It could be assessed by one of the following:

- a Bocconi exam C1 pass over 26/30
- CAE minimum C
- BEC Higher minimum C
- TOEFL (minimum score 107)
- IELTS (minimum 7.5 overall)

Detailed Course Content

In order to prepare students in each of the four linguistic skills, the Cambridge English Proficiency preparation course will cover the four main skill areas:

- **Listening:** provides recorded materials, to confront the four listening parts that are set in the Proficiency exam
- **Reading:** presents a range of reading material, gathered from magazines, online sources, journals and such like. These materials are used with the objective of developing the skills to successfully complete the reading tasks presented in the Proficiency exam
- **Writing:** provides the skills to tackle competently the writing exercises in the exam
- **Speaking:** aims at developing the skills and strategies in order to confront with ease the speaking part of the Proficiency

Listening	Reading/ grammar/ vocabulary	Speaking	Writing
Listening and Vocabulary	Reading and use of English Perfect tenses, phrasal verbs, suffix endings	Personal profile Your background Family and relationships Talking about change	Summarising ideas
Listening and vocabulary	Word formation collocations Aspects of the future	Expressing opinions and presenting your viewpoint	Reformulation
Listening and vocabulary	Modifiers fixed pairs of words Conditional clauses	Strange behaviour	Reading into writing Negative adjectives
Listening and vocabulary	Predicting the contents of an article from the title and after reading the first key paragraph	Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of jobs, sports and general activities	Agreeing and disagreeing in writing
Eliminating options	Inserting the missing information	The language for describing people and places	Describing functions and diagrams
Listening to Interviews and Questionnaires	Summarising a reading comprehension	Given a two-minute presentation	Describing social trends and tendencies
Understanding the main ideas and gist of the listening	Skimming and scanning techniques	Describing an event or celebration	Using academic terms and expressions
Listening to presentations	Dealing and understanding unknown vocabulary	Having a two-way discussion about abstract issues and topics	Passive use/structures
Listening for Markers and indicators	Distinguishing facts and options	Stock phrase in speaking	Describing objects and what their purposes are
Numbers and figures in listening	Key sentences and supporting sentences		Presenting and justifying an option
Question words and listening	Inversion		Describing a process using active and passive forms



Listening	Reading/ grammar/ vocabulary	Speaking	Writing
			Describing stages using a diagram
Paragraph planning and essay writing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening paragraphs; introducing the topic and providing background information Middle paragraphs analysing evidence and points Giving reasons and examples to support and illustrate your viewpoint Closing paragraph writing: summarising the main points and concluding remarks 			

CPE exam format:

Cambridge English Proficiency consists of four papers developed to test your English skills at a C2 level. It is necessary to pass all four parts in order to pass the examination:

Paper	Content	Purpose
Reading and Use of English (1 hour 30 minutes)	7 parts 53 questions	Shows you can deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and manuals.
Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)	2 parts	Requires you to be able to write a variety of text types, such as essays, reports and reviews.
Listening (about 40 minutes)	4 parts 30 questions	Requires you to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as lectures, speeches, and interviews.
Speaking (16 minutes per pair of candidates)	3 parts	Tests your ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations.

Set Textbooks

Annette Capel, Wendy Sharp, *Objective Proficiency 2nd Edition*, Cambridge University press

Topics covered during the course:

- Creativity
- Changes
- Globalisation
- Human interaction
- The consumer society
- Music
- City living
- Relationships
- Success
- Scientific advances
- The environment

Teaching Mode

It will be possible to join the course in distance learning, by connecting remotely through BBoard live session



Calendar

Date	Time
Monday 8 February 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 10 February 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 15 February 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 17 February 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 22 February 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 24 February 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 1 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 3 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 8 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 10 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Saturday 13 March 2021	10:30-12:00
Wednesday 24 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Saturday 27 March 2021	10:30-12:00
Monday 29 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 31 March 2021	18:40-20:10
Saturday 10 April 2021	10:30-12:00
Monday 12 April 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 14 April 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 19 April 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 21 April 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 26 April 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 28 April 2021	18:40-20:10
Monday 3 May 2021	18:40-20:10
Wednesday 5 May 2021	18:40-20:10

Attendance Certificate (Open Badge)

Course attendance will be certified with the issue of an Open Badge.

The badge will be issued to the students who attend **at least 75%** of course hours.

