

Online English Level C1 Course Description and Syllabus

General description

Forget the image of the lonely online learner who never meets their teacher or any of their classmates. This course using our online platforms is designed to be social and engaging and aims to maximise communication. Along with your classmates, you will participate in live online classes using Zoom and your teacher will guide you through every step of your learning. These online classes give you the flexibility to log in wherever you are and will be extremely helpful in achieving your goals.

General objectives / Competences

By the end of this C1 level course you will:

- express your ideas clearly and fluently, and use language flexibly and effectively
- use complex grammatical structures confidently
- have broadened your active vocabulary
- understand a wide range of demanding texts and be able to recognize implicit meaning
- produce cohesive, complex and detailed texts on a variety of subject matters, using appropriate levels of formality
- be familiar with Advanced exam tasks
- have confidence in exam techniques and strategies

Methodology

This course will encourage communication as much as possible and guide students through using language in a functional way. In order to progress from B2 to C1, the key factors are widening your range of vocabulary and being aware of different levels of formality. The emphasis will be on adapting language to different social contexts, which will help you to form your own personal identity in another language. The classes are all student-centred and you won't be sitting listening to long grammar explanations. Tasks and activities in class will mean using all of your competency in English, and this, with help and feedback from the teacher, will make the classes more engaging.

In addition to your online class time, you should allow some time, around 1.5 hours every week, for completing assignments and personal study.

Content

The course will include a variety of different topics which students would be expected to cover at C1 level. This will include a wide range of vocabulary and grammar appropriate for C1 and will be integrated through listening and reading texts.

There will be emphasis on the four key skills; speaking, listening, reading and writing, though speaking will be the main focus in online class.

Material



- *Coursebook:* You will be using C1 Formula in class. Your coursebook includes the Student Interactive eBook, digital resources and the Practice English App.
- *Microsoft Teams:* you will be given a licence for Office 365 for Education. Your teacher will invite you to join their class on Microsoft Teams. The Teams site is where teachers will post extra resources and assignments and where you upload your assignments for correction.

Evaluation and assessment

There will be a final exam at the end of each semester to check your progress in the course, which will include Writing, Use of English, Reading and Listening. You will also be assessed throughout the course by your teacher and any individual work you have done will contribute to your final mark.

The overall assessment will be based on:

- Participation = 5%
- Written assignments = 10%
- Progress test = 10%
- End of semester exam = 75%

At the end of each semester you will have the opportunity of a personal interview with a coordinator to discuss your progress and marks. We will also advise on the best moment for you to take an official C1 level exam, should you wish to do so.

Assignments and personal study time

As learning does not only happen in the classroom, to encourage learner autonomy it is important to allow time for practice and study at home.

Writing Assignments

- Students complete a weekly written task and upload it to Microsoft Teams
- The teacher corrects and returns the work online
- Students use teacher's corrections and feedback to improve their work and return for a second appraisal by the teacher

Additional tasks

Students will also be asked to complete online tasks to help reinforce areas covered in the lessons:

- Grammar/Vocabulary exercises
- Listening and Reading tasks
- Speaking tasks (audio/video recordings)

Technological Requirements and Information

You will need the following to participate in our online courses:

- Desktop or laptop computer
- Webcam or HD webcam (integrated or USB plug-in)
- Speakers / headphones and microphone (integrated, USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth)
- Office 365 for Education account (provided by CIC Idiomes)
- Zoom basic app installed on your computer

Installing Zoom

Zoom is a high-quality, secure videoconferencing platform used in educational contexts around the world.

We recommend registering with Zoom. It is free and simple to do. Go to <http://zoom.us>

You can install the Zoom app on your computer by going to <http://zoom.us/download> On this page, you'll find instructions and links for downloading the app.

It is important to keep your Zoom app updated to be able to benefit from periodic improvements to the platform. When an update is available, you are usually prompted to install the update when you click on the app to start a session.