



Center for Applied Linguistics and Language Studies English Language Program

Course Description

Course Name/Course Code: ECCE Prep 1 T

What will I learn?

Through this course, you will:

- develop your accuracy and fluency in speaking and writing
- develop your awareness of the writing process
- develop your reading sub-skills
- develop your listening sub-skills
- develop your note-taking skills
- develop your test taking strategies

What is the level of this course?

This course aims at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Students at this level can:

- understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation.
- interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party.
- produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

What are the components of the course?

The course content includes writing, reading, speaking, and listening components.

- The writing component consists of writing a letter to the editor of a newspaper, a research report summary, an essay expressing an opinion, an essay offering solutions an essay describing a personal experience, and a cause and effect essay. You will be trained in writing both formal and informal essays and letters. You will write at least one essay or letter per week.
- The reading component consists of reading test task types, through which you will develop your reading skills.
- The speaking component consists of group discussions, as well as practice in the types of speaking activities found in the ECCE.
- The listening component consists of listening to short dialogues and longer interviews requiring responses to both pictures and written prompts. You will listen to 15 practice tests for the ECCE.
- The grammar component of the course consists of the class going over the grammar items contained in all the practice tests covered. You will revise the following grammar phenomena: appropriate verb form, tense & verb agreement, count & non-count nouns, pronouns, determiners, interrogative forms, adjectives & adverbs, comparative & superlative forms, modifiers & intensifiers, clauses of time, conditionals, prepositions & prepositional phrases, gerunds & infinitives, relative clauses, modals with simple & perfect infinitive, passive forms, reported use, syntax, some high frequency phrasal verbs, word forms, etc.
- The vocabulary component of this course consists of the class going over the vocabulary contained in each of the practice tests, as well as revision through reading, speaking and writing.

Will I practice taking the test?

- You will receive training in taking timed tests and strategies for the test. You will complete at least 9 practice tests.