



Center for Applied Linguistics and Language Studies
English Language Program
Course Description

Course Name/Code: ECPE prep year-long

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 C2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Students at this level can:

- understand with ease virtually everything heard or read.
- summarize information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation.
- express him/herself spontaneously very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

What are the components of the course?

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

- The writing component consists of training in essay writing skills. You will write at least one essay per week.
- The reading component consists of reading test task types, through which your reading skills will be developed.
- The speaking component consists of group discussions, as well as practice in the types of speaking activities found in the ECPE.
- The listening component consists of listening to and going over at least 14 practice tests for the ECPE, along with practicing the sub skills of listening with the skills book 'Build up your proficiency'. Students will also be given instruction in how to develop their note taking skills.
- The grammar component of the course consists of the class going over the grammar items contained in all the practice tests covered. You will be helped to apply your knowledge of grammar rules through elicitation and discussion of the distracters. You will also be helped to focus on the function and meaning of the stems of questions in the test.
- The vocabulary component of this course consists of the class going over the vocabulary contained in each of the practice tests, as well as consolidation 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 12 practice tests.