



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

Course Name: ALCE Prep 1.5T

Course Code: ALCE Prep

**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 test taking strategies

**What is the level of this course?**

This course aims at the C1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Students at this level can:

- understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
- express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
- use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic, and professional purposes.
- produce clear, well structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns connectors and cohesive devices.

**What are the components of the course?**

The course content includes listening, reading, writing, speaking, grammar, and vocabulary.

- The writing component consists of writing at least 6 essays in class, with more being set as homework.
- The reading component consists of reading test task types, through which students reading skills are developed.
- The speaking component consists of group discussions, as well as practice in the types of speaking activities found in the ALCE.
- The listening component consists of listening to at least 6 practice papers of the ALCE, practicing the sub skills of listening. You 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.
- You will also receive training in taking timed tests and strategies for the test. You may complete 9 practice tests.