



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

**Course name: Young Learners and Adolescents 'ECPE'**

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**Aim:** The aims of this course are:

- To develop students' accuracy and fluency in speaking and writing
- To develop students' awareness of the writing process
- To develop students' reading sub-skills
- To develop students' listening sub-skills
- To develop students' test taking strategies

**Level:** This course aims at the C2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).  
Students:

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

**Requirements:** In order to attend this course, former Hellenic American Union students are expected to have completed Adolescents Pre-ECPE course successfully. Alternatively, new students may be placed in this course after sitting for the Hellenic American Union placement test.

**Duration:** The course lasts around 30 weeks. Lessons last two hours and take place three times a week. Each lesson is broken up into two fifty-minute sessions, without a break in between. Lessons begin at 16.40 (Monday-Wednesday-Friday).

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

- The writing component consists of students being trained in essay writing skills. Students will write at least one essay per week.
- The reading component consists of reading test task types, through which students reading skills are developed, as well as their background knowledge.
- The speaking component consists of group discussions, as well as practice in the types of speaking activities found in the final of the ECPE.
- The listening component consists of listening to and thoroughly 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 course going over the grammar items contained in all the practice tests covered. Students will be helped to apply their knowledge of grammar rules through elicitation and discussion of the distracters. Students 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 course going over the vocabulary contained in each of the practice tests, as well as consolidation through reading, speaking and writing.
- Students will also receive training in taking timed tests and strategies for the test. Students will complete many practice tests.
- Interactive Whiteboard Activities

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