

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

Course Name: ALCE prep 1/2 Term Course Code: ALCE 1/2 Term Exam Preparation Course

What will I learn?

Through this course you will:

- develop accuracy and fluency in speaking and writing
- develop awareness of the writing process
- develop reading sub-skills
- develop listening sub-skills
- develop 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. 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. Students will be helped to apply students' 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 class going over the vocabulary contained in each of the practice tests, as well as consolidation through reading, speaking and writing.

Note: This course is offered to students attending Advanced 3, Pre-ECPE 1 or Pre-ECPE 2, and wish to sit for the ALCE.