

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

Course Name: BCCE prep 1/2 Term Course Code: BCCE ½ 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 level of this course?

This course aims at the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

Students at this level can:

- understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest.
- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

What are the components of the course?

The course content includes building critical thinking skills, listening, reading, writing, speaking, pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary.

- The listening component consists of listening to at least 6 practice papers of the BCCE, practicing the sub skills of listening. Students will also be given instruction in how to develop their note taking skills.
- The reading component consists of reading test task types, through which students reading skills are developed, as well as their background knowledge. The writing component consists of writing at least 6 essays in class, with more being set as homework.
- The speaking component consists of group discussions, as well as practice in the types of speaking activities found in the BCCE.
- The grammar component consists of revising 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 consists of revising 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 Intermediate 3, Pre-ECCE 1 or Pre-ECCE 2, and wish to sit for the BCCE.