

English - Preparation for the CPE Certificate (C2)

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Language

English

Course description and objectives

The aim is to provide a solid preparation in order to take and successfully pass the Certificate of Proficiency in English exam.

Audience

The course is open to all Bocconi students and non.

Prerequisites

To follow the course proficiently students should possess a C1 level of English. It is strongly recommended to have one of the following:

- Bocconi exam C1 pass over 26/30
- CAE minimum C
- BEC Higher minimum C
- TOEFL (minimum score 107)
- IELTS (minimum 7.5 overall)

Duration

48 hours

Teaching mode

The course will be taught in person. No online mode will be provided.

Calendar

| Lecture | Date | Time | Room |
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| 1 | Tue 11/02/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |

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| 2 | Sat 15/02/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 3 | Sat 15/02/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 4 | Tue 18/02/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 5 | Sat 22/02/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 6 | Sat 22/02/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 7 | Tue 25/02/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 8 | Sat 01/03/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 9 | Sat 01/03/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 10 | Tue 04/03/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 11 | Sat 08/03/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 12 | Sat 08/03/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 13 | Sat 22/03/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 14 | Sat 22/03/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 15 | Tue 25/03/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 16 | Sat 29/03/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 17 | Sat 29/03/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 18 | Tue 01/04/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 19 | Sat 12/04/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 20 | Sat 12/04/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 21 | Tue 15/04/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 22 | Tue 06/05/2025 | 18.15 - 19.45 | N30 (Velodromo) |
| 23 | Sat 10/05/2025 | 9.30 - 11.00 | 5 (Sarfatti) |
| 24 | Sat 10/05/2025 | 11.15 - 12.45 | 5 (Sarfatti) |

Syllabus of the course

In order to prepare students in each of the four linguistic skills, the Cambridge English Proficiency preparation course will cover the four main skill areas:

- **Listening:** Recorded materials will be provided in order to confidently tackle the four listening parts that are set in the Proficiency exam.
- **Reading:** A range of reading materials, gathered from magazines, online sources, journals and articles, will be provided. These materials will be used with the objective of developing the skills to successfully complete the reading tasks presented in the Proficiency exam.
- **Writing:** The skills required to tackle competently the writing exercises in the exam will be developed.
- **Speaking:** The objective is to develop the skills and strategies to confidently approach the speaking part of the Proficiency

| Lecture | Reading/Grammar/ Vocabulary | Listening/Speaking | Writing |
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| 1 | Introduction to the Proficiency Exam | | |
| 2- 3 - 4 | Reading and use of English Perfect tenses, phrasal verbs, suffix endings Word formation collocations Aspects of the future | Expressing opinions and presenting your viewpoint Personal profile Your background Family and relationships Talking about change | Reformulation Summarising ideas |
| 5 - 6 | Modifiers fixed pairs of words Conditional clauses | Strange behaviour | Reading into writing Negative adjectives |
| 7 - 8 | Predicting the contents of an article from the title and after reading the first key paragraph | Discussing the advantages and disadvantages of jobs, sports and general activities | Agreeing and disagreeing in writing |
| 9 - 10 | Inserting the missing information | The language for describing people, places and objects | Describing functions and diagrams |
| 11 - 12 | Summarising a reading comprehension | Giving a two-minute presentation | Describing social and economic trends and tendencies |
| 13 - 14 | Skimming and scanning techniques | Describing an event or celebration | Using academic terms and expressions |
| 15 - 16 | Dealing and understanding unknown vocabulary | Having a two-way discussion about abstract issues and topics | Passive use/structures |
| 17 - 18 | Distinguishing facts, figures and options | Stock phrase in speaking | Describing objects and what their purposes are |
| 19 - 20 | Key sentences and supporting sentences | Negative prefixes and suffixes | Presenting and justifying an option |
| 21 - 22 | Inversion | Using visual and written prompts | Describing a process using active and passive forms |

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| 23 - 24 | Negative inversion | Discussing about probability and outcomes | Describing stages using a diagram |
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Course Bibliography

- Betsis A., Houghton S., Mamas L., *Succeed in Cambridge Proficiency. 8 Practice Tests+ Self Study Guide*, Global ELT

Available seats

This activity is limited to 110 participants. Further registrations will not be carried out once this number has been reached or after closing of the registration period. Please remember that you can unsubscribe from the course only before the registration deadline.