

Cambridge B2 (FCE) exam course

- Maximum 3 students. Minimum 2.
- 12 weeks x 2 hours per week.
- Start dates: April, September 2021, January 2022.

NB: The April 2021 course will be an online course (Zoom).

This course is for **motivated learners** of English in the Geneva area who wish to certify that they have a 'high intermediate' level of English. It is an exam training course, open to students who already have a B2 level (preliminary test obligatory).

Objectives

This course will help you develop the English skills that you need to pass the test with confidence. By the end of the course, you should be able to:

Identify main ideas, specific information, text structure, implication and tone in written texts

- Listen for specific information, or the speaker's opinion, attitude or feeling
- Organise your ideas, start and maintain a conversation, and negotiate effectively
- Produce clear, detailed writing, expressing opinions and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of different points of view
- Extract key information from listening and reading texts
- Structure an academic text, using topic sentences, paragraphs and linking works appropriately

Content

- 12 x 2-hour groups lessons – face to face
- Maximum 3 students (minimum 2)
- Online practise exercises
- Practice in all four exam papers (Reading and Use of English, Writing, Listening, and Speaking)
- Familiarisation of the format and question types
- Effective test-taking strategies

Dates and prices

Start dates: April – June 2021, September – December 2021, January - March 2022.
B2 exams are held every month in Geneva.

Class times: Every Tuesday from 18.00 to 20:00 for 12 weeks. In the case of confinement or governmental/sanitary restrictions the classes will continue via Zoom

Cost: CHF 1600 per student.

Coursebook and online platform: CHF 150 per person

Exam charge (to be paid to the Cambridge exams centre in Geneva): CHF 400

Classes will be confirmed when there is a minimum of two students.

Class dates: Every Tuesday from 18.00 to 20:00 for ten weeks. In the case of confinement or governmental/sanitary restrictions the classes will continue via Zoom.

The class meets for two hours per week over a 12-week period. During this time students learn time management strategies and techniques for every part of every section of the exam. Practice tests are given as homework and students are encouraged to set a timer and simulate exam conditions as much as possible. Over the length of the class, each exam paper is done under exam conditions during class time to ensure time management awareness. Results of the homework and the in-class exams are recorded by the instructor in order to monitor progress and identify areas for additional practice.

Apart from test-taking techniques, writing is the second main focus of the class. Students are given writing tasks each week which are scored according to content, organisation, register, vocabulary and grammar and given an overall mark. Students practise the different formats and styles, writing legibly by hand and paying attention to length restrictions all within a strict time limit. Every type of writing which can be required on the exam is practised with special emphasis on the four writing types possible in task one.

Speaking is integrated into the class with discussion encouraged. In addition, two full classes focus exclusively on the speaking portion of the exam culminating in a mock speaking test for every student.

Preliminary test

The entrance exam is a shortened version of an official past paper which includes reading, writing, use of English and an oral interview with an expert at the school. Only students who receive an average mark of 65% on the written test and perform satisfactorily in the spoken interview are selected for the class.

Late enrolments: Late registrations may be accepted up and including the third week at the discretion of our exam co-ordinator.

Next step

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