

# 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.

## Prerequisites

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

- a 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

This course will be only taught in person. Online mode will not be provided.

## Calendar

Lecture	Date	Time	Room
1	Tue 06/02/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
2	Tue 13/02/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
3	Sat 17/02/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
4	Sat 17/02/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
5	Tue 20/02/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
6	Sat 24/02/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
7	Sat 24/02/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
8	Sat 02/03/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
9	Sat 02/03/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
10	Tue 05/03/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
11	Sat 09/03/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
12	Sat 09/03/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
13	Sat 23/03/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
14	Sat 23/03/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
15	Tue 26/03/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
16	Tue 09/04/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
17	Sat 13/04/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
18	Sat 13/04/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
19	Tue 16/04/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
20	Sat 20/04/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
21	Sat 20/04/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
22	Tue 23/04/2024	18.15 - 19.45	Aula 5 (Sarfatti)
23	Sat 04/05/2024	9.30 - 11.00	Aula 22 (Sarfatti)
24	Sat 04/05/2024	11.15 - 12.45	Aula 22 (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:** there will be provided recorded materials in order to confront the four listening parts that are set in the Proficiency exam.
- **Reading:** there will be presented a range of reading material, gathered from magazines, online sources, journals and articles. These materials will be used with the objective of developing the skills to successfully complete the reading tasks presented in the Proficiency exam.
- **Writing:** there will be provided the skills so as to tackle competently the writing exercises in the exam
- **Speaking:** the objective will be to develop the skills and strategies in order to confront with ease the speaking part of the Proficiency

Lecture	Reading/Grammar/ Vocabulary	Speaking	Writing
1 - 2	Reading and use of English Perfect tenses, phrasal verbs, suffix endings	Personal profile Your background Family and relationships Talking about change	Summarising ideas
3 - 4	Word formation collocations Aspects of the future	Expressing opinions and presenting your viewpoint	Reformulation
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

<b>13 - 14</b>	Skimming and scanning techniques	Describing an event or celebration	Using academic terms and expressions
<b>15 - 16</b>	Dealing and understanding unknown vocabulary	Having a two-way discussion about abstract issues and topics	Passive use/structures
<b>17 - 18</b>	Distinguishing facts, figures and options	Stock phrase in speaking	Describing objects and what their purposes are
<b>19 - 20</b>	Key sentences and supporting sentences	Negative prefixes and suffixes	Presenting and justifying an option
<b>21 - 22</b>	Inversion	Using visual and written prompts	Describing a process using active and passive forms
<b>23 - 24</b>	Negative inversion	Discussing about probability and outcomes	Describing stages using a diagram

## Course Bibliography

- Capel A., Sharp W., *Objective Proficiency 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Cambridge University Press

## 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.