

IELTS Lab C1 (2ed)

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Language

English

Course description and objectives

IELTS Lab (C1) provides a series of workshops aimed at preparing students for the Academic IELTS test. Students will be provided with practice and tips to support their performance in each component (Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing).

PLEASE NOTE: *this is an exam preparation course NOT a language improvement course. If you wish to improve your general grammar, vocabulary and level of English please follow the curricular English courses.*

Audience

The course is open to students enrolled in Bocconi degree programs (Bachelor, Master of Science, Integrated Master of Arts in law), University Master students and PhDs.

Prerequisites

This course is not designed to improve your level of English but to maximise your IELTS test-taking potential. For this reason, in order to benefit from this course, students are advised to have a minimum of a high B2 level of English.

Guidelines

Registration:

You can sign up for the course only through the yoU@B student Diary, in the "sign-up for various activities" box (please note: this box appears only when registrations open. It will not be visible before then).

Cancellations must also be submitted through the Diary by the registration deadline.

No other cancellation methods will be accepted.

Registration will be confirmed a few days before the course starts via a message in the yoU@B student Diary.

Attendance:

- Attendance of **75% or more** of class hours: obtainment of the **Open Badge**
- Attendance of **less than 25%** of class hours: **exclusion list**

Duration

36 hours

Teaching mode

This course will be delivered **exclusively in person**. Online mode will not be available.

Calendar

Lecture	Date	Time	Room
1	Sat 26/09/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
2	Sat 26/09/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
3	Sat 03/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
4	Sat 03/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
5	Sat 10/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
6	Sat 10/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
7	Sat 17/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
8	Sat 17/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
9	Sat 31/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
10	Sat 31/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
11	Sat 07/11/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
12	Sat 07/11/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
13	Sat 14/11/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
14	Sat 14/11/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
15	Sat 21/11/2026	9:30 - 11:00	5 (Sarfatti)
16	Sat 21/11/2026	11:15 - 12:45	5 (Sarfatti)
17	Sat 28/11/2026	9:30 - 11:00	201 (Sarfatti)
18	Sat 28/11/2026	11:15 - 12:45	201 (Sarfatti)

Syllabus of the course

The workshops will all focus on providing targeted skills practice on:

- **Speaking:** introduction, long turn, and discussion - with a focus on fluency and spontaneity, avoiding repetition and providing accurate responses.
- **Writing:**
 - o Task 1: Accurately describing charts, graphs, processes
 - o Task 2: (Essay writing) Opinion, discussion, problem-solution, advantages/disadvantages
- **Listening:** conversations, monologues etc
 - o Focus on paraphrasing and prediction skills.
 - o Strategies for note-taking, identifying distractors.
- **Reading:** Skimming, scanning, and detailed reading techniques

As well as this, students will:

- gain test awareness: become familiar with the format and learn strategies on how to best approach the test.
- learn skills: how to approach each part of the test and each question type
- get practical experience and advice: through test practice and understanding of the band descriptors

Required bibliography

- Materials will be provided by the professor
- *IELTS 16 Academic Student's Book with answers*, Cambridge University Press, 2021

Suggested bibliography

- Aish F., Tomlinson J., Bell J., *Expert IELTS 7.5*, Pearson, 2017. *This book can be used to provide extra, out-of-class practice for preparation of the test. It also provides topic-based vocabulary and grammar focus for weaker students*

Available seats

This activity is limited to **80** participants. No further registrations will be accepted after the maximum number of participants has been reached or once the registration period has ended. Registrations can only be cancelled through the yoU@B Diary by the course registration deadline.