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Cambridge English: IELTS Academic B2 Preparation Course

Program	Bachelor / Integrated Master of Arts in Law
Teaching activity	Parallel to courses in preparation for Bocconi exams and as an alternative to them; (total classroom teaching hours 48) The course is activated if there is a sufficient number of participants
Minimum Initial Level	In order to attend the class in a productive way, students are advised they need a good B1/B2 level of knowledge of the language
Objective	The aim of the course is to provide a solid preparation in order to take and successfully pass the two hour and forty-five minute exam
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Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the courses are available for a limited number of students: to be admitted, students have to sit a test• after the test, the Center works out a classification. Test results are processed by the computer according to European standards, and they cannot be appealed against.• the courses run for one semester: 1st year: 2nd semester (February-May)• after the test, students admitted to the course will be assigned to a class group• the class group is run only if the minimum number of applicants is reached• courses will be held mostly during evening hours (from Monday to Friday)• students can attend only one course per semester• instructions and deadlines for the enrolment procedure and further communication will be sent via yoU@B Student's Diary

*[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Set Textbook

S. O'Connell, *Focus on IELTS*. Ed. Pearson-Longman; Student's Book 2010

Recommended textbooks

B. Rogers, N. Kenny, *The Complete Guide to IELTS*, Cengage Learning; Student's Book 2015

We remind you that the Language Center offers to all students an information and consultancy service for the study of languages. In addition, at its [language laboratories](#), multimedia library, and online a variety of materials for students wishing to prepare for [international certificates recognized by the University](#) also for Bocconi exams (visit: www.unibocconi.eu/languagecenter).



Resources

Materials prepared by professors
Self-study programme
Past exams
Extra teaching materials
Language tutors
Office Hours for Bocconi teachers
International certificates conversion tables

Classroom activities and skills

The aim of the course is to provide a solid preparation in order to tackle and successfully pass the two hour and forty-five minute exam.

- **Listening Module:** provides recorded materials, to confront the four listening exercises that are set in Academic IELTS including monologues, dialogues, presentations and lectures
- **Academic Reading Module:** presents a range of reading material, gathered from magazines, online sources, journal and the such like. These materials are used with the objective of developing the skills to successfully complete the reading tasks presented in IELTS
- **Academic Writing Module:** provides the skills so as to tackle the writing exercises in the Test

First Task: a written presentation describing a process or information contained in a graph, diagram, or table

Second Task: developing a short essay concerning current topics or issues in which the candidate presents and argues their viewpoint

- **Speaking Module:** aims at developing the skills and strategies in order to confront with easy the speaking part of the IELTS

In order to prepare students in each of the four linguistic skills, the IELTS Academic preparation course is divided into four modules

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing

Self-study activities & skills

Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Confronting the four listening tasks	Analyzing a reading comprehension Locating the main/topic statements and supporting ideas	Personal profile Your background Family and relationships	Interpreting facts and figures



Note-taking	List and labelling paragraphs	Expressing options and presenting your viewpoint	Comparing and contrasting
Sentence completion	True/False / Not Given statements for the Reading comprehension	Word formation Families of words and functions	Correcting errors
Interpreting data given in a listening	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
Eliminating options	Inserting the missing information	The language for describing people and places	Describing functions and diagrams
Listening to Interviews and Questionnaires	Summarising a reading comprehension	Given a two-minute presentation	Describing social trends and tendencies
Understanding the main ideas and gist of the listening	Skimming and scanning techniques	Describing an event or celebration	Using academic terms and expressions
<p>Paragraph planning and essay writing</p> <p>Opening paragraph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the topic and providing background information • Middle paragraphs analysing evidence and points Giving reasons and examples to support and illustrate your viewpoint • Closing paragraph Summarising the main points and concluding remarks 			
Listening to presentations	Dealing and understanding unknown vocabulary	Having a two-way discussion about abstract issues and topics	Passive use
Listening for Markers and indicators	Distinguishing facts and options	Stock phrase in speaking	Describing objects and what their purposes are
Numbers and figures in listening	Key sentences and supporting sentences		Presenting and justifying an option
Question words and listening			Describing a process using active and passive forms
			Describing stages using a diagram
Complete IELTS test listening reading writing			



Concluding information

The preparation course is aimed to the relevant external certification, which takes place at the authorized exam centers.

Further information concerning centers, dates, fees and registration procedures can be found at <http://www.ielts.org/>

Please note that to achieve the best results student should take the exam as soon as possible after the end of the course.

The certification can be converted as an alternative to an internal Bocconi exam if the student has not already recorded it in career.

Further information

- Bocconi learning path and exams at www.unibocconi.eu/languagecenter > Exams-Certificates > Bocconi exams
- Conversion table (results/grade out of thirty) at www.unibocconi.eu/languagecenter > Exams-Certificates > Language Certificates