



Cambridge ADVANCED

COURSE DETAILS

Course length	30 weeks, October – May
Lessons	60
Frequency	Two 90-minute lessons per week
Study Centre/homework	2 hours per week (recommended minimum)
Start date	First week of October
Levels	C1 (Advanced)
Group size	6 – 8 people

COURSE FOCUS

This course focuses on improving your COMMUNICATION and LANGUAGE SKILLS and covers:

SPEAKING

LISTENING

WRITING

READING

VOCABULARY

GRAMMAR

PRONUNCIATION

THE ADVANCED EXAM

Students at C1 (Advanced) level are expected to be able to:

- use English in an effective way for business or study purposes?
- use English confidently and flexibly?
- produce well-structured, clear pieces of writing on complex issues?

If this correctly describes your skills in English, you might be ready to take the Cambridge Advanced exam.

COURSE CONTENT

The following is an example of what you will study on this course:

Skills Work

In the **reading** part of the exam, you will need to be able to understand texts from publications such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines. We will practise the following skills:

- Understanding the main ideas in a written text
- Reading between the lines (understanding implied meaning)
- Finding synonyms and parallel expressions
- Answering multiple choice questions
- Matching paragraphs
- Reference markers

In the **writing** part of the exam, you will have to show you can produce two different pieces of writing such as a short story, a letter (formal or informal), an article, a report, a review or an essay. We will practice all of these text types in class:

- Emails and letters: formal and informal
- Magazine articles
- Reports and proposals
- Opinion essays
- Leaflets and information sheets

- Reviews: films, books, events
- Stories

In the **listening** part of the exam, you need to show you can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including lectures, radio broadcasts, conversations, speeches and talks. We will work on the following listening skills:

- Listening for detail
- Completing written notes
- Answering multiple choice questions
- Understanding attitudes and intentions
- Matching recorded extracts to statements

In the **speaking** part of the exam, you will be tested on your ability to take part in different types of interaction: with the examiner, with the other candidate and by yourself.

- Expressing preferences
- Giving opinions
- Talking about advantages and disadvantages
- Comparing and contrasting
- Keeping a conversation going
- Talking about future plans

There is also a paper called **Use of English** in which your grammar and vocabulary skills are tested. ***For a more accurate idea of lexical and grammatical content, look at the information on Advanced (C1) courses.***

Lexical areas

Examples of vocabulary areas covered:

- Gender differences
- Travel and Tourism
- Education
- The Media
- The World of Work
- The Media
- The Environment
- Technology and Communication
- Social Issues

Grammatical themes

Examples of grammatical areas covered:

- Reporting Verbs
- Modal verbs past and present
- Conditionals 1, 2 and 3 and unreal tenses
- The passive
- Reported speech: statements, questions and demands
- Relative clauses
- Continuous and perfect aspect