



COURSE			
ENGLISH – CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION			
LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS		
CPE – STAGE 1	Student has passed Level C1.2		
COURSE TYPE	HOURS	CREDITS	CERTIFICATION
1º SEMESTER	60	2 'ECTS'	Level CPE – STAGE 1 CSIM
	4 per week		

### **Coordinators:**

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# **Course Outline:**

CPE – Stage 1 is a 60-hr with 15 hours of complementary work to be done outside class, in which the 5 main language skills are consolidated and practised:

- (1) Oral expression (speaking)
- (2) Oral interaction (conversation)
- (3) Listening comprehension
- (4) Reading comprehension
- (5) Writing

#### **Objetives:**

This course is aimed at people starting the preparation process for CPE. To that end, students are prepared not only in the linguistic elements required to pass the exam but also in 'exam technique'. Students will be prepared for all papers of the exam and have the opportunity to practise the speaking part of the exam. Advice will also be given on how to manage your time in all papers.

#### **Course Content:**

### Preparing the written exam

Present and past tense review

State verbs

Passive forms

Conditionals - review

Obligation + neccesity

Advice + obligation

Confusable words

Homophones

Future tense review

Verb phrases + prepositional phrases

Introductory and emphatic 'it' and 'there'

Inversion





Modals - probability, deduction, possibility, ability

Cleft sentences

Nominal relative clauses

## Preparing the speaking exam

Giving opinions

Comparing and contrasting

Turn-taking

Speculating

Suggesting

Asking for + justifying opinions

Agreeing / Disagreeing

Reaching a conclusion

# **Vocabulary**

The performing arts

Word formation: verbs to nouns ending in 'ion', animal sounds – figurative use, phrasal verbs

Compound nouns with 'self'

Suffixes and prefixes – words with multiple suffixes

Animal idioms

Use of metaphors, collocation and word formation

Literary devices

Expressions with 'brain', 'face', 'head', 'mind'

Phrases from Shakespeare

Multiple affixation

### Writing

A discursive essay

An article

A report

A review

# Assessment:

Final mark = 60% continuous evaluation\* + 40% final exam (compulsory)

\* 60% Continuous Evaluation (50% assessed tasks / homework + 10% participation)

# **Materials:**

The teacher will give details of the book, materials and class blog in the first day of class



