



English C1 2017-2018

C1 LEVEL: An outline

C1 level at *Escoles Oficials d'Idiomes* is a specialized general language course aimed at updating and improving language skills. It can be referenced to the competences defined for C1 level by the Council of Europe as described in The Common European Framework of Reference. Its main aim is to enable students to use language flexibly, successfully and accurately in all manner of situations, in personal, public, occupational and academic domains. Those situations require understanding and processing complex and lengthy texts, both spoken and written, in different language varieties, using a wide range of structures and vocabulary, and dealing with both concrete and abstract themes, even if these are unfamiliar to the student.

For further information on General and Skill-specific objectives, as well as a list of curriculum contents: www.xtec.cat/web/curriculum/idiomes/curriculum

Course duration and work outside the class

The course for 2017-2018 has a minimum of 130 hours, distributed over two weekly sessions of 2.15 hours. In order to reach the minimum teaching hours established by the curriculum, 15-minute scheduled sessions will take place throughout the academic year. Mon-Wed groups will have 26 sessions and Tue-Thu groups will have 27.

These sessions will comprise the following learning activities:

- 1 Speaking practice, related to both unit topics and exam preparation.
- 2 Individual or group counselling sessions aimed at dealing with the learning process.

Please visit the school website to download the calendar from www.eoibadalona.cat

Due to the fact that the C1 level entails a qualitative step forward in the learning process on the part of the student, enrolling for this level requires, at least, an equal amount of time devoted to additional personal work outside the class to that devoted in class.

Assessment and Certification

The assessment criteria for C1 are referenced to the General and Skill-specific objectives, as described in the curriculum. Throughout the course, a system of continuous assessment will be carried out with the aim of scaffolding the learning process, providing awareness of progress and highlighting areas for improvement. This process of continuous assessment and self-assessment are an invaluable source of information for how the course is developing and for its final assessment.

Final Exam

C1 level Exam	Exam parts	Timing	Mark
Written part	Reading Comprehension	60 min.	20 %
	Listening Comprehension	40 min.	20 %
	Written Expression and Interaction	90 min.	30 %
Spoken part	Task 1 (individually) Task 2 (in pairs)	30 min. (per pair)	30 %

To obtain the C1 level Certificate one must score a mark of at least 65 out of 100

Bibliography

Coursebook

- **Outcomes Advanced 2nd Edition Student's Book.** Cengage Learning.
ISBN 13: 9781305093423

Additional Reading

- 1st term: Personal choice from list (non-fiction)
- 2nd term: Personal choice from list (fiction)

Grammar

- *MyGrammarLab Advanced C1/C2.* Pearson
- *Cambridge Grammar Of English. Spoken and Written English Grammar and Usage.* R. Carter & M. McCarthy.
- *Practical English Usage.* M. Swan. Oxford
- *Advanced Learner's Grammar.* M. Foley & D. Hall. Longman *
- *Exploring Grammar in Context (Upper-intermediate & Advanced).* R. Carter, R. Hughes & M. McCarthy. Cambridge *
- *Advanced Language Practice (with key).* M. Vince. Macmillan *
- *Advanced Grammar in Use (with answers).* M. Hewings. Cambridge *
- *Grammar and Vocabulary for Cambridge Advanced and Proficiency.* R. Side & G. Wellman. Longman *

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Vocabulary

- *Oxford Word Skills Idioms and Phrasal Verbs. Advanced.* Oxford
- *Oxford Word Skills Advanced.* Oxford
- *English Collocations in Use Advanced.* Cambridge
- *English Phrasal Verbs In Use. Advanced.* Cambridge
- *Academic Vocabulary In Use.* Cambridge

Pronunciation

- *English Pronunciation in Use Advanced.* Cambridge

Dictionaries

- *Longman Language Activator: Helps You Write and Speak Natural English.* Longman
- *Longman Dictionary of English Language and Culture.* Longman
- *Oxford Dictionary of Collocations.* Oxford
- *Macmillan Advanced Learner Dictionary.* Macmillan
- *Longman Dictionary of Common Errors. New Edition.* Longman

Contact and office hours

Students can contact their teacher online via the virtual classroom or face to face. Only by appointment, you can have a 15-minute meeting with your teacher.

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