

English 5th Level 2017- 2018

Level and objectives

The 5th level at the Escoles Oficials d'Idiomes, which you are about to begin, is a general language course referenced to the B2 level (independent user) of the Council of Europe. It consists of a minimum of 130 teaching hours including counselling sessions and cultural activities. Its main aim is to allow students to achieve these objectives:

Oral interaction & expression	Written interaction & expression
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with natives speakers quite possible and take an active part in discussions in familiar contexts. Present clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects related to their fields of interest. Explain a viewpoint on an issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write clear detailed texts in different registers on a wide range of subjects related to their interests. Write texts passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view. Write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences.
Oral comprehension	Written comprehension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument when the topic is reasonably familiar. Understand most TV news and current affairs programmes. Understand the most common varieties of standard English. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints. Understand contemporary literary prose.

Classbooks

English File. Third Edition. Advanced. OUP. Student's book & workbook (with key)
 ISBN 978-0-19-450212-2

Recommended material

Grammar

Exercises and reference:

- Destination B2. Malcolm Mann & Steve Taylore-Knowles. *Macmillan*.
- MyGrammarLab B1-B2. (with key) Mark Foley & Diane Hall. *Pearson*
- MyGrammarLab C1-C2. (with key) Mark Foley & Diane Hall. *Pearson*
- Advanced Language Practice (with key). Michael Vince. *Macmillan*
- Advanced Grammar In Use (with answers). Martin Hewings. *Cambridge*
- Active Grammar. Level 3. Mark Lloyd & Jeremy Day. *Cambridge*
- Reference:
- Practical English Usage. Michael Swan. *Oxford*

Vocabulary

- English Vocabulary in Use Upper-intermediate with Answers and CD-ROM. Michael McCarthy & Felicity O'Dell. *Cambridge*.

- Oxford Word Skills. Idioms and Phrasal Verbs Intermediate. Ruth Gairns & Stuart Redman. *Oxford.*
- English Collocations in Use Intermediate. Michael McCarthy & Felicity O'Dell. *Cambridge.*
- Key Words for Fluency. Upper-intermediate. George Woolard. *Thomson*

Pronunciation

- English Pronunciation In Use. Intermediate. Martin Hewings. *Cambridge*
- www.howjsay.com
- www.forvo.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation

Dictionaries

- Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary
- Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary
- Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English.
- Macmillan English Dictionary for Advanced Learners.
- Oxford Dictionary of Collocations.
- Longman Collocations Dictionary and Thesaurus.
- Online dictionary and app for smartphones and tablets: *Wordreference*

Readers: A list of suggested books & short stories will be provided by the teacher.

Assessment and attendance

In 5th level students will have to sit the *Certificat de Nivell Avançat* (B2) exam. However, there will also be continuous assessment during the course.

The assessment tools used will be:

- tests that will assess different skills and contents worked on in class (reading, listening, lexis and grammar competence) either formally or informally. There will also be a mock exam in order to familiarize students with the format of the certificate exam.
- informal oral testing in the classroom may include discussions. An oral mock exam will also take place.
- writing tasks done at home or in class from which both students and teachers will get an insight of the students' writing progress and process.
- other tasks that the teachers may consider convenient

To pass the course and obtain the *Certificat de Nivell Avançat*, students need an average mark of 65% or higher in the final exam. For more information about the exam, visit the following web page: <https://goo.gl/rFVGQK>

Calendar

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

Classes will last 2.15 hours. Additionally, in order to reach the required minimum 130 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.

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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