

Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo

C1+/C2 Oral Skills

Syllabus

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Codice corso: 12666

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This course is for students who already have a consolidated C1 level of English.

Below is an indicative list of the course contents.

The course focuses mainly on advanced oral skills, vocabulary enhancement (e.g. connotation, collocation, register, advanced word-building, phrasal verbs, binomials, idioms and colloquialisms) and pronunciation (troubleshooting tricky sounds; word and sentence stress; intonation & rhythm). Nevertheless, it also has a distinctly holistic slant, covering all four skills (speaking, reading, listening & writing) to varying degrees.

It aims to improve fluency, confidence, communicative efficacy and grammatical accuracy at an advanced level, as well enhancing understanding of register, connotation and nuance in a range of contexts.

The following sub-skills & language points may be included:

- expressing & understanding opinions, views & intentions;
- taking part in debates and seminars; negotiating meaning & decisions; clarifying & elaborating;
- exchanging information, data and views; comparing experiences & viewpoints;
- summarising and reporting;
- understanding a variety of regional accents;
- interpreting & improving intonation patterns;
- hedging & qualifying opinions & statements
- modality: connotation, meaning & registers of formality;
- noun phrases;
- gerunds & infinitives;
- participle clauses; reduced relative clauses;
- determiners: articles & quantifiers;
- word order: inversion (emphatic, literary & restrictive); cleft sentences; fronting;
- aspect in verb forms: perfect & continuous;
- prepositional phrases and linking expressions (connectives & discourse markers)

The course is highly interactive and activities are varied and student-centred.

The course involves synchronous and asynchronous activities and homework. Materials are provided by the teacher.