



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE

English Level B2

Based on The Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)

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Preliminary information

B2 is one of the CEFR levels described by the Council of Europe.

English B2 can be defined as:

“The capacity to achieve most goals and express oneself on a range of topics.

Examples:

1. Can show visitors around and **give a detailed description of a place.**
2. Can **understand the main ideas of complex texts** on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation.
3. Can **interact** with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible **without strain for either party.**
4. Can **produce clear, detailed text** on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.”

SYLLABUS

1. *Ground linguistic concepts to learn a language.*
 - 1.1. Why English?
 - 1.2. English in the world
2. *English phonetics*
 - 2.1. Italian consonant and vowel systems.
 - 2.2. English consonant and vowel systems.
 - 2.3. Italian specific problems with English pronunciation.
3. *Morphology*
 - 3.1. Italian morphology
 - 3.2. English morphology for Italian speakers.
4. *Semantics*
 - 4.1. Faux-amis
5. *Understanding and production of complex texts.*
 - 5.1. Curriculum and résumé.
 - 5.2. Cover letters, formal letters and emails.
 - 5.3. The academic article: abstract, presentation, results and conclusions.
 - 5.4. The thesis.
 - 5.5. The bibliography. IEEE rules.

Complementary information

Duration of course: 24 hours distributed in 8-10 weeks.

Units accredited: 3

Final exam: written, multiple-choice type.

Final accreditation: Pass / Fail

First call (“appello”): 15 days after the last day of class.

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