



Annual Face-to-face English Language Course Overview

The annual courses are classroom-based and have a duration of 100 hours in total, divided between face-to-face classes and autonomous study by the student outside the classroom. These classes represent 80% of the course and are complemented with homework for each class. The distribution of these components is as follows:

- Face-to-face classes
80 hours = 52 x 90' classes, **twice weekly** (3 hours per week)
- Homework
20 hours (approximately 1 hour per week)

This means a commitment by the learner to spend a minimum of **4 hours per week**, including classes, to follow the course for its duration. The minimum requirement of the course is to attend 80% of classes.

Things to take into consideration

- Your **speaking** will be monitored by the teacher in class from the first day and throughout the course. Your performance in speaking activities in class will form the basis of this evaluation.

Factors that will influence your mark for speaking are:

- Regular attendance
- Regular and full participation in speaking activities..
- Using English rather than your own language in class.
- Your ability to communicate in English through fluency and the correct use of structures, vocabulary and pronunciation.

Your spoken English will be assessed in relation to your level, using the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference

- Three written **exams** will be held during the course and they will consist of listening, grammar and vocabulary exercises.
- **Attendance.** Apart from the administrative demands of the course, it is generally accepted that regular engagement with and use of the language is the only way to improve.
- **The course is evaluated and, at the end, you will be given a mark and a grade. If you pass the course, you will be awarded a certificate by the USC.** If a learner achieves the minimum requirement of 80% classroom attendance and has completed 80% of the online component, the final mark will be the average of two marks – speaking and exams.