

Cambridge General English C1 for CS: From Competence to Certified Excellence – Module A

Content and aims

This comprehensive course is designed to propel participants from the B2 or C1-CEFR levels to C1+ in English, equipping them with the language skills necessary for European and international diplomacy, negotiation, dialogue, and collaboration.

The course features:

- **Total Skills Development:** This course encompasses all English language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing; and building fluency, accuracy, and confidence in real-world contexts.
- **Experienced Instructors:** Learn from highly qualified instructors with extensive experience in teaching English to civil servants and professionals, backed up by the gold-standard Complete Advanced ESL programme from Cambridge Publishing.
- **Learn With Professional Peers:** This course is reserved exclusively for Austrian civil servants who frequently engage in international interactions, or who expect to do so in the future. It addresses the specific language challenges and demands faced in these situations and will help you to build the English skills necessary to do the real work of public administrators in international contexts.
- **Professional Discussions:** This course also allows time for you to introduce and discuss documents and other materials relevant to your work; it's also a great opportunity to find out what your peers are doing in other corners of the Austrian federal government!

Cambridge Certification: As an optional component, you can prepare for and take the Cambridge C1 Exam to officially certify your language proficiency. This internationally recognized certification will objectively document and demonstrate your progress in English.

At the completion of the two modules of the course, you should also be able to attain 7,0 – 7,5 on the IELTS, or 91 - 105 on the TOEFL.

Working method

With a maximum enrollment of 10 persons, participants will be fully engaged in working with the trainer in accelerating their English language development to where they need it to be.

Target group

Austrian civil servants from any department and position who work in international settings, or aspire to do so. Whether they are involved in diplomacy, international outreach, cross-border collaboration, or European Union liaison work, this course will empower them to excel in their roles.

Join us to complete your journey towards excellence in English, career advancement or change, and global opportunities of every kind! Our proven methods and experienced instructors will support you every step of the way.

Trainer

John Scott Hess, The Cambridge Institute

Time & venue

Length: 18 x 120-minute sessions, 15:00 – 17:00 each session
Seminar number: ES-E 401
Dates: **Spring:** 20 January to 2 June 2026 (Tuesdays)
Autumn: 9 September 2026 to 3 February 2027 (Wednesdays)
Venue: The Cambridge Institute, Mariahilfer Straße 121b, 1060 Wien

Organisation

Seminar leader: Katrine Hütterer
Secretariat: Elisabeth Fröhlich

Tip

You may also be interested in ES-E 403 covering Module B, which will elevate you to the „ready for exam“ C1 Advanced level, and which will follow on the heels of Module A.

Remarks

The costs for this seminar will be covered by Verwaltungsakademie des Bundes.

About

John Scott Hess

Head Teacher of The Cambridge Institute. He puts at your service nearly a quarter century of experience of teaching English and managing in language education, plus five years in business and property law. Specialized in the English of law, management, politics, economics and science, with extensive experience training and coaching members of large organizations and

the civil service. He holds academic degrees as Magister and M. A. (Modern European History).