

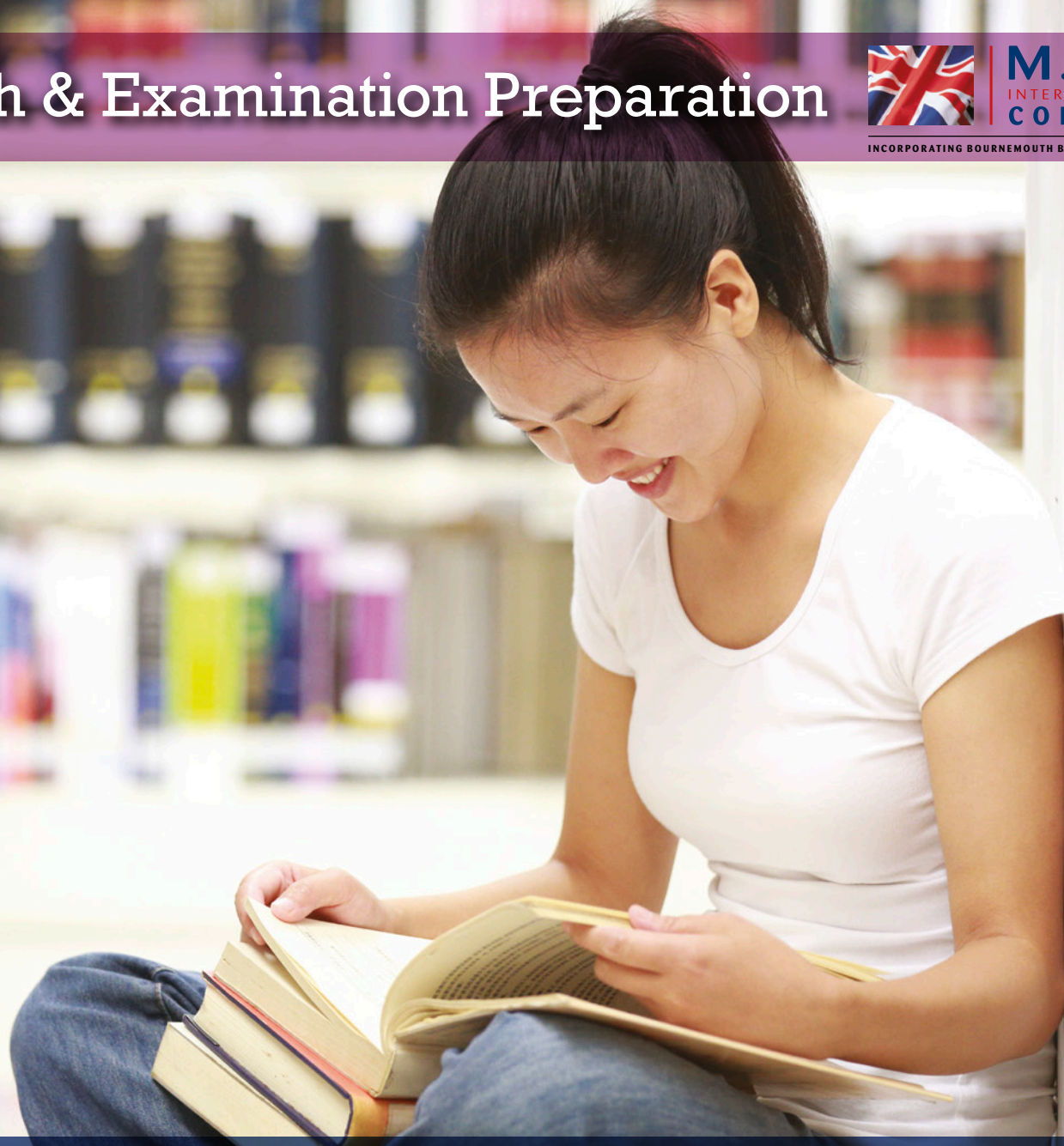
# General English & Examination Preparation




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# THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK AND THE ELEMENTS OF MLS COURSES

## Understanding English language assessment

### Language levels and estimated progression rates

CEF Grade	MLS 200 Score	MLS Level	Weeks to Complete Level*	BULATS Score	IELTS Equivalent (Approx)	Exam Level Equivalents (Approx)	ICAO Levels
A0	1 -10	Beginner	12				1
A0+	11 -21						
A1-	22 - 32	Elementary	12	0 - 19	2.0		
A1	33 - 43						
A1+	44 - 54						
A2-	55 - 65	Pre Intermediate	12	20 - 39	3.0	KET	
A2	66 - 76						
A2+	77 - 87						
B1-	88 - 98	Intermediate	18	40 - 59	3.5	PET BEC P TOEIC 500	3
B1	99 - 109				4.0		
B1+	110 - 120				4.5		
B2-	121 - 131	Upper Intermediate	24	60 - 74	5.0	FCE BEC V TOEIC 750	4
B2	132 - 142				5.5		
B2+	143 - 153				6.0		
C1-	154 - 164	Advanced	24	75 - 89	6.5	CAE BEC H TOEIC 900	5
C1	165 - 175				7.0		
C1+	176 - 186				7.5		
C2-	187 - 197	Proficiency		90 - 100	8.0		6
C2	198				9.0		

- Beginner:** Has little or no English.
- Elementary:** Can use and understand basic survival language. Can process simple information.
- Pre Intermediate:** Can communicate in simple, everyday situations. Can express some opinions and emotions.
- Intermediate:** Independent learner, with fair use of main skills, common vocabulary and structures.
- Upper Intermediate:** Has fairly good English, but with some errors and gaps. Needs consolidation of structures and skills.
- Advanced:** Creative, flexible language user with excellent all round fluency, accuracy and appropriateness.

\* The numbers given in the chart are based on averages and are to be seen as guides only. Actual progression rates will vary according to the circumstances of each individual learner.

## The MLS Elements

The courses at MLS consist of **Elements** of study, each offering a different approach to learning English. In this way we can offer you a quality learning experience that suits your individual needs.



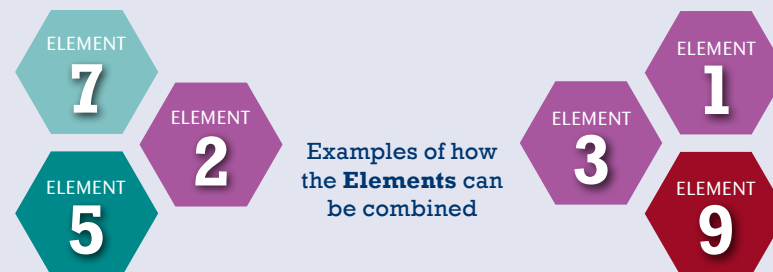
- GENERAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE:** focus on grammar and vocabulary
- GENERAL ENGLISH:** focus on reading and writing with exam practice
- GENERAL ENGLISH:** focus on speaking and listening
- EXAM FOCUSED TRAINING,** including: FCE; CAE; IELTS

- BUSINESS LANGUAGE** – language development in a business context
- BUSINESS COMMUNICATION SKILLS** – practising English in a business context

- CONTENT STUDY,** including: Edexcel (RQF levels 4 & 5) for HNC/HND and business topics; specialised content at RQF level 3 equivalent (NCFE) for foundation and vocational language courses (management; marketing; finance; legal studies)

- ENGLISH FOR AVIATION,** courses and EALTS language test for ICAO levels

- TAILOR MADE TRAINING,** English for specialist professional purposes by expert trainers



## Individualising your course

During your time at MLS, it is possible to amend your programme subject to your language level and class availability. Students can exchange **Elements** from 1-6 at no additional cost, with a supplementary cost for **Elements** 7, 8 and 9.



**LUIZA BRAVO, BRAZIL**  
CAE Preparation Course, 2011

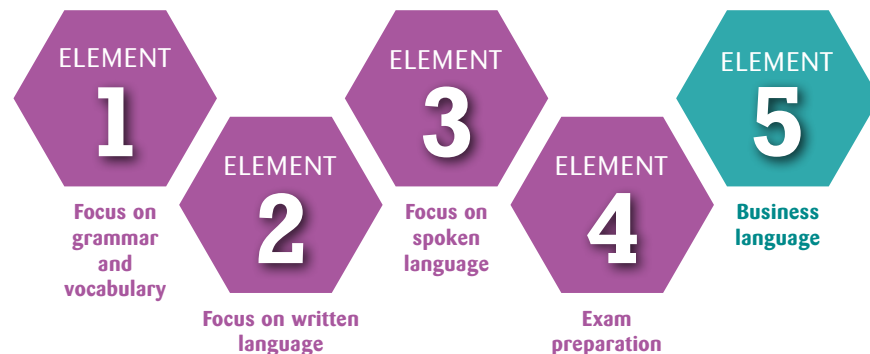


The nine months I spent in Bournemouth was, by far, the best experience I've ever had. During this period, I made life-long friends, travelled a lot and had the opportunity to know many people from different countries. It was fantastic to get close to other cultures and learn about them.

My experience in Bournemouth and the CAE qualification helped me to get an internship in GloboNews - a Brazilian TV news channel - in 2013. A year later, I graduated at university, and got an effective job there. I use my English knowledge almost every day at work, in order to check the news that comes from international agencies. If I could give a piece of advice for anyone who is considering to spend some time in Bournemouth, I would say: enjoy this lovely town and all the activities MLS offers - classes, workshops, trips, the bowling evenings... Time flies, and in the blink of an eye, it's time to go back home!



## Core General English Syllabus



## The MLS Core General English Syllabus

The MLS General English syllabus allows you to improve your English language knowledge and skills across the language proficiency range from Beginner to Advanced. The syllabus is designed to work with the descriptors of language proficiency development contained in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

### Syllabus content

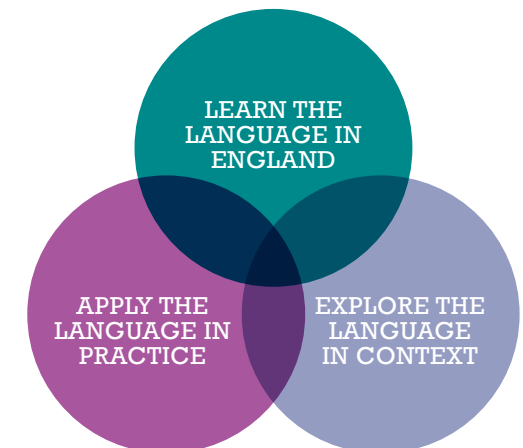
The syllabus sets out level-specific components of **language systems** and **language skills** development.

The language systems component of the syllabus comprises the development of knowledge of and proficiency in **grammar, vocabulary** and **pronunciation**.

The language skills component comprises the integration of the language systems in the development of the key skills of **Reading, Writing, Listening** and **Speaking**. Additionally, the syllabus includes a **Learning Strategies** component designed to support autonomy in learning.

### Syllabus delivery

The delivery of the MLS General English syllabus is organised in timetabled classes in distinct **Elements**. The Core English syllabus is delivered across any two of the three **General English Elements** or the Exam Preparation **Element 4** or the Business Language **Element 5**. Supportive and further language development takes place across additional **Elements**, where chosen.



## GENERAL ENGLISH COURSES

**GE 20** Intensive English 20

**GE 30** General English 30

**GE 40** Super Intensive English 40

### Key course information

**Start date:** Any Monday

(excluding UK public holidays)

**Course duration:** 2 – 102 weeks

**Entry requirements:** CEFR A1

(please note visa nationals may have further restrictions)

**Minimum age:** 18 (MLS can accept 16 and 17-year-olds at its discretion)

**Course content:** Course will be provided by MLS selection from the following Elements of study: 1,2,3.

**Hours per week:**

**English 20:** 15 hours (20 x 45 min lessons per week)

**English 30:** 22.5 hours

(30 x 45 min lessons per week)

**English 40:** 30 hours (30 x 45 min lessons plus 10 one-to-one lessons)

Class times may be scheduled between 08:30 and 18:00 depending on timetable need

**Class size:** Maximum 14 – Average 8-10

### Course certification

MLS Certificate of Study and report on your language level

**External Certification available:**

Full suite of Cambridge General English language exams

### Who are these programmes designed for?

Our English language courses are open to adult students from all over the world who have a need for and interest in developing their general language skills in English, regardless of their level of English. They are for students who fully appreciate that learning English in an English-speaking country is without doubt the fastest and most effective way to learn English.

### Training objectives

- To equip you with the English language you need in order to perform confidently in any real life environment
- To equip you with the general language skills you need in order to communicate effectively in both the spoken and written language
- To build on and develop your existing grammar, vocabulary and orthography
- To improve your language skills so that the right balance of accuracy and fluency can be achieved



**SIGRID ARENAS, ARGENTINA**  
GENERAL ENGLISH, 2016

I really enjoyed the experience in the college. I feel that my English is much better now, so thank you MLS! I met lovely people and I learned about other cultures, which was very interesting. I had great teachers – they were very polite and sweet. I will definitely return soon!”

### SAMPLE TIMETABLE

20 lessons will involve two **Elements** of study

30 lessons will involve three **Elements** of study

40 lessons will involve three **Elements** of study plus 10 one-to-one lessons

(Executive EP40 course)

TIMES	MONDAY to FRIDAY
09:00-10:30	<b>Element 1</b> – General English (Focus on Grammar and Vocabulary)
11:00-12:30	<b>Element 2</b> – General English (Focus on Written Language)
13:30-15:00	<b>Element 3</b> – General English (Focus on Spoken language)

See Element descriptors for fuller details



## Who are these programmes designed for?

The MLS Cambridge English: First (FCE) and Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) exam preparation programmes are designed for students who are specifically seeking preparation for the FCE and CAE exam or for those students who feel they will benefit from an exam focused syllabus. Students will be studying at a minimum Upper-Intermediate level for FCE and at Advanced level for CAE. MLS students can also study at KET and PET level, and our GE20 and GE30 courses are ideal preparation for these Cambridge exams.

## Training Objectives

To equip you with the English language you need in order to perform confidently within the FCE/CAE exams.



**ANAÏS HUERTA VAZQUEZ, SWITZERLAND**  
FCE Preparation Course, 2014 CAE exam only 2015

I decided to come to MLS for the whole First Certificate preparation course. I really enjoyed my time here, both with the teachers and the students. I felt part of a family somehow... One year later I decided to come back to MLS to take CAE. It was lovely to talk with some of the teachers I met. It reminded me of the good times I had in Bournemouth."

## SAMPLE TIMETABLE

30 lessons will involve three **Elements** of study

20 lessons will involve two **Elements** of study

TIMES	MONDAY to FRIDAY
09:00-10:30	<b>Element 4</b> – FCE/CAE exam preparation
11:00-12:30	<b>Element 2</b> – General English at FCE/CAE level
13:30-15:00	<b>Element 3</b> – General English at FCE/CAE level

See Element descriptors for fuller details



## FCE/CAE 30 \_\_\_\_\_

Cambridge English: First 30

Cambridge English: Advanced 30

## FCE/CAE 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Cambridge English: First 20

Cambridge English: Advanced 20

### Key course information

**Start date:** Any Monday (excluding UK public holidays)

**Course duration:** 2 – 12 weeks

Entry requirements: CEFR B2 for FCE and CEFR C1 for CAE (please note visa nationals may have further restrictions)

Minimum age: 18 (MLS can accept 16 and 17-year-olds at its discretion)

**Course content:** Course will be provided by MLS selection from the following Elements of study: 1,2,3 and 4

**Hours per week:**

**FCE/CAE 30:** 22.5 hours (30 x 45 min lessons per week)

**FCE/CAE 20:** 15 hours (20 x 45 min lessons per week)

Class times may be scheduled between 08:30 and 18:00 depending on timetable need

**Class size:** Maximum 14 – Average 8-10

### Course certification

MLS Certificate of Study and report on your language level

**External Certification available:**

FCE and CAE exams

## EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

### IELTS 30 \_\_\_\_

English & IELTS 30

### IELTS 20 \_\_\_\_

English & IELTS 20

#### Key course information

**Start date:** Any Monday (excluding UK public holidays)

Course duration: 2 – 12 weeks

**Entry requirements:** CEFR A2 (please note visa nationals may have further restrictions)

Minimum age: 18 (MLS can accept 16 and 17-year-olds at its discretion)

**Course content:** Course will be provided by MLS selection from the following Elements of study: 1,2,3 and 4

#### Hours per week:

**IELTS 30:** 22.5 hours (30 x 45 min lessons per week)

**IELTS 20:** 15 hours (20 x 45 min lessons per week)

Class times may be scheduled between 08:30 and 18:00 depending on timetable need

**Class size:** Maximum 14 – Average 8-10

#### Course certification

MLS Certificate of study and report on your language level

#### External Certification available:

Full suite of Cambridge English language exams and IELTS

### Who are these programmes designed for?

The MLS IELTS exam preparation programmes are designed for students who are specifically seeking preparation for the IELTS exam or for those students who feel they will benefit from an exam focused syllabus.

### Training Objectives

To equip you with the English language you need in order to perform confidently within the IELTS exam and achieve the score you need.

### Available at 3 levels:

**Pre-Intermediate (A2)** An introduction to IELTS with exam-type practice to help you approach the four IELTS papers: Listening; Reading; Writing; and Speaking.

**Intermediate (B1)** Exam preparation and practice at intermediate level.

**Upper-Intermediate and above (B2+)** Exam preparation and practice to help you achieve higher IELTS scores.

### Sample timetable

30 lessons will involve three **Elements** of study

20 lessons will involve two **Elements** of study

TIMES	MONDAY to FRIDAY
09:00-10:30	<b>Element 1</b> – General English at IELTS level
11:00-12:30	<b>Element 2</b> – General English at IELTS level
13:30-15:00	<b>Element 4</b> – IELTS exam preparation

See Element descriptors for fuller details



**FATHER PAUL OBADA, NIGERIA**  
IELTS, 2015

I had five months training at MLS College in preparation for the IELTS exam. Those five months were very special to me. MLS College is blessed with wonderful people (staff, management and students) and a great learning environment. Without this preparation I wouldn't have known what to expect from the exam and wouldn't have been able to achieve my aim to do a master's degree in psychology."





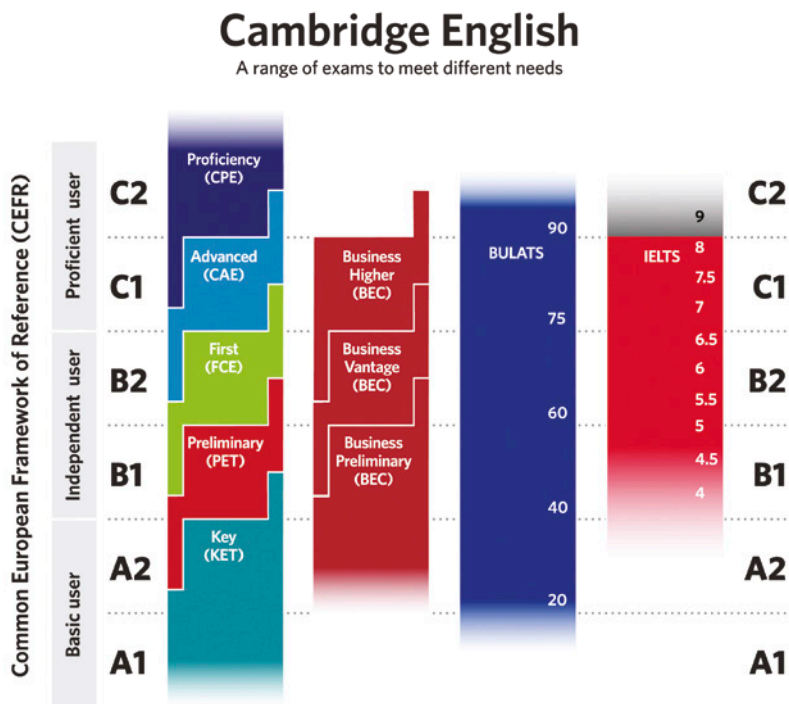
Authorised Centre

Since receiving authorisation to run Cambridge English exams MLS has consistently received the highest ratings in centre inspections (ratings information accurate as of August 2015).

MLS College is a long-established exam centre and is open to both MLS students and to external candidates. All of the Cambridge exams can be taken at the College or we can enrol you at a convenient centre for IELTS.

Whatever course you are studying, there is an internationally recognised external exam you can take to demonstrate your level of English and supplement the end-of-course certificate and report provided by MLS. Studying for an external exam will also ensure that you have a target outcome for your training course, which may have a positive influence on your progress.

The MLS Library has a good range of exam preparation and practice material that will help you to be ready for your exam. There is always an experienced teacher available who will advise you on the best exam to take for your purposes and who will help you with enrolment. You can also use the self-access Internet Room and Language Laboratory for guided exam practice.

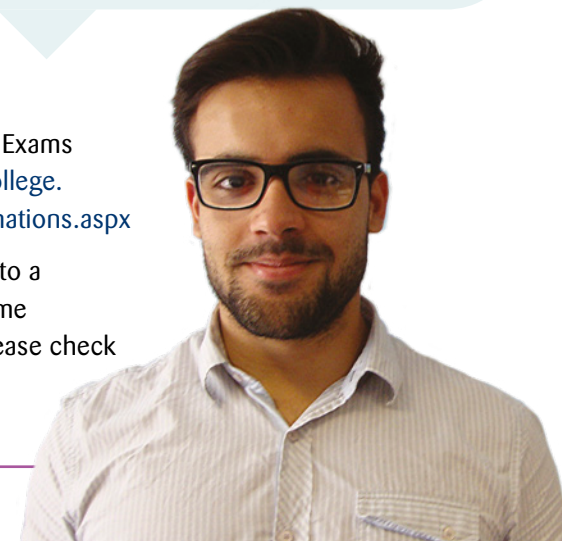


**GREGORY LAUAR E SOUZA, BRAZIL**  
External candidate: Cambridge CAE, 2015

MLS is a reliable institution for those who are interested in taking any Cambridge exam. Their standards exceed the average and the same can be said about their diligence and efficiency. With their help I could excel in my exams, which will most certainly make a difference in my career in Law."

See the MLS website for the up-to-date Exams Application Form for dates: [www.mls-college.co.uk/courses/english-language-examinations.aspx](http://www.mls-college.co.uk/courses/english-language-examinations.aspx)

Please note: exam sessions are subject to a minimum number of candidates and some advertised dates may not take place. Please check before booking your course.



## BOURNEMOUTH AND AREA



### Located in Central Bournemouth

MLS is situated in the heart of Bournemouth town centre and five minutes' walk from the sea with its seven miles of sandy beaches. The College is surrounded by cafes, restaurants and shops and the beautiful Bournemouth Gardens are a couple of minutes away. This means that our students can spend their lunch break and leisure time in the very best part of town.

Bournemouth is about two hours south-west of London and the capital is within easy reach by main line rail or coach. Bournemouth Airport is increasingly well-linked, but Southampton and Heathrow Airports are also convenient.

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