BEC (Business English Certificate)

It's an English Language certificate focused on Business English and topics linked to the world of work and addressed to all SAA students who wish to obtain a qualification which certifies their final English Language level.

The main levels which the students prepare for are: BEC Preliminary (B1), BEC Vantage (B2) and BEC Higher (C1).

BEC Preliminary or BEC 1 (B1):

It certifies the intermediate language level allowing students to show their linguistic abilities in an international working environment.

Preparing for BEC 1 and obtaining the certification means:

- Understanding the main points, essential for the expression of clear messages, using standard linguistic elements related to the working environment.
- Being able to face situations in which one can find themselves while travelling in a place where the language is spoken.
- Being able to produce cohesive and simple texts on business topics.
- Being able to describe and discuss business subjects and producing a brief presentation.

BEC Vantage or BEC 2 (B2)

It's an upper-intermediate qualification which proves the ability to use the English language efficiently in a working environment.

Preparing for BEC 2 and obtaining the certification means:

- Understanding the main ideas in a semi-complex text of economic subjects.
- Being able to interact rather fluently and spontaneously on a variety of business topics and prepare a brief presentation.
- Being able to produce business correspondences, reports and proposals.

BEC Higher or BEC 3 (C1)

It's an advanced level qualification suitable for students who want to prove their high knowledge of the English language in a working environment.

Preparing for BEC 3 and obtaining the certification means:

- Understanding a wide range of complex and long business texts and perceive the implied meaning
- Being able to speak fluently and spontaneously about work-related topics, without having difficulties finding the right words needed to discuss that specific topic.
- Using a wide range of structures and vocabulary to describe work-related situations
- Being able to produce business correspondence, reports and proposals concerning business economic and describing graphs using a well-structured and well-articulated style.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE BEC:

Students prepare for the sections concerning the Reading, Writing and Listening, independently, using the BEC preparation materials (which can be bought on Amazon: a recommended list can be found in the BEC Guidelines manual on the SAC Moodle page) Following the suggestions and tips found in the BEC Guidelines. However, students will be assisted by the professors at SAC, who they can consult for any explanations or clarifications of doubts. There will also be an introductory meeting where a teacher will explain and outline the exam and provide tips. Regarding the speaking, students can attend lessons held by teachers who are Cambridge examiners, where they can practise the various parts of the exam and have real simulations. All the writing activities can be sent to the two teachers for correction and feedback.

EXAM SESSIONS:

-BEC Preliminary: Saturday 26th November 2022

-BEC Vantage: Saturday 3rd December 2022

-BEC Higher: Saturday 19th November 2022

PRICES:

In collaboration with the Cambridge English Language Assessment Center in Turin, the SAA students will be able to enroll for the exam at a lower price compared to others schools/Universities or privates:

BEC Preliminary: 102€

BEC Vantage: 190€

BEC Higher: 215,50€

Payment by bank transfer