

B2 First (FCE, First Certificate in English)

Course structure:	Our FCE course consists of 2 parts: Preparatory course approx. 3 - 4 trimesters, 1 ½ hours per week Exam practice course approx. 1 – 2 trimester, 1 ½ hours per week																
Entrance conditions:	Students wishing to join the course should do our free online entry test or submit their PET certificate which should not be older than 3 years.																
Teachers:	All our teachers are well qualified in teaching English to Adults and are experienced in teaching English exam classes.																
Course material:	The material used in the course is designed for the preparation of the B2 First examination																
Homestudy:	The students must be prepared to do at least 2-4 hours of homework and review each week.																
Examination requirements:																	
1. Reading & Use of English:	Candidates are expected to be able to read semi-authentic texts of various kinds (informative and general interest) and to show understanding of gist, detail and deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction, newspapers and magazines, text structure, and to deduce meaning. Candidates are expected to demonstrate their knowledge and control of the grammar and vocabulary of the language system by completing a number of tasks, some of which are based on specially written texts.																
2. Writing	Candidates are expected to be able to write non-specialised text types such as Letters/emails, articles, reports and compositions for a given purpose and target reader, covering a range of topics. Word count 140 - 190.																
3. Listening	Candidates are provided with short extracts and longer monologues, announcements, extracts from radio programmes, news, features, etc. at an intermediate level. They are expected to show understanding of detail and gist, and to deduce meaning.																
4. Speaking	The standard test format is two candidates and two examiners. Candidates must be able to respond to questions and interact in conversational English. Prompt materials are used by the examiner to stimulate and guide the interaction.																
B2 First examination:	The examination consists of four papers:																
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Level of B2 First:	Corresponds to the ALTE Level 3 and to the Council of Europe B2.																
Examination date:	throughout the year, computer and paper based																
Registration:	Enrolment closing date: contact the office																
Registration fee:	approx. CHF 370.00																
Recognition of the B2 First:	B2 First has widespread recognition in commerce and industry. Many universities and other educational institutions recognise B2 First for English language entrance requirements.																