

Bray's C1 Advanced Academic English with TOEFL

SYLLABUS OUTLINE

This is an Advanced English for Academic Purposes course with TOEFL exam practice. It corresponds to CEFR Level C1. You will find a collection of grammar exercises, listening and vocabulary activities, sample essays, web projects and grammar reference units. There are 12 units to this course, focusing on cultural and academic aspects, study skills development and grammar.

There are also **193 TOEFL Test Papers**.

Course **Length = 120 to 150 hours** approximately.

Unit 1

Universities worldwide (2 items)

2 web projects that help you navigate the web to find out about and compare top universities around the world.

Courses and grades (3 items)

1 web project, **1** language exercise and **1** vocabulary activity to help you learn about different kinds of university courses and types of assessment.

TOEFL exam practice 1 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (**3**), Listening to dialogs (**3**), Listening to mini lectures (**3**), TOEFL Reading (**4**), Structure/Written expression (**4**).

Unit 2

Read efficiently (4 items)

4 language exercises providing practice of reading for main ideas in academic texts. Also practice of identifying genre.

Listen effectively (3 items)

3 activities providing practice of listening for main ideas on the first listening and for details on the second listening.

Make your point (3 items)

2 listening activities and **1** language exercise providing practice of the kind of language you need to participate in seminars and tutorials.

TOEFL exam practice 2 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (**3**), to dialogs (**3**), to mini lectures (**3**), TOEFL Reading (**4**), TOEFL writing (**4**).

Unit 3

Take a look at nouns and articles (3 items)

3 grammar reference units help you check your knowledge of how different types of nouns and articles are used in academic English.

Take a look at noun phrases (3 items)

3 grammar reference units help you check your knowledge of noun phrases and noun-verb agreement.

Get organized! (3 items)

3 sample essays show you how to plan and write discursive, cause and effect, and compare and contrast essays.

TOEFL exam practice 3 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 4

The people on campus (4 items)

3 language exercises and 1 vocabulary activity help you become familiar with the roles of the different people working in a university and practise the language you can use to interact with them and other students.

Campus facilities (2 items)

2 vocabulary activities help you become familiar with the departments, facilities and support networks available on campus.

TOEFL exam practice 4 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 5

Work out meaning (4 items)

3 vocabulary activities and 1 language exercise providing practice of using context (surrounding text) to work out the meaning of formal words and expressions which are often used in academic texts.

Pay attention to key words (4 items)

2 listening activities, 1 language exercise and 1 vocabulary activity providing practice in the specific language used by speakers to report research, indicate important points, introduce their ideas and signpost the talk for their listeners.

Give a good presentation (2 items)

1 listening activity and 1 language exercise giving information about how to give presentations in seminars and make effective use of visual aids.

TOEFL exam practice 5 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 6

Take a look at verbs (3 items)

3 grammar reference units helping you to check your knowledge of how formal verbs, modal verbs and passive verbs are used in academic English.

Take a look at particles and prepositions (3 items)

3 grammar reference units that check your knowledge of how phrasal verbs, prepositional phrases and verbs followed by prepositions are used in academic English.

Enrich your writing (5 items)

4 sample essays and 1 language exercise showing you how you can enrich your writing by using definitions, presenting evidence, giving explanations and including evaluation in an effective way.

TOEFL exam practice 6 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 7

Somewhere to live (2 items)

1 language exercise and 1 vocabulary activity providing practice of the kind of language used in advertisements which offer accommodation.

Student experiences (3 items)

2 web projects and 1 language exercise providing practice of the kind of language you can use to talk about different experiences at university.

TOEFL exam practice 7 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 8

Find hints in words and identify facts and opinions in texts (4 items)

2 language exercises, 1 grammar reference unit and 1 vocabulary activity helping you study the different parts of long words often used in academic texts in order to decode their meaning successfully. It also helps you distinguish fact from opinion in texts.

Recognize fast speech and lecturers' opinions (4 items)

4 listening activities helping you understand connected speech, which often occurs when people talk quickly. It also helps you identify different speakers' points of view.

Be polite! (2 items)

1 language exercise and 1 vocabulary activity showing you how to discuss your ideas politely in seminars or tutorials.

TOEFL exam practice 8 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 9

Take a look at reported speech (3 items)

2 grammar reference units and 1 vocabulary activity helping you check your knowledge of how reported speech and reporting verbs are used in academic English.

Take a look at conjunctions, adverbs and time words (3 items)

3 grammar reference units helping you check your knowledge of the use of conjunctions, adverbs and time words in academic English.

Do it right! (4 items)

2 grammar reference units, 1 vocabulary activity and 1 language exercise showing you the correct use of punctuation, style, register and cohesion devices in academic writing.

TOEFL exam practice 9 (17 items)

TOEFL Listening to conversation (3), Listening to dialogs (3), Listening to mini lectures (3), TOEFL Reading (4), TOEFL writing (4).

Unit 10

Get the most out of lectures (4 items)

4 listening activities helping you develop strategies for learning from lectures.

Be effective in seminars (4 items)

2 listening activities, 1 web project and 1 vocabulary activity helping you develop strategies for learning from seminars and participating in them. It also helps you navigate online library catalogues, where you can find information you might need to prepare for seminars.

TOEFL exam practice 10 (15 items)

Listening to conversation (2), Listening to dialogs (2), Listening to mini lectures (3), Reading (4), Structure/Written expression (4).

Unit 11

Master words (2 items)

1 listening activity and 1 vocabulary activity providing practice of idioms and collocations which are often found in academic texts.

Take note! (3 items)

3 listening activities developing your note-taking skills.

Do's and don'ts in academic writing (5 items)

3 sample essays, 1 language exercise and 1 vocabulary activity helping you become aware of common grammatical and vocabulary errors in academic texts. They also show you how to avoid plagiarism and cite other people's work.

TOEFL exam practice 11 (14 items)

Listening to conversation (2), Listening to dialogs (2), Listening to mini lectures (2), Reading (5), Structure/Written expression (3).

Unit 12

Take a look at nouns and determiners (2 items)

2 grammar reference units helping you check your knowledge of how countable and uncountable nouns and different kinds of determiners are used in academic English.

Take a look at clauses (2 items)

2 grammar reference units to help you check your knowledge of how relative and gerund clauses are used in academic English.

Write summaries and describe graphs (2 items)

2 sample essays that show you how to write summaries and describe visual information such as graphs or charts.

TOEFL exam practice 12 (12 items)

Listening to conversation (1), Listening to dialogs (2), Listening to mini lectures (2), Reading (5), Structure/Written expression (2).