

ENGLISH EXAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Dear students,

I know that you probably have many questions regarding the upcoming exam. To help you find the answers to your questions, I have created this document that contains the most important information regarding the exam, including the proposed exam dates, the exam structure, organisation, grading and more. I tried to group the questions into different topics, and added quick links to each question to make it easier for you to find the information you might be looking for.

I hope that this document will help to clarify most questions regarding the exam, but if I forgot something, or if you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to me either on MS Teams or via email (borbala.nemes@ubbcluj.ro)

Best wishes,
Borbala.

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When is the exam?

The exam will take place next week, between 10 January, 2022 and 14 January, 2022 according to our regular classes' schedule. As such, there will be **5 dates** in total on which you can attend the exam, as follows:

Exam dates:

Monday, 10 January: 16.40-18.10

Monday, 10 January: 18.30-20.00

Tuesday, 11 January: 16.40-18.10

Tuesday, 11 January: 18.30-20.00

Friday, 14 January: 18.30-20.00

You only have to attend the exam *once*.

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Where will the exam take place?

The exam will take place online, in a synchronous format, on our dedicated Microsoft Teams channels. For the exam proper, we will use TestMoz.

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What is the exam format?

The exam will be a written exam, consisting of 5 main parts, as follows:

1. **Listening Comprehension** - where you will have to listen to a short recording and answer the comprehension questions that follow
2. **Reading Comprehension** - you will have to read a short text and answer a few questions regarding the information from the text
3. **Vocabulary** - you will have to solve exercises related to the words that we studied together in the semester
4. **Writing** - you will have to write a short text relating to one of the topics we discussed in the course of the semester
5. **Grammar** - you will have to solve a few grammar exercises relating to the grammar points that we have reviewed together

Each part of the exam is mandatory, and you will have 90 minutes to solve the tasks.

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Can I attend the exam with another group?

Yes, you can attend the exam with any group you'd like, as long as you sign up for the respective date using the spreadsheet linked below.

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Do I need to sign up for the exam?

Yes. In order to have a better organisation of the exam, please enter your name in the appropriate worksheet of the document linked below to let me know when you are planning to attend the exam. This way, I can ensure that everyone who wants to take the exam at a particular date and time is connected before I start the exam.


You can access the document [here](#).

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How do I enter the exam?

I will start a meeting in the channels corresponding to the proposed exam schedule (see *channels Monday, 16:40-18.10, etc.*) on Microsoft Teams - like I did during the semester. You will have to connect to that meeting first. Once everyone is connected, I will send you a link to TestMoz, where you will have to log-in using either you **@stud.ubbcluj.ro** or

@scs.ubbcluj.ro account to connect to the test. Once you enter your email address, you will receive an email with the actual link that will let you start the exam. We will start the exam together and do the listening part together, after which you will be able to move at your own pace. After submitting your exam paper, you will be able to leave the meeting on Teams.

 **Tip:** Please make sure that you have your inbox open when you come to the exam. Since as part of the log-in process on TestMoz, you will receive an email with a link that will allow you to connect to the exam, it will be a lot quicker if your inbox is already open.

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Do I need to have my camera turned on?

Yes. Everyone will have to turn their camera and microphone on during the exam. So please make sure that you have a working camera and microphone as well as a head / earphone with you on the day of the exam.

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Do I need to have a student ID with me during the exam?

Yes. Please prepare your student ID or regular ID card for verification. Make sure that you cover your personal data - i.e. personal identification number, street address, etc. - to ensure the security of your data.

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Will the exam be recorded?

No, no parts of the exam will be recorded. But you will have to have your camera and microphone turned on for the entire duration of the exam.

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What happens if I run into a technical problem during the exam, e.g. no internet / electricity, etc.?

Should this happen, please **contact me as soon as possible** to let me know about the problem. If you will not be able to continue taking the test, I will invalidate your results and you will have to resit the exam at another time - either by choosing another date if there is still one available, or by fixing an alternative date during the regular exam session.

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Can I see my exam paper after the exam?

Yes, once everyone's test has been reviewed, you will receive an email which will allow you to access your test paper and see your score. At the same time, I will post a message on MS Teams letting you know when I will be available for one-on-one meetings if you wish to discuss your exam results with me.

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Can I resit the exam if I fail or if I do not attend the exam?

Yes, you can come to the resit exam in February - I will announce the date in due time on MS Teams.

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Can I resit the exam if I want to get a better grade?

Yes, you can come to the resit exam and attempt to get a higher grade, and the higher grade will remain your final grade. Nevertheless, keep in mind that all parts of the exam will have to be repeated, and the scores obtained in the two exam sessions cannot be mixed.

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What happens if I cheat?

Copying during the exam is strictly prohibited. If you are caught cheating, or if during the review process, I notice that you have copied from outside sources, your exam paper will be invalidated and you will fail the exam. All papers will be reviewed with a plagiarism checker tool, so make sure that you do not copy anything from the Internet or any other sources.

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Do I need to take the exam if I already have a language certificate?

In the first semester, **yes**. According to current university regulations, you can only get a grade based on your language certificate in one semester. Consequently, if you have a language certificate, you will be able to opt-out from the exam at the end of the second semester (*I will talk about this in more detail during our first meeting in the second semester*)

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How will the exam be graded?

At the exam you will be able to obtain a maximum score of 90 points in total, as follows:

1. **Listening Comprehension** - 20 points
2. **Reading Comprehension** - 20 points
3. **Vocabulary** - 30 points
4. **Writing** - 10 points
5. **Grammar** - 10 points

10 points will be awarded to everyone officially.

Additionally, people who have been actively participating in classes will receive an extra 10 points at the exam (*as agreed on our first meeting*).

Your final grade will be calculated by dividing your score by 10. For example, imagine that you have the following score:

Written exam: 82 points

Class activity: 0 points

Official points: 10 points

Final grade: $(82 + 0 + 10) / 10 = 92/10 = \underline{\underline{9.20}}$

Final grade: 9

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Is there a sample exam paper I can view?

Yes, you can see and practice on a model exam paper I have posted [here](#). Unlike the regular exam paper, you will be able to complete this paper an unlimited number of times.

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