

Letter from the Director

Dear Student,

Welcome to your Academic English course!

You are probably wondering what this programme will offer you and what you will find in this booklet. You are among the **7,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students** who will take one of our courses this year – so you are in very experienced hands.

Our goal is to assist you to develop the English skills you need for your **professional and academic development** so that you can approach your university studies with more confidence and a greater chance of success.

To achieve this goal you will find yourself in a small group of around twenty students where we **encourage English to be spoken at all times**. Your teacher will do his or her best to provide an **active and supportive learning environment** for you by providing tasks to help you engage with your learning, and by giving you **valuable feedback** on your work.

Your CAES teacher will also **explain the course assignments and assessment criteria** to you clearly in advance and **answer any questions** you may have about the course and about English language learning in general.

To get the most from your course you should **participate actively in the class** by **speaking in English** as much as possible and by taking a full and active part in your classes, for example by **working with others in group work**.

I hope you enjoy your English course and wish you every success in your studies!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Benati', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Alessandro Benati
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