

# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR **ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS**

## **Your English language skills**

To complete your Law Degree, you need English language skills at B2 level, skills of an 'independent language user'. The English language exam at the NOVA School of Law assesses your reading and writing skills, and general language competence.

If your English language skills are better than B2, the NOVA School of Law is now giving you the opportunity to show you are a 'proficient user' of English, at C1 level. Boost your CV and impress potential employers! The exam will take place on 7 July 2021 at 9am.

## **What do levels B2 and C1 mean?**

To give you an idea of how different these levels are, and they are significantly different, you can check your language skills using the Council of Europe descriptions. <<https://www.coe.int/en/web/common-european-framework-reference-languages/table-1-cefr-3.3-common-reference-levels-global-scale>> Identify whether you are already at B2 or C1 level.

## **Which level should you take?**

You should feel confident about your English language level before finally choosing which exam to take at the NOVA School of Law. Be realistic about your reading and writing skills.

You can test your skills online at Cambridge English to help identify your level of English in those areas. <<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/test-your-english/general-english/>>.

## **What can I expect to do in the English language exam?**

There will be different reading texts and tasks on topical issues of interest to assess your language use and comprehension skills. Your writing skills will be assessed through a range of different text types, for example an article arguing a point of view or suggesting solutions to a problem. You may have to read a text and respond in writing, such as a letter or e-mail.

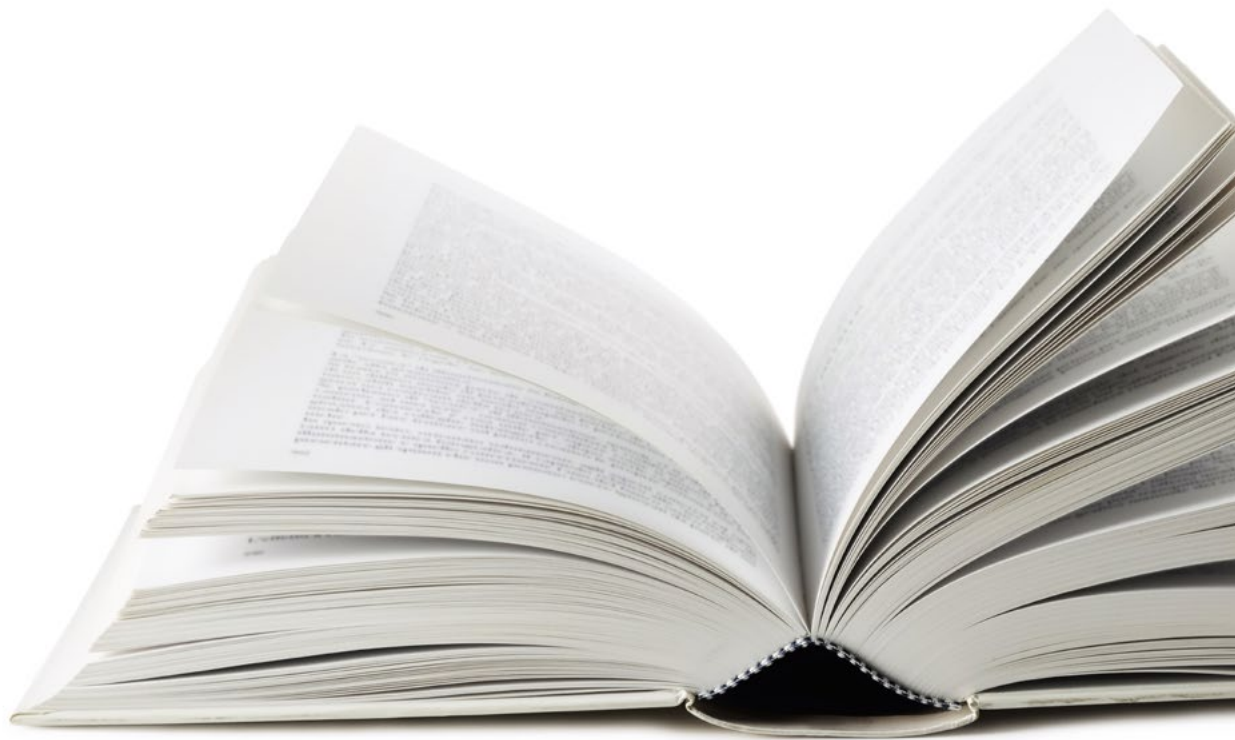


## Do you already have a recognised English language certificate showing your skills?

Check which exams are equivalent to B2 level or higher. <<https://www.examenglish.com/examscomparison.php>>  
If you have a certificate from one of these exams, you need to bring the original certificate and ID on the day of the English language exam. If the certificate is not accepted, be prepared to take the exam on that day.

## What can you do to practise your English skills?

The online website 'Exam English' <<https://www.examenglish.com>> gives practice of the different exams at B2 and C1 levels. You will find useful learning materials from the British Council <<https://www.britishcouncil.pt/en/english/learn-online>> and Cambridge English sites. <<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/>>



# Read as much in English as you can!

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**Fee:** 45€ (NOVA School of Law undergraduate students are exempt)