

National Research Mordovia State University (MRSU)	
Faculty of Foreign Languages	
S Y L L A B U S	
Course Name	Practical Course of English: C1 Advanced (Part 1)
Degree Programme	Bachelor of Linguistics (Track “Teaching Languages and Cross Cultural communication”)
Year of Study	3 year
Semester	Autumn
ECTS (36 hrs per ECTS)	10 (360 hrs)
Instructor(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Konstantin Svoikin, Full Professor, Department of English Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages • Prof. Tatiana Orlova, Associate Professor, Department of English Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages, • Prof. Serafima Panfilova, Associate Professor, Department of English Philology, Faculty of Foreign Languages
Language of Instruction	English
Course Requirements	Previously studied courses "Practical Course of English: B1 Intermediate", "Practical Course of English: B2 Upper-Intermediate"
Course Overview	The course is intended for undergraduate students interested in the study of the English language of advanced level (C1). The required level of English is B2.
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use C1 advanced English vocabulary when speaking and writing; • understand C1 advanced English vocabulary when listening and reading; • distinguish between the English styles and intonation features; • use advanced English grammar when speaking and writing; • understand advanced English grammar when listening and reading; • write clear, well-structured English texts about complex subjects.
Course unit contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking. Weeks 1-18. 1. Describing conversation styles. Conversation starters. Intonation to show attitude. 2. Talking about eating out experiences. Conversation about countries’ typical dishes. Intonation to show enthusiasm and reservation. 3. Describing cities and tourist spots. Discussing city dangers. Intonation to add emphasis. 4. Describing types of story and your favourite book. Discussing online and offline scams. Discussing countries’ national humour. Pronunciation of weak and strong forms of auxiliary verbs. 5. Describing your spending habits. Discussing bargaining and haggling experiences. Pronunciation of weak forms of common words. 6. Describing human senses. Talking about the abilities of human brain. Discussing ways of brain training. Making appropriate requests. • Grammar. Weeks 1-18. English infinitive: formation, syntactic functions, constructions, use. Position of adverbials in the English sentence. Order of adjectives in the noun phrase. Hedging. Fronting.

	<p>Inversion after negative and limiting adverbials. Relative clauses with prepositions. English participle clauses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing. Weeks 1-18. Writing a self-help tip sheet. Writing a restaurant review. Writing a tourist guide. Writing a book review. Writing a money-saving tip sheet. Writing a news story. Writing a discursive essay. • Home-reading. Weeks 1-18. Reading the novel "Grace Notes" by Bernard MacLaverty. Doing vocabulary, grammar and comprehension tasks based on the text of the novel. Taking the final comprehension test. Analyzing the style and writing techniques used by the author. Discussing the topics covered in the novel.
Course Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of contact hours: 216 <p>Practical classes: 216 hrs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-study: 108 hrs • Exam preparation: 36 hrs
Teaching methods	Practical learning, cooperative learning, flipped classroom, discovery learning.
Grading System (including segment percentage)	<p>Oral presentations (35%) Grammar tests (10%) Writing assignments (10%) Home-reading tasks (15%) Final listening test (pass-fail) (10%) Final grammar test (pass-fail) (10%) Final oral presentation (pass-fail) (10%)</p>
Textbooks and Mandatory Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones C., Bastow T., Jeffries A. New Inside Out. Advanced Student's Book. – London: Macmillan, 2019. – 160 p. • Jones C., Hird J., Stannard R. New Inside Out. Advanced Workbook. – London: Macmillan, 2019. – 96 p. • Аракин В. Д. Практический курс английского языка: 3 курс. Учеб. для педвузов по спец. «Иностр. язык». – 4-е изд., перераб. и доп. – М.: ВЛАДОС, 2010. – 432 с. • Долбунова Л. А. A Book of Grammar; Verbals, Syntax (compound and complex sentences). Учеб. пособие. – Саранск: Изд-во Мордов. ун-та, 2008. – 160 с. • Орлова Т. А., Панфилова С. С. Практикум по домашнему чтению. – Саранск: Изд-во Мордов. ун-та, 2022. – 160 с. • MacLaverty B. Grace Notes. – London: Vintage Books, 1998. – 277 p.

Grading system		
Grade	No. of points	Description
5	86-91	Excellent
4	71-85	Good
3	51 - 70	Satisfactory
2	Below 51 point	Fail