

# Clasaichean 2023/24



Fàilte! Seo agaibh beagan fiosrachaidh mu dheidhinn na clasaichean againn agus na diofar ìrean.

We have pinned our Gaelic class levels approximately to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) to help tutors and students with class levels. The scales in the CEFR are not exhaustive. They cannot cover every possible context of language use and do not attempt to do so.

Please see below for estimates on the number of study hours required to complete each level of CEFR:

## Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

LEVEL	Can be reached through ...hours of study	Total of study hours
A1	90 to 100	90 to 100
A2	+ 90 to 100	180 to 200
B1	+ 150 to 200	350 to 400
B2	+ 150 to 200	500 to 600
C1	+ 250 to 300	750 to 1000
C2		

Source: Speak Gaelic

Two terms of Ceòlas classes for 2023-24 is 27 hours and it is highly recommended that you undertake further study or classes in combination with Ceòlas opportunities to make progress.

Our tutors are provided with a bank of resources and basic outcomes for each level and we give tutors freedom in using other resources they enjoy as well. This freedom also means the classes can cater to the particular needs of the student group rather than stick too rigidly to a set curriculum.

Ceòlas main classes are focused on speaking and listening skills, as well as work on grammar, reading and writing. We hope that you will take part in our online classes and also come to Uist and join our Summer School and Gaelic immersion courses to put your learning into practice in our community.

We also run Cabadaich le Ceòlas classes which focus purely on conversation with no grammar. These classes can be taken on their own or in addition to our other weekly classes to maximise your opportunities to use your Gaelic with Ceòlas.

In addition to the learning outcomes below, all levels will look at aspects of culture, local language and idiom as they arise naturally during the classes.



## Beginners

### Not yet at A1 on the CEFR

- May have never encountered any Gaelic whatsoever
- May have some simple vocabulary and may have started using Duolingo App
- May have a limited understanding of basic sentence structure
- Focus on vocabulary, sentences and pronunciation to get students started

### What you will learn:

- Basic greetings, giving information about yourself such as your name, where you live and asking this of others
- Vocative case (A Chaluum, A Mhàiri)
- Basic sentence structure in present and past tense
- How to discuss the weather, pets and family
- How to say you have something (agam/agad)
- Numbers 1-10
- How to tell the time
- Hobbies/ how to say what you are doing
- Basic sentences using 'S e
- Likes and dislikes
- Basic pronunciation

## Post-Beginners

### CEFR - A1 currently

- I can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases
- I can introduce myself and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where I live, people I know and things they have
- I can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues
- I can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help

What you will learn, as well as a review/expansion of beginner topics:

- Basic future tense
- Regular verbs in past and future tense
- How to describe what is around you and your local area
- Giving information about your job/previous jobs
- Elaborate on likes and dislikes with I prefer and favourites
- Language around shopping
- Verbal nouns
- Parts of the body and health
- Expressing wants and needs
- Nouns and nominative case
- Furthering your conversation and ability to engage in short social exchanges

## Intermediate 1

### CEFR - moving towards A2 on the CEFR scale

- I can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases
- I can introduce myself and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where I live, people I know and things they have
- I can understand familiar names, words and simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues
- I can interact provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help
  
- *I may understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment)*
- *I may be able to describe in simple terms aspects of my background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need*
- *I may be able to read very short, simple texts. I can find specific predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus and timetables*
- *I may be able to communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters*

What you will learn, as well as a review of previous learning:

- Describing using a wider range of adjectives
- Expressing opinion
- Expanding on the past and future tenses
- Expanding on regular verbs
- Introducing irregular verbs
- Modal structures I can/I may/I need (feumaidh mi....'s urrainn dhomh.....am faod mi....)
- Introducing dative and genitive case
- Conversation skills
- Idioms
- Wider reading to build confidence and fluency

## Intermediate 2

### CEFR - A2 Currently

- I can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment)
- I can describe aspects of my background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need
- I can read simple texts. I can find specific predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus and timetables
- I can communicate more confidently in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters
- I can pick up some information from radio and TV programmes

What you will learn, as well as a review of previous learning:

- 'S ann structures
- Revision and fluency in past/future tense with irregular and regular verbs
- Conditional - bhiodh
- Dè/Càit/Cuin with verbs
- Consolidation and expanding on prepositional pronouns - orm/ort/air/oirre etc
- Paraphrasing what someone else has said
- Pronunciation
- Speaking about current events and topics of interest
- Further language around leisure time and work/school
- Linking phrases and words
- Consolidation of cases - particularly genitive and dative

### CEFR - B1 currently

- I can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in daily life such as in work, school, leisure etc.
- I can understand the main point of many radio or TV programmes on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.
- I can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken
- I can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans

What you will learn, as well as a review of previous learning:

- Pronunciation / blas
- Orally summarising texts or what someone says
- Conversation about a range of topics to increase vocabulary
- Review of and fluency in grammar structures e.g. cases, tenses
- Plenty speaking practise to increase confidence
- Focused reading and writing
- Giving clear and detailed descriptions of a wide range of subjects including people, places, events etc
- Uist heritage and traditions - e.g. poetry, songs, stories



## Misneachd ann am Fileantas - Confidence in Fluency

### **CEFR - moving towards B2**

This class is for post-advanced learners or fluent level speakers who are able to speak Gaelic in conversation, and wish to increase their confidence and natural idiom as well as conversation in a range of topics.

- You will discuss a variety of topics in order to develop conversation skills
- Local Uist language, knowledge and culture will feature
- You will develop conversation skills and fluency in subjects which interest the student group
- Use your Gaelic with others with support from the tutor
- Boost other skills such as reading, writing and listening