➢ What E-Learning courses are?

The University of Cassino and Southern Lazio offers to its students the opportunity to access the E-Learning portal. Thanks to the online software based on self-study approach you have the possibility to start a foreign language course and to improve your linguistic skills.

Online courses have been specifically designed for each language (English, French, German, Spanish, Italian) with the aim of developing listening, comprehension and writing abilities in a balanced manner.

The courses fit the criteria of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), so to be a useful tool to study both for a university exam and for a language certification.

➢ How to sign up to the courses and access the portal?

The registration to the language courses is always available for all enrolled students of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio. To sign in to the E-Learning portal you are requested to log into the website **https://studente.unicas.it** with your UNICAS username and password. It is recommended to use PC instead of mobile devices to navigate the portal properly. You must also enable the audio for listening activities.

On the homepage of the website you can enrol in any single course among the proposed levels, from the elementary A1 to B2. For the English language the advanced level C1 is also available. Each level combines a set of abilities and skills that you are expected to acquire at the end of the course. In order to advance gradually you are advised to begin from the level below the expected one.

In case of necessity, you may contact the University Language Center (CLA-C) via email: clac@unicas.it.

➢ What does the course consist of?

Each course is divided into 10 modules, each of which is composed of 10 units. In every unit there are various listening and reading activities. The grammar structures are introduced according to the communication needs and the actual level reached by the student. At the advanced level you will also learn some specific areas of vocabulary such as economics, justice, journalism.

Along with the exercises, each unit contains some extra materials. Under the voice "*New Words*" you will find the vocabulary items, while "*Useful Expressions*" include the most common phrases used in the module. The grammar bank offers explanations of the grammar rules and can be consulted under the tab "*Explanation*".

The last unit of each module is designed as a test that permits to assess and strengthen the acquired knowledge. The quiz may include multiple choice questions, "True or False" exercises, questions that require short answers. You can check your answers by clicking on the check mark symbol on the lower left-hand side of the screen. You have up to three attempts to complete the test. Afterwards, the software will mark the errors and record the best final result (in % of the correct answers).

➢ How can I verify my progress?

At the end of each module there are two test units – *Revision* and *Evaluation*. Each of them includes exercises that summarize the vocabulary and the grammar studied in the whole module.

In the *Revision* unit each exercise is presented with an example that explains the rule or the requested task, while the *Evaluation* section is a mock exam. You have up to three attempts to complete the test, the best result will be recorded in your account (in % of the correct answers).

Pay close attention not to add any extra spaces or symbols in the gap-fill exercises, because the system considers them as errors.