

AN CÙRSA COMAIS
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Fèin-luachadh do thagraichean

Is *An Cùrsa Comais* the course for you? And, if so, is this the time to enrol? Consider whether your own mindset and ambition provides a match at this point for the criteria set out below. Your circumstances may be such that the situations described here are not available to you, but you would nonetheless recognise these as ideal.

1. You would consider yourself already a 'Gaelic speaker' (no matter how limited your ability), pro-active in your efforts to find opportunities to practise. You have gone beyond the stage of 'Gaelic learner' who only engages with the language in classes and other set learning events, and merely while these activities last.
2. You will have tried to normalise the language to some extent in your life. There may be a person or people with whom you would, even at this stage, consider it normal to speak Gaelic spontaneously and un-prompted and on a reasonably regular basis. You feel you are beginning to present your personality in that language.
3. You try not to feel, when the opportunity to speak Gaelic arises, as if you are about to exhibit a performance skill such as dance or a musical recital in an out-of-the-ordinary setting. You feel rather that you are speaking mainly to communicate and to function, much as you do when using your main language.
4. You see opportunities which *do* arise to try out your Gaelic as a welcome challenge rather than as an intimidating experience which you would prefer to avoid.
5. You are, through your independent efforts to speak (and read and listen to) the language as often as possible, building a vocabulary of words and expressions which is quite a bit beyond that which would be deemed sufficient for the assessments and examinations of a school course for 'Gaelic learners'.
6. An ideal learning environment would, for you, be a course which combines analysis of grammar and structure through the medium of Gaelic with opportunities to practise and normalise speaking in the company of like-minded learners in class time and outside.
7. You are aiming to become fluent and literate in Gaelic, as competent in writing as in speech, and to achieve a level which would allow you to do one of the following:
 - to continue on a university degree course at second-year level delivered through the medium of Gaelic;
 - to seek employment in a Gaelic-language post;
 - to be a confident and participating member of a Gaelic-speaking household or other social group.