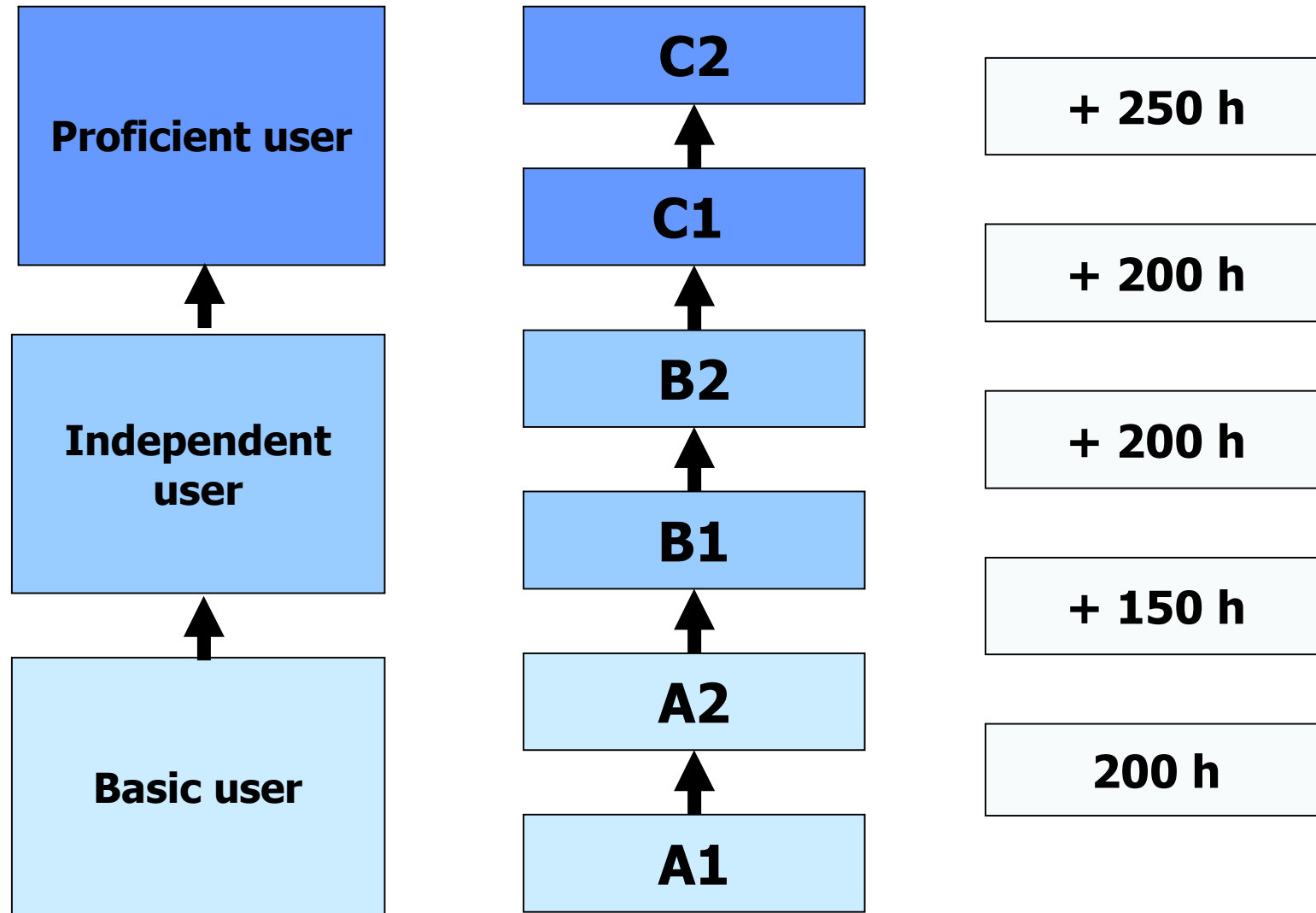


Language requirements,
language assessment and
language certification at the Free
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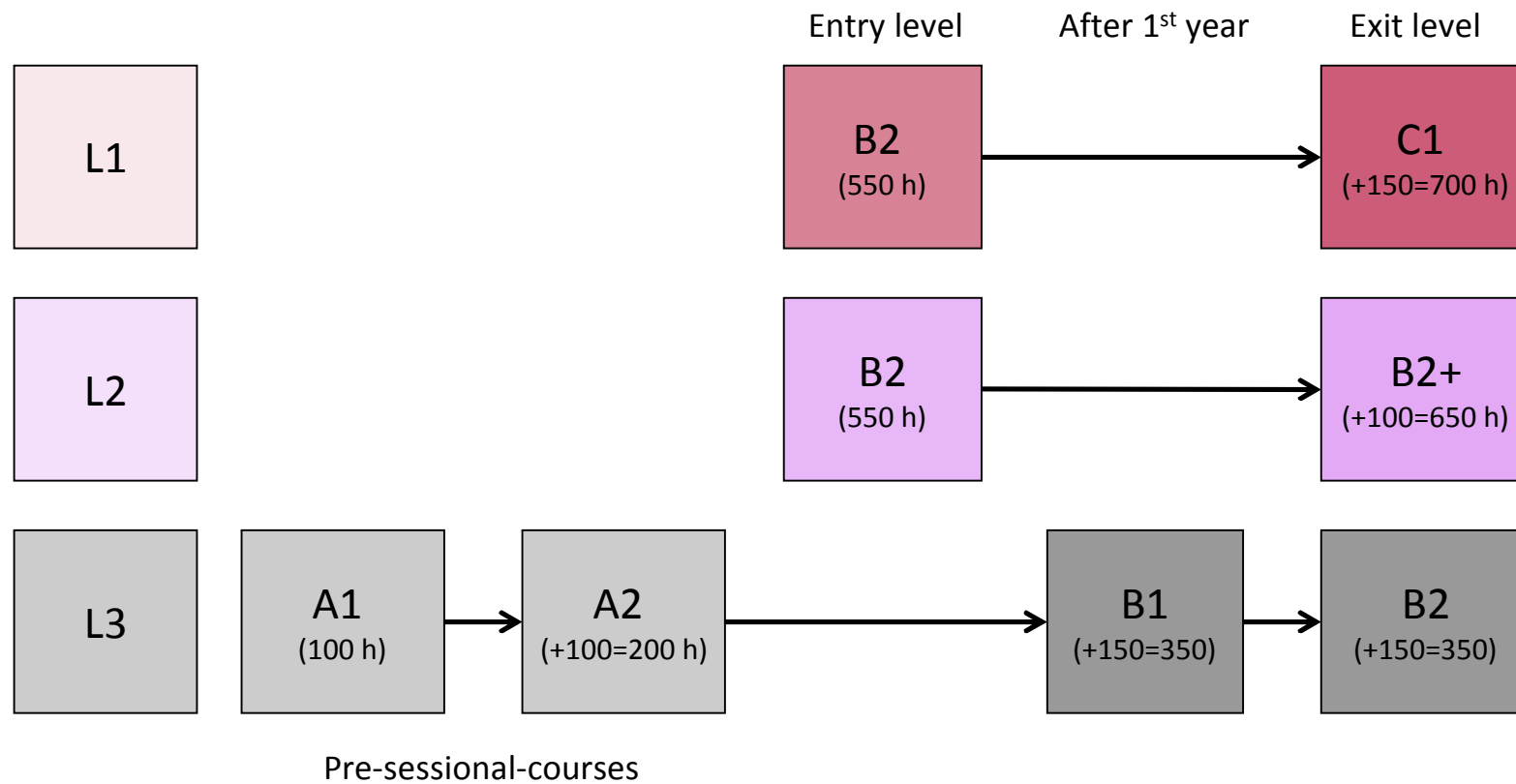
The Common European Framework levels



Global scale (CEFR)

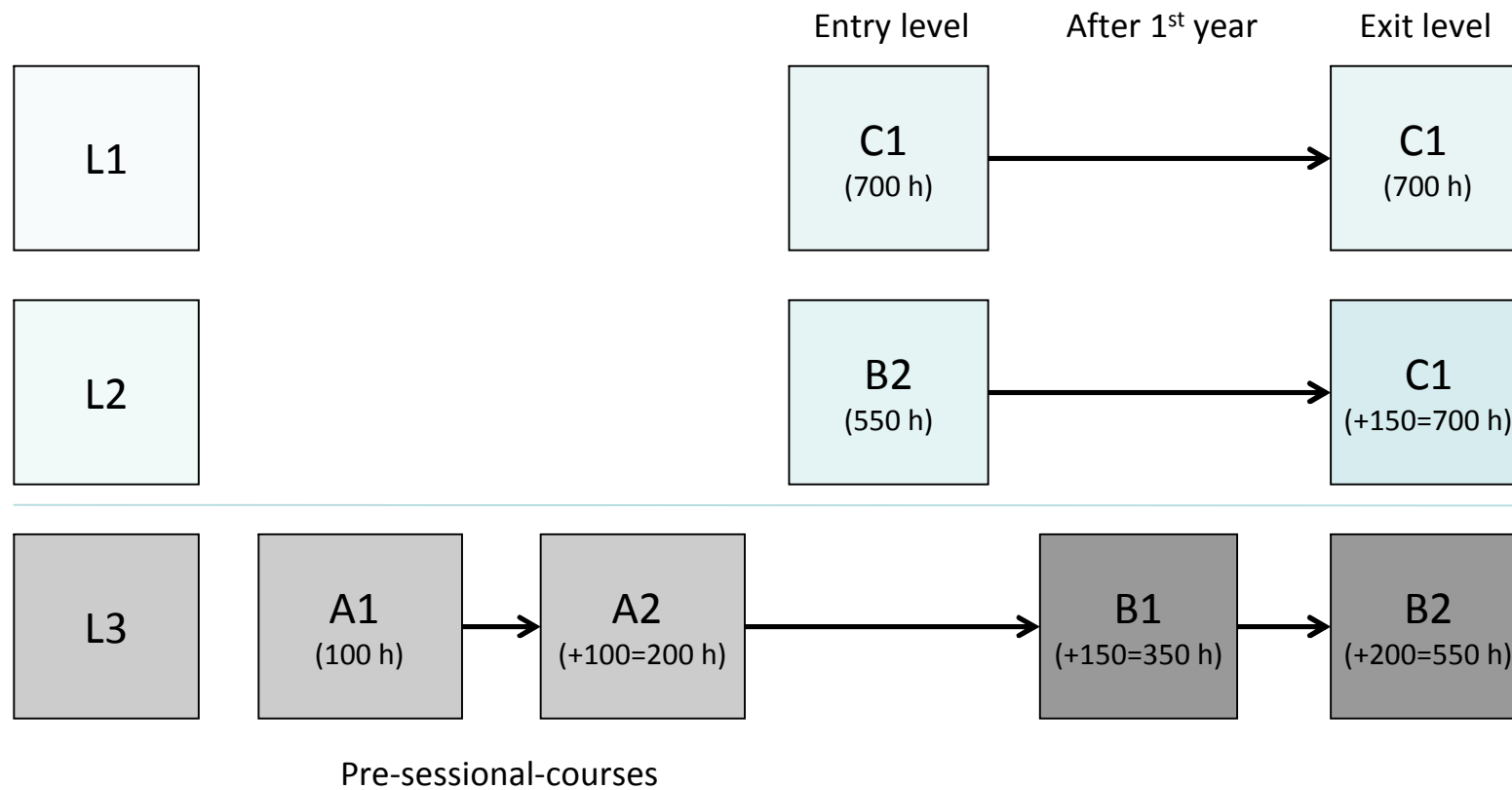
C2	Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. [...] Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.
C1	[...] Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
B2	Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. [...] Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
B1	[...] Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
A2	[...] Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.
A1	[...] Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. [...]

Language requirements at BA level



Estimated values of numbers of hours, based on experience and sources like Cambridge ESOL!

Language requirements at MA level



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How can I certify my language competences?

- Language of the last high-school year
- International language certification
- Computerbased Test at the Language Centre – [Description](#)
- <http://www.unibz.it/>

Recognized certifications and diplomas

- List of recognized language certifications and diplomas on the Internet:
- [Recognized Certificates.pdf](#)

Inhouse Language certification

	B2	C1-C2
German	TestDaF 3	TestDaF 4-5 PWD
English	FCE,	CAE, CPE
Italiano	CELI 3	CELI 4-5

Summer intensive courses

- Three types of courses:
 - A0→A1 – Complete beginners (6 weeks/120 hrs./300 €)
 - A2→B1 – False beginners (6 weeks/120 hrs./300 €)
 - B1→B2 – Preparation for university study (4 weeks/80 hrs./200 €)

Issues

- Less students?
- Too much focus on language learning?
- When do students learn languages?
- What happens at the end of their studies?
- Is this model attractive for foreign students?
- ... and what about the teaching staff?
- ... and what about the admin staff?