

School of _____ *Italian Language and Culture*



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School of ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The School of Italian Language and Culture has decades of experience and research in teaching Italian language and culture to international students.

Its mission is to be a driving force in teaching and promoting the language, literature, and culture of Italy.

The curriculum provides invaluable insight into the origins and development of the Italian language and its continuing legacy and influence in today's globalized world.

LdM integrates academic activities with cultural programs that foster confidence in a newly acquired language and further enrich students' stay in Italy.

At the LdM campuses in Florence and Tuscania a variety of Italian Culture Courses (ITC) - such as art history and Italian literature- are offered; they are built around the characteristics, specific geographical location and historical and cultural heritage of each of the three sites, in order to further enhance the understanding of the Italian language.

These courses are taught in Italian and require a specific level of competency depending on the course.



The church of Santa Croce hosts the burial places of notable Italians such as Michelangelo Buonarroti, Galileo Galilei, Niccolò Machiavelli, as well as the composer Gioachino Rossini.





Italian Language and Culture (ITC)

Our core mission is to teach and promote Italian language and culture according to an interdisciplinary philosophy. As they learn Italian, students deepen their understanding of the country, familiarize themselves with its history, and get to know its peoples in both local and global contexts, from the Middle Ages and Renaissance to the present day. They also develop a solid foundation in the critical thinking and communication skills required for success in higher education and professional life.

The curriculum is designed to reflect the host cities and highlight the traditions of their respective territories. Course topics cover a wide variety of aspects of Italian culture, including art history, film, language, literature, and practical and theoretical cooking courses. As they delve into the country's past and traditions, students gain insight into contemporary Italian life.

All courses are taught in Italian and may require specific competency levels (A1 to C1). Class size is small, and our dedicated, experienced faculty make use of a wide variety of teaching techniques to engage students actively in the learning process as they develop the four main language skills: comprehension, speaking, reading and writing.

To make learning about Italian language and culture even more stimulating, we organize extracurricular activities and language exchange programs to put students in contact with the local community, rendering their time in Italy even more meaningful.

Courses

Academic Reading and Writing
(in Italian only)

Communications Internship in Italian

Contemporary Italian Politics
(in Italian only)

Contemporary Italy through the Media
(in Italian only)

Food in Italian Culture (in Italian only)

Italian Civilization and Culture
(in Italian only)

Italian for Conversation
(in Italian only)

Italian Women's Literature
(in Italian only)

Workshops and Special Programs

Communications Internship in Italian



Italian Language (ITL)

We are one of Italy's most prestigious Italian-language institutions, dedicated to teaching Italian as a foreign language since 1973.

Students learn and grow in all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Small class sizes and an immersive learning environment foster active, passionate participation in the learning process, enhanced by the use of dramatization and role-play. Intensive courses offer the added benefits of two teachers working in tandem in each class. Faculty-provided individual tutoring and other compensatory services for students with unique needs further enrich the educational experience.

Courses reflect the international standards for language ability, according to a six-point scale established by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: from A1 (basic understanding) to C2 (mastery). At beginning levels, students learn the simple language structures required to cope in a foreign country and manage simple interactions. Intermediate students develop communicative autonomy and greater command of the language's structure. Advanced courses challenge students with the more complex contents of Italian language and culture, in order to attain both written and spoken fluency.

Our action-oriented approach gives students the experience and skills to succeed in any context, while a range of cultural programs further enriches students' stay in Italy while fostering their familiarity with the language.

Courses

3-Hour Italian Language Advanced 1

3-Hour Italian Language Advanced 2

3-Hour Italian Language Elementary 1

3-Hour Italian Language Elementary 2

3-Hour Italian Language Intermediate 1

3-Hour Italian Language Intermediate 2

4-Hour Italian Language Elementary 1

*6-Hour Italian Language Elementary 1
and 2*

*6-Hour Italian Language Elementary 2
and Intermediate 1*

*6-Hour Italian Language Intermediate
1 and 2*

Our school explores the study of Italian Language and Culture from various perspectives, encompassing Italian literature, film, art history, and, naturally, culinary heritage.





After lesson, students can enjoy a stroll in the city center. In this picture, the Arno River, with the iconic Ponte Vecchio, the Old Bridge, standing in the background.

General Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: June 15

Spring Semester: November 15

January Intersession: November 15

Summer Session I: April 10

Summer Session II: May 15



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