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ITALIAN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT





You don't live in a country,
you live in a language.

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A language is the place where a whole culture and way of life come together: for this reason, we are committed to offering a unique learning experience of our language and of our beautiful culture. Our students enjoy the most authentic experience possible in Florence, as well as in Italy in general. Our mission is to ensure that students live here as residents rather than tourists, and as part of the AEF community.

For the majority of the Italian language courses, lessons are held in the morning, so that students can benefit from the full calendar of cultural activities in the afternoon, all organized by AEF. Typical activities include visits to monuments and museums, typical stores, cooking classes, wine tasting, craft workshops, sporting activities, cultural and linguistic exchanges with Italian students, get-togethers with Florentine families, and many other occasions for enrichment and learning. This cultural immersion, we believe, is the key to learning, practicing and perfecting the Italian language.

OUR COURSES

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

- ITALIAN 10 (10 grammar lessons + 10 conversation lessons per week)
- ITALIAN 12 (12 weekly lessons from Monday to Wednesday)
- ITALIAN 16 (16 weekly lessons from Monday to Thursday)
- ITALIAN 20 (20 weekly Italian language lessons from Monday to Friday)
- INTENSIVE ITALIAN (20 weekly Italian language lessons from Monday to Friday + 6 weekly lessons)
- COMBINED ITALIAN (the selected Course + a variable number of individual lessons)
- ONE YEAR OF ITALIAN (12 levels, for a total of 48 weeks)
- INDIVIDUAL ITALIAN (personalized in line with the students' needs)

Our Italian courses are comprised of both grammar and conversation lessons, with all necessary textbooks and reading materials included in the course. Alternative Italian courses are also on offer to cater to more specific language needs.

SPECIAL ITALIAN COURSES

Italian Plus... Music, Art or Culture

Those looking to take a separate course alongside Italian language lessons have the option of choosing an afternoon class from our schools of music, art or culture.

From the enormous range of courses, students have the opportunity to take their cultural immersion one step further, making their time here at AEF all the more enriching. Our outstanding team of faculty is prepared to teach students of all competencies, and tailor the classes to suit their academic needs.

ITALIAN PLUS... MUSIC: This course is recommended for those intending to make an in-depth study (for professional, teaching or personal reasons) of the language of music and opera and for students who are in training for applications to conservatories and music schools or art schools.

ITALIAN PLUS... ART: Those intending to follow an art program in Florence, for professional, teaching or personal reasons, can choose the intensive art course and study the techniques and language in depth.



ITALIAN PLUS... CULTURE: The intensive cultural course is designed for all those wishing to combine the study of the language with specific aspects of the Italian culture, such as literature, history of art, cinema, food.

SEMESTERS, SHORT TERMS AND TAILOR-MADE COURSES

Our Italian courses are available all year round, and can be taken in conjunction with semesters abroad, or alongside alternative arts and performing arts courses. With the flexibility of being able to choose when to start and for how long to stay, students can create their own tailor-made courses to suit their schedules and needs.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

We have a strong belief that to learn a language, one has to go beyond sitting in a classroom and writing notes. This is why we follow the mantra of "Italian through Culture".

Every month we create a full calendar of enriching activities that allows students to fully immerse themselves into the Italian way of life. Cooking and wine tasting classes, visits to museums and current

exhibitions, craft workshops, markets, trips to the opera are but a few of the activities on offer. What's more, learning is often taken outside of the classroom, with lessons "on site", where students can put their new linguistic skills to practice, whether they're buying goods from the market or ordering a coffee.

We have also developed a special language exchange program in collaboration with Italian high schools. AEF students therefore have the possibility of attending some classes together with Italian students: this is an excellent chance to practice the language with native speakers, but also to meet people who are of a similar age, which could even lead to extracurricular meetings.

Textbook: "L'Italiano" by Edy Frollano,
founder of Accademia Europea di Firenze





OUR TEACHERS:



MOIRA BONECHI

After obtaining a degree in Foreign Languages and Literature from the University of Florence, Moira lived in the USA. She has been teaching Italian in various American universities since 2003, and in 2014 she entered to form part of the teaching team at the Accademia Europea di Firenze.



LUCIA CONTU

With a degree in Modern Foreign Languages and Literature from the University of Florence, Lucia started teaching Italian in 1997 and has been collaborating with the Accademia Europea di Firenze since its founding.



LUCIA IACOVELLI

Lucia obtained a degree in Foreign Languages and Literature from the University of Florence in 2005. She is passionate about fashion, music and poetry and has formed part of the teaching team at the Accademia Europea di Firenze since 2008.



TIBERIA LEO

After graduating in Foreign Languages and Literature at the University of Lecce, Tiberia accrued teaching experience in Austria and the USA, and since 2011 she has been working for the Accademia Europea di Firenze. She has a real passion for English literature and a number of her translations have been published in Italy.



GIUSY MASSARELLI

After obtaining a degree in Foreign Languages and Literature from the University of Florence, Giusy worked as a translator and event organizer. She has been teaching Italian at the Accademia Europea di Firenze since 2005.

OUR TEACHERS:



GIUSEPPE MENELLI

With a degree in Political Science from the University of Perugia, Giuseppe passed the qualification exam to teach Italian to foreigners at the Italian Institute of Culture of Mexico City in 2006. Since 2007 he has been teaching at the Accademia Europea di Firenze.





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