



## ITALIAN LANGUAGE ADULT CLASSES - FALL QUARTER 2017

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# CLASS DESCRIPTIONS FALL 2017

### Grammar Classes:

#### **BEGINNER ITALIAN I – for absolute beginners**

**Goal:** This course gives students the basic tools needed to successfully understand and communicate in Italian. At the completion of this course students should be able to greet others, introduce themselves, talk about themselves and others, and describe people, things, and places.

**Grammar:** Pronunciation, subject pronouns, c'è (there is) and ci sono (there are), indicative present tense of essere (to be), avere (to have), articles, gender and plural of nouns, numbers 0-49.

#### **BEGINNER ITALIAN II – for students with a very basic knowledge of Italian**

**Goal:** this course build on Beginner Italian I and provides students a stronger and wider skills set necessary to understand, speak, read and write in Italian. At the end of the course students should be able to talk about the Italian education system, to order and to talk about food and drinks, as well as discuss common activities, leisure time, trip planning, daily life.

**Grammar:** reinforcement and practice of tenses of the indicative mood, irregular verbs in –are, prepositions, partitive, adjectives and adverbs of quantity.

#### **INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN I – for students with a fairly good command of Italian**

**Goal:** this course builds on Beginner Italian II and provides students a stronger and wider skill set necessary to understand, speak, read and write in Italian. At the end of the course students should be able to talk about the family and traditions, trip reservation and planning.

**Grammar:** reinforcement and practice of tenses of the indicative mood; irregular verbs in -ere, -ire; possessive adjectives, direct pronouns, present perfect with essere or avere.

#### **INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN II – for students with a good command of Italian**

**Goal:** this course builds on Intermediate Italian I. At the end of the course students should be able to talk about money and time, media.

**Grammar:** reflexive verbs, indirect pronouns, imperfetto tense and the use of imperfetto versus passato prossimo, pluperfect tense and adverbs.

#### **ADVANCED ITALIAN I – for students with strong command of the language**

**Goal:** to give students the tools to be able to talk in detail about Italian fashion, weather and time, vacation planning, house and furniture.

**Grammar:** the course will be focused on imperative and demonstrative adjectives will be studied, future tense, verb piacere, ne and ci, double pronouns.

#### **ADVANCED ITALIAN II – for students with strong command of the language**

**Goal:** to give students the tools to talk in detail about trades and professions, geographical descriptions, sports.

**Grammar:** conditional mood, present and past, comparatives and superlatives, relative pronouns and indefinite pronouns, negative expressions, gerund and progressive form.

#### **ADVANCED ITALIAN III – for students with strong command of the language**

**Goal:** to give students the tools to talk in detail about health, environment; music, art and theater.

**Grammar:** remote past, verbs and verbal expressions with infinitive, subjunctive mood; present and past subjunctive of irregular verbs; conjunctions and subjunctive; subjunctive imperfetto and pluperfect; how to use all the subjunctive tenses in complex sentences.



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### Conversation Classes:

**CONVERSAZION CLUB I** – For students that have successfully completed Beginner 2 (or equivalent). To enroll in this course students should know verb to be and to have, articles, nouns, adjectives, prepositions, conjugation of regular verbs ending in -are, -ere, -ire, partitives and the conjugation of irregular verbs ending in -are.

The following book is required. Students must purchase this book before the first day of class. A CD, exercises and activities will come with the book.

**Title: La Ricetta Segreta**  
**Author: Cinzia Medaglia**  
**Editor: CIDEB**

Book synopsis: Enrico goes back to his house in the mountains of Trentino Alto Adige. He can't wait to see his old friend, Mr Barbarano, a retired chemist. His friend is not there anymore and Enrico finds out that he's been kidnapped. Who did it and why? With Camilla's help, Enrico starts investigating... A cliff-hanger story full of twists.

**CONVERSAZION CLUB II:** Conversation with a book – For students with a good command of the language that have completed Intermediate 1 (or equivalent). To enroll in this course students should know possessive adjectives and pronouns, irregular verbs ending in -ere and -ire, past tense with essere and avere.

The following book is required. Students must purchase this book before the first day of class. A CD, exercises and activities will come with the book.

**Title: Rose rosse per il commissario**  
**Author: Mauro Dei Rossi**  
**Editor: CIDEB**

Book synopsis: "A strange number written on a banknote comes to the attention of a retired police officer. Is it worth investigating, or is he just looking for a mystery to solve? One of a series of original stories interspersed with exercises and illustrations designed to improve reading and speaking skills."

**CONVERSAZION CLUB III** – For students with a very good command of the language that have completed Intermediate 2 (or equivalent). To enroll in this course students should know reflexive verbs, indirect pronouns, imperfect tense, pluperfect tense, adverbs. This level builds on the previous one and adds two new topics money and time and media. No textbook required.

**CONVERSAZIONE DA SALOTTO:** This conversational class is designed for intermediate and advanced students. Join a friendly and casual environment to practice and improve your Italian in a fun and non-judgmental forum. Various topics and general subjects will be discussed.



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### Specialty Classes:

#### **GRAMMAR FOR YOU – Intermediate**

The following grammar topics will be covered in this 11 week course:

- Preposizioni semplici e articolate
- Pronomi personali diretti e indiretti

#### **GRAMMAR FOR YOU – Advanced**

The following grammar topics will be covered in this 11 week course:

- Aggettivi qualificativi di grado positivo, di grado comparativo e superlativo.
- Forme particolari di comparativo e superlativo.
- Comparativo e superlativo degli avverbi.

#### **LA GRAMMATICA VIEN LEGGENDO – Advanced**

A course focusing on reading comprehension, listening comprehension and conversation.

The following book is required. Students must purchase this book before the first day of class. A CD, exercises and activities will come with the book.

**Title: La grammatica vien leggendo**

**Author: Lorenza Ruggieri**

#### **STORIA D'ITALIA – Advanced**

La società del benessere: gli anni '60, il boom economico. Il '68 e l'autunno caldo. Gli anni di Piombo. Il terrorismo: storia delle brigate rosse. Le stragi che hanno sconvolto un Paese. La mafia in Italia. Tangentopoli: la caduta della Prima Repubblica. La Seconda Repubblica.

Tutto il materiale sarà distribuito dall'insegnante.

#### **THREE STEPS INTO ITALIAN – Intermediate**

A different approach in learning Italian: students will focus first on the linguistic content and not on the grammar.

Each class will pursue a balanced interaction with grammar, vocabulary, phonetics, communicative functions and cultural competences.

All materials will be provided by the teacher.

#### **FERRANTE FOREVER – Highly advanced**

"*Storia della bambina perduta*" di Elena Ferrante.

Continuiamo con la saga de "L'amica geniale" di Elena Ferrante.

Questa volta trattiamo del quarto volume: "*Storia della bambina perduta*".

Il libro sarà letto e commentato, in parte, in classe, altre pagine saranno assegnate da leggere a casa e da commentare in classe.

Il libro è disponibile su Amazon (edizione cartacea o elettronica)

#### **MEET THE ARTISTS OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE – Highly intermediate/advanced**

The Italian Renaissance produced some of the greatest works of art in human history. This 11-week course will introduce the students to some of the major artists of that time. It is an interactive course which includes art appreciation, Italian history, reading and listening comprehension, vocabulary studies, and lots of conversation. The material will be provided by the teacher.

#### **RASSEGNA STAMPA – Advanced**

Stay current on Italian as well as international news topics with this specialty course designed for students with advanced Italian language skills. Each week a comprehensive Italian press review will be conducted in class followed by commentaries. Weekly independent reading of online news is encouraged but not required, as most of the news analysis will be conducted in class. Main Italian news outlets as well as social media will be examined. Emphasis on vocabulary enhancement, reading, conversation and summary production.