ITALIAN LANGUAGE ADULT CLASSES

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Office Hours (subject to change):
Monday-Thursday 5:30pm-8:30pm
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

CLASSES DESCRIPTIONS (Winter 2023 – WI23)

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 (A1) – 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 (A2) – 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 (B1) – 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 (B2) – 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 (C1) – 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 (C2) – 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.

→ CURRENT TEXTBOOK requested for Grammar Classes:
Ciao! 8th Edition di Carla Larese Riga & Irene Bubula-Phillips will cover all levels (from Beginner Italian I to Advanced Italian III).
We do NOT sell textbooks so, you can purchase it wherever you like (library, online through AmazonSmile https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3608624, e-book or second hand also).

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Special Grammar Classes:

BEGINNER ITALIAN I & II (A1) – Fast track
This class is the equivalent of both Beginner I & II but is designed for students who have already been somewhat exposed to the Italian language so they would like to cover both levels quickly.

DOPPIO ESPRESSO ITALIANO (B2) – Intermediate II
This class is the equivalent of Intermediate II but meets twice a week for 1h each (Tuesday & Thursday) so it lasts 8 weeks instead of 11. This course is designed for the students who need to meet several times a week to get more practice and exercise.

Please note: the ICC informs all students that we are going to change the Textbook for the upcoming quarters (NO this one yet) starting with Beginner I classes and so on. None is required to purchase the new book until students starting Beginner I with the new book reach the Advanced III level (this means 7 Quarters /1.5 years); at that point, all students who want to participate in any of our grammar classes will be required to purchase the new Textbook.

Conversation Classes:

• CONVERSATION I – Intermediate I
To enroll in this course, students should know, direct pronouns, passato prossimo.
Materials provided by the teacher unless specify below.

Book (Wednesday evening class) ->
Titolo: Radio Lina  Autore: Naddeo De Giuli  Editor: Alma Edizioni

• CONVERSATION II – Intermediate II
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. Materials provided by the teacher unless specify below.

Monday morning class description ->
in this class students will read catchy articles or short pieces of Italian Literature and will be engaged in a plenary discussion. This is the right approach to test your confidence with spoken Italian and learn something about culture and traditions of our Country. Materials provided by the teacher.

Book (Monday evening class only) ->
Titolo: In altre parole  Autore: Jhumpa Lahiri  Editor: Guanda

Book (Thursday evening class only) ->
Titolo: La grammatica vien leggendo  Autore: Lorenza Ruggieri  Editor: Edilingua

• CONVERSATION III – Advanced
To enroll in this course students should know reflexive verbs, indirect pronouns, imperfect tense, pluperfect tense, and adverbs.

Book (Monday evening class only) ->
Titolo: L'amica geniale  Autore: Elena Ferrante  Editor: e/o

Wednesday evening class description ->
la lezione avrà due componenti: la prima impegnará i partecipanti a conversazioni di tipo quotidiano; la seconda introdurrà le nozioni sintattiche e grammaticali più impegnative della lingua italiana. Ogni materiale verrà ricavato dalle reti.

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Specialty Classes:

BOOK CLUB - LEGGIAMO INSIEME (Advanced)

| Titolo: Riccardino  |
| Autore: Andrea Camilleri  |
| Edizione: Sellerio  |
| Synopsis: questo è l'ultimo romanzo della serie dedicata alle indagini del commissario Montalbano. |

CONVERSAZIONE DI BASE – Basic slang (Level: Beginner 2/Intermediate)
Improve your confidence with the Italian language by using simple and effective sentences that will help you in basic conversation. How do you introduce yourself to other people? How can you speak about your job? How can you manage a simple conversation at the restaurant or at the store? Let’s practice together!
Materials provided by the teacher.

CONVERSAZIONE WITH A THEME “Italian through the seasons” – Intermediate to Advanced
The seasons affect us all and move us in different ways. Start the year by exploring how Italians have traditionally experienced the passing of time. The class will be based on conversation, and include interesting facts, new vocabulary, and some history, art, songs, and recipes.

CONVERSAZIONE WITH A THEME “The Italian Middle Ages” – Intermediate to Advanced
The Middle Ages were one of the most interesting times in Italian history and have left traces everywhere. Learn interesting facts, vocabulary, lots of history, as well as medieval songs, recipes, and places to visit. The class will include lots of conversation, as we share our experiences and our impressions of the Italian Middle Ages. Suggested level: Intermediate-Advanced. No book necessary.

CONVERSAZIONE DA SALOTTO “CASUAL TEA-ROOM TALK” - Intermediate to Advanced
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.
Material will be provided by the instructor.

CONVERSAZIONE con LIBRO – Advanced
Durante questo corso breve di 8 settimane, si analizzerà il testo di seguito:

| Book -> |

CONVERSAZIONE III / WORKSHOP LETTERATURA – Advanced / Highly Advanced

ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS - Beginner
Get the most from your next trip to Italy by learning to ask some basic questions, decipher a menu, and find your way around. You will also learn what to expect as you are touring the country and how to avoid many common tourist pitfalls. There will be many opportunities to practice what you are learning, all in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Material provided.

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PREPARAZIONE ALL’ESAME CILS (Course only) – Intermediate II / Advanced
This Course is designed for students who want to take the Italian Citizenship Exam - CILS (Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera). The CILS Preparation Course will provide students with a review of all of grammar structures included in the exam, and an introduction and practice of the various sections of the exam: listening, reading comprehension, writing, and speaking.
Previous knowledge of Italian at Intermediate II/Adv level is required before applying to the course.

→ Please note: this is just a course, not the exam itself and, to be ready to take the exam, you may need to attend more than one course.

Our instructors are certified CILS trainer and examiner by the University of Siena

Book ->
Titolo: Percorso CILS B1 Cittadinanza (red booklet)  Autore: Emanuela Paciotti, Paolo La Gamma   Editor: Ornimi

STEP UP YOUR GRAMMAR – Advanced / Highly Advanced
In questa classe - dedicata agli studenti più avanzati - affronteremo alcuni dei temi più complessi, introdotti nei nostri corsi regolari di grammatica ma che possono richiedere ulteriore approfondimento. Per esempio: la scelta del congiuntivo e del condizionale nella concordanza tra frasi; l’uso di gerundio, infinito e participio nelle frasi indipendenti e molto altro ancora.
Non solo grammatica ma anche comprensione di testi ed esempi pratici di applicazione delle regole.
Materiale messo a disposizione dall’insegnante.

STORIA D’ITALIA – Advanced / Highly Advanced
Gli anni ’70 ( il terrorismo - le Brigate rosse - gli Anni di Piombo) - gli anni ’80 ( il terrorismo - la mafia) - gli anni ’90. Materiale fornito.

→ Please, have a look at the Class Schedule to check what kind of class is the one you are interested in; if it is an in-person (*) one, carefully read the extra Policy on the next page.

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ICC *in-person classes extra Policy

Taking into account that the health and safety of our students still remain our top priority, all participants will be required to follow the rules below:

- all present, teachers and students, are strongly advised to wear masks for the entire duration of the lesson and, in general, inside the ICC premises;
- all present, teachers and students, must maintain social distancing;
- the presence at the ICC premises will be strictly allowed just for your class time to let us have the time to sanitize the rooms; students will be allowed into the premises few minutes before/after the time of the lesson, if you would like to spend more time together to chat, it will be requested to accommodate yourself outside of the premises;
- If you, any other family member, or people you have been in contact with are feeling ill or have Covid symptoms, we encourage you to stay home.
- ICC will follow all the CDC recommendations. At any time the *in-person classes are not allowed anymore for any reason, all classes will be immediately switched in online classes;

NO refund will be available for this reason.

By registering for an *in-person class and taking note of the aforementioned regulations, students hereby acknowledge that they have completely read and fully understand the ICC extra Policy for the *in-person classes.

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