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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTER – MILAN, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

International Language Center is a member of The World Organization which has affiliate schools in over 30 different countries worldwide. Standards are maintained through implementation of a rigorous code of practice and regular inspection. The International Language Center staff are all highly trained and experienced in language teaching to foreign students and pay particular attention to students' overall well-being during their stay in Milan. All classrooms are fully equipped with satellite, video and audio facilities. Video and lending libraries are also available.

Milan truly is a city with something to offer every visitor. There are numerous famous monuments and historical attractions to admire, such as the Duomo, the huge gothic cathedral, La Scala and the Castello Sforzesco. A variety of architectural styles and the works of world renowned painters, writers and musicians can all be enjoyed here. As an important cultural and financial centre, Milan also offers a wide variety of entertainment, from opera to salsa dancing, from theatre to night clubbing.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A wide variety of courses for adults (18+) are available all year round. Groups are small with a maximum of 6 students per class and levels range from beginner to advanced. A pre-course interview and placement test helps the school to pinpoint the students' learning needs. Courses cover grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Intensive Group Program

20 hours per week, 2 week minimum. Intensive Group Course offers busy people with limited time the opportunity to improve their language. After lessons, students can choose from a range of social and cultural activities in and around the city of Milan with a teacher. Students have two teachers on intensive courses to ensure that they encounter different accents and ways of speaking.

Executive Program - Upper-Intermediate Level Required.

25 hours per week - 15 hours Group + 10 hours Tutor. This program is designed for those who want to improve their knowledge of Italian for use in a particular professional field. It combines 15 hours per week of study in a group setting and individual lessons with a private tutor for 10 hours per week. The private lessons focus on the following topics: Italian for Marketing; Italian for Finance; Telephone Italian; Presentations; Negotiating.

Intensive Group & Cooking Program

20+ hours per week. This course combines Intensive Group classes of 20 hours per week in the morning with two afternoons per week of Italian Cooking Classes.

Language & Culture Programs

International Language Center's Italian Language & Culture Programs provide students with further opportunities to increase their knowledge of different aspects of Italy and to socialize with other students and teachers. Culture classes are given by teachers with an interest in the topic.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Homestay accommodation includes a single room with breakfast daily and use of the kitchen for other meals. For students traveling together or couples, a double room can be provided. Because the International Language Center offers a limited number of host families, booking is therefore subject to availability.

Shared Apartments

For the independent student, the International Language Center offers single rooms in shared apartments. Bath and kitchen are shared. For students traveling together or couples, a double room can be provided.

Hotels, AparHotels & Guest Houses

A list of hotels, apart-hotels and guest houses is available on request. Prices range from a daily fee of Lit. 25,000 (Euro 13) for a guest house to Lit. 250,000 (Euro 130) for a single room in a 3/4 star hotel.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The International Language Center offers visits to nearby towns to highlight the practical/cultural/social elements of the courses. These activities provide an excellent opportunity to relax and practice Italian.

The program of activities varies each month and is organized by the International Language Center's Italian courses coordinator and/or teachers. Cultural and social activities are optional and at additional cost. These include trips to museums, theatres, cinemas and weekend excursions.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrcsa.com>
or e-mail us at study@nrcsa.com

Program & Admission Information - Milan, Italy

Programs

A wide variety of courses are available for adults year round. The most common course that students sign up for are group classes or a combination of group and cultural classes. Groups are small with an average of 5 students per class and a maximum of 8. Levels vary from beginner to advanced. A pre-course interview and placement test are used to pinpoint the student's current level and tailor the course accordingly. Courses are usually designed to cover grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, listening, speaking, reading and writing. The emphasis of the program is to encourage the student to communicate independently as quickly as possible.

On the first day students are encouraged to take part in orientation and introductory tour. A member of the local staff will point out places of interest and help with practical matters (such as buying tickets and stamps and where to change money).

Levels Language levels are defined locally and in the following manner:

- Level 1 Beginner: Students acquire a general basic ability to communicate in a limited number of familiar situations.
- Level 2 Elementary: Students maintain simple conversations related to every day life and to one's own personal experience.
- Level 3 Pre-intermediate: Students have an adequate level of language confidence to participate in communicative situations with sufficient ease.
- Level 4 Intermediate: Students can participate in a conversation with sufficient correctness and express their opinions in a discussion.
- Level 5 Upper-intermediate: Students can comprehend a variety of newspaper articles and television news and are able to deal with professional situations.
- Level 6 Advanced: Students can express themselves fluently and correctly on a variety of topics and use different linguistic registers. They can comprehend radio and television programs.

Intensive Group Program 20 hours per week, 2 week minimum. The Intensive Group Program offers busy people with limited time the opportunity to improve their language at greater speed. After lessons, students can choose from a range of social and cultural activities in and around the city of Milan with a teacher. Students have two teachers on intensive courses to ensure that they encounter different accents and ways of speaking during their time in Milan. All levels, from beginner to advanced, are accepted in this program and classes meet Monday - Friday, from 10.00 to 13.00.

Executive Program 30 hours per week - 20 hours Group + 10 hours Tutor one-on-one. Upper-Intermediate language level required.

This program is designed for those who want to improve their knowledge of Italian for use in a particular professional field. It combines 20 hours per week of study in a group setting of no more than 8 students and individual lessons with a private tutor for 10 hours per week. The private lessons focus on the following topics:

- * Italian for Marketing
- * Italian for Finance
- * Telephone Italian
- * Presentations
- * Negotiating



Authentic materials are used as far as possible and are often provided by the students themselves to ensure that the course is relevant to their working situation.

Programs

Intensive Group
Executive Program
Group + Culture
Programs

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities

Cultural & Social
Activities

Comments

*"The independence was great,
and Milan is the perfect Italian
city to learn Italian because
virtually no one speaks English.
I learned an incredible amount."*

University Student, Mercer,
PA

Group + Culture Programs The school's Italian Language & Culture Programs provide students with further opportunities to increase their knowledge of different aspects of Italy and to socialize with other students and teachers. In addition to the Intensive Group 20 hour per week program, students attend culture classes provided by teachers with an interest in the topic. The following Culture Programs are available:

- * Cooking Program
- * Literature Program
- * Italian History Program
- * Cinema History Program

Students interested in any Culture Program must possess a minimum language proficiency level of Intermediate. Each module takes place 3 hours per week, in groups of 3 to 8 students per class.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Italian is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates & Exams

At the end of their course all students will be given a certificate, which indicates the number of hours they have studied and the level of ability they have reached.

Students can choose to prepare for a CILS (Certificazione di Italiano come lingua Straniera) Exam to add a final objective to their Italian course. CILS is a state-recognized certification system which is administered by the Università per Stranieri di Siena. Exams are held twice a year in Milan in June and December. Students can prepare for these exams by following a general Italian course combined with exam preparation lessons or, alternatively, can join a specific extra exam group when available. This option is available at additional cost.

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.
 City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level: Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

Check Preferences.

- Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.