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SIENA LANGUAGE SCHOOL – SIENA, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Sienna Language School was founded in Siena in 1979. Since that time, the school has been welcoming students of a wide range of nationalities and all ages to study language, art and culture in the centre of this charming medieval city. The school represents the Siena Committee of the nonprofit making cultural organization Società Dante Alighieri, founded in Rome in 1889 with the aim of promoting and sustaining the knowledge of Italian language and culture throughout the world. All students attending the school for at least four weeks automatically receive free membership of the Society and benefit from the numerous advantages that it offers, both in Italy and abroad. Sienna Language School is also recognized by the European Consortium as an examination centre for the ECL (European Certificate of Language) exam at various levels of knowledge.

Sienna Language School's teachers are all native Italian speakers, are highly qualified, university graduates and are specially trained to teach foreigners. All teachers attend a teacher-training course organized by the school's Director of Studies before teaching at the school. Each teacher specializes in an area of Italian Culture, such as History of Art, Literature, Theatre or Music.

Sienna is a city of contrasts, from the medieval treasures to be found within its city walls to the modern shops and facilities to be found all around the city; from the calm and tranquility of the hidden back streets to the hectic Palio preparations, race and celebrations which go on in the main squares for over half a year. It is a small city but has a large student population (both Italians and foreigners), meaning that there are plenty of things to do.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Sienna Language School's Italian language courses can be taken all year round, to maximum of 18 months. Groups are of a maximum of 12 students and lessons are measured in full 60 minute hours. Classes are held Monday through Friday, with Saturdays kept free for visits and outings. On the first day, there will be an orientation tour around the city in the afternoon. One of Sienna Language School's teachers will show students the main sights, useful places (post office, banks, etc.) and the two school premises.

Standard Course Group 20 hours per week. This course permits students to study general Italian language from 9.00 to 13.30 in the morning and leave afternoons free to take part in the school's social activity program, to study independently, etc. The last hour of each morning is dedicated to workshops in which students study two basic language skills in greater depth, either speaking and listening or reading and writing. Classes are held at 4 levels: elementary, intermediate, advanced and superior.

Combined Course 30 hours per week-20 Group + 10 Tutor. This course is suited to those who wish to study intensively and on specific topics but have little time available. The morning group language lessons concentrate on general grammar and conversation, while in the afternoon individual lessons students can choose to specialize in a particular area of the language - e.g. business Italian, Italian for journalism or politics, literature, conversation, history of art, etc.

Language & Cooking Course Group 20 hours per week + 3 or 6 evenings of cooking lessons. Post Beginner level required. The course combines the Standard Course of 4 hours daily with 3 evenings of cooking classes over 2 weeks, or 6 evenings of classes over 4 weeks. The cooking lessons are intended for nonprofessionals who love Italian food and want to learn to prepare traditional dishes (appetizers, pasta, meat, fish, vegetables, pizza, desserts, etc.). Each lesson will prepare a complete meal. The course calls for a minimum of 3 participants and a maximum of 6. Examples of topics include: Vegetarian and fish dishes; Traditional Mediterranean flavors; Cold dishes and ice cream; Traditional Italian flavors and Christmas sweets and cakes.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All accommodation is payable locally.

Homestay Sienna Language School can book single or double rooms with half board (breakfast and dinner) with one of their carefully selected families. Most families live just outside the city walls and an average bus ride is about 10-20 minutes.

Shared Student Apartment Rooms in shared student flats have shared bathroom and kitchen facilities. The number of rooms per flat varies from 1 to 7. All bedding is provided.

Hotel Mini-Apartment Sienna Language School can book a mini-apartment with cooking facilities and private bathroom in residences just outside the centre. Facilities include telephone, garden and parking place.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural, Social & Excursion Activities

Every month the school organizes at least 2 guided visits around the city which are free, plus an outing to famous cities or places of interest. Meetings, dinners and parties are also organized.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 207 E Buffalo Street, Suite 610. * P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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Program & Admission Information - Siena, Italy

The Programs

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Classrooms are equipped with modern tables, comfortable chairs, slide projectors, audio recorders, and video recorders. The atmosphere is friendly and quite informal. Students have a chance to really get to know their teachers. Classes are kept small, allowing more teacher-student interaction, which is of the utmost importance when learning a language.

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Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcome 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. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

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

Programs
Standard Course
Combined Course
Language & Cooking
Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities
Cultural, Social &
Excursion

Comments

"Very good. Meeting other students and the total language learning experience."

Professor, Wilmette, IL.

"My entire trip was great! The fish was fantastic and the locals didn't mind us foreigners. The accommodations were quite nice also."

Bar Owner, Milwaukee, WI

"The experience was great!"

International Banker,
Wauwatosa, WI

Certificates & Exams

The Progetto Lingua exam and the CILS (Certificato in Italiano come Lingua Seconda) exam are both internationally recognized and accredited and as such can be used by students from all over the world as a qualification for work or study.

The NRCSA Center is an examination centre for the Progetto Lingua exam, which can be taken twice a year, in May and November. Students can be enrolled in the Progetto Lingua and the CILS exams (in June and December) and take preparation courses for both two weeks prior to the exam dates. The CILS exam can be taken at the Università per Stranieri in Siena.

No particular qualifications are required in order to take the exams and there is no age limit. There are 4 levels of competence for each exam: from Level 1 / A for basic knowledge up to Level 4 / D, which is professional level. Level 4 is also the basic level of competence that a non native speaker of Italian must possess in order to teach Italian as a foreign language.

The Siena Committee also offers exams every month at two levels:

- Certificato di Conoscenza at level 3
- Diploma di Conoscenza at level 6

There is a fee for all preparation courses and exams which must be paid locally.

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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.