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SCUOLA ITALIANA – FLORENCE, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Scuola Italiana was established as meeting places for people of all ages and backgrounds who are united in a common aim: to learn a new language and to develop their understanding of other people. Scuola Italiana is located in a Renaissance palace in Florence. In the piazza in front of the school, there are trattorias and cafes full of talk, movement and bustle. The school facilities include 12 classrooms, a multimedia learning centre, a lecture room and a student lounge.

All Scuola Italiana teachers are trained, qualified staff who specialize in language teaching and are teaching in their native language to adults. Classes are taught by a team of 2 or 3 teachers, one of whom has overall responsibility of course planning. The teachers will use student feedback in weekly and daily work plans taking account of the needs of the individuals in the class.

Florence, a city with a population of around half a million inhabitants, spreads on the banks of the Arno, between the Adriatic and the Tyrrhenian seas, almost in the middle of the Italian peninsula. It is a town which bustles with industry and craft, commerce and culture, art and science. On the little streets, shops gleam with fruit, vegetables, wine; craftsmen work in the old ways in wood, gold and leather. The city has retained an extraordinary wealth of art treasures, a glorious witness to its centuries of civilization.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The teaching of real language for a real purpose in an action-oriented approach is at the heart of Scuola Italiana methodology. The school teaches the language the student needs to communicate in real life. Exercises to improve fluency and accuracy combined with communicative activities, the school pays very careful attention to the degrees of control in the practice leading from initial presentation of the new language towards realistic communicative use of that language.

Student progress is monitored through regular homework, a feedback session every Friday, which is used to discuss the previous week and the plans for the following week, and a weekly quiz on the language learned that week. In addition, regular and end of course tests are given to each student to evaluate the language level reached.

Basic Course 20 lessons per week. Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The courses take place in the morning, Monday-Friday. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students and there are learning resources of all kinds.

Language & Culture Course 24 lesson per week. Available for students at any level, beginning to advanced. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes. The course combines the Basic Course of 20 language lessons per week with 4 lessons per week of a Culture Program. Language lessons take place in the morning with the culture lessons in the afternoon, Monday-Friday. Culture lessons include gastronomy, art, cultural history, and museum visits. Self study in the multimedia learning center is available for all students and there are learning resources of all kinds.

Teacher Refresher Course Group 25 lessons per week. French language teachers can take this course to update language skills, refresh knowledge familiarity with France and explore new developments in teaching methodology. Staff are experienced, trained specialists in language education and teaching methodology. The typical course has 3 main components: Advanced Language Improvement; Language Teaching Methodology; Cultural & Background Studies. The course is 2 weeks long and each class has a duration of 50 minutes. A maximum of 13 students per class is allowed. The course is open to those at Scuola Italiana Levels 7-10.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestays

Scuola Italiana, Florence has been arranging family accommodation for its students since 1957. Accommodation is usually 3-7 km away and most students have a journey of 20-30 minutes by bus. A single room with breakfast daily is included.

Other Accommodations

Upon request, Scuola Italiana, Florence can also arrange accommodation in small hotels or boarding houses, with breakfast included. They can also provide information on renting a furnished room apartment during a course.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Some social activities are at no cost and some are at additional cost, approximately Euro 5 to Euro 35 and include: Painting and Drawing Courses; Cookery Courses; Lectures; Parties; Films at the School; Evening Meals out in the Country.

Excursions cost approximately Euro 30 to Euro 200 and include: Coast Region and Cinque Terre; Siena; San Gimignano; Pisa; Lucca; Assisi; Rome; Venice.

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.

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Program & Admission Information - Florence, Italy

Programs

From the first day of class forward only Italian will be spoken in the classroom. This "total immersion" in the language helps students of all levels to quickly learn the language. By continually promoting the use of verbal communication, it permits the student to learn Italian 'naturally'. It unites the theory and practice of learning the language and helps to quickly build the students confidence in using the language. Students practice their Italian in real-life situations, through role playing with your teacher, and other participants. In advanced courses the written language will also be a major part of the course curriculum.

On the first day of class there is a placement test (written and oral), which is used to place the student in the most appropriate level. Students are then evaluated throughout there studies and moved through the levels as their knowledge of the Italian language increases.

Standard Group Course 20 hours per week. The Standard Course is held throughout the year on 6 (monthly) levels of ability. Duration is 2 to 24 weeks. The 4 lessons are held daily from Monday to Friday, usually beginning at 9:00. If there are many participants the Standard Course may also be held in the afternoon at 14:00. There is a maximum of 12 students in each class.

Intensive Group Course 30 hours per week. The Intensive Course consists of 4 lessons Standard Group Course per day in the morning and 2 extra lessons of group language course in the afternoon. In the afternoon session students have the opportunity to increase their knowledge with practice in speaking and conversing. There is a maximum of 12 students in each class. Please note that this course is held only in Florence.

Group/Tutor Course 25 or 30 hours per week - 20 Group + 5 or 10 Tutor. Continual language practice, maximum concentration through intensive work with a personal teacher five hours per week and active practicing of communication skills guarantee swift progress and success in the shortest possible time. All levels can be accommodated and those above beginner level can also include vocabulary oriented to certain professions during the Tutor hours. Additional hours can be accommodated upon request.

Group 6 30 hours per week. The Group 6 course offers 4 small group lessons in the morning and 2 small group lessons in the afternoon. Class sizes range from 2 students to a maximum of 6.

Tutor Course 20 hours per week. Consists of 4 private lessons 5 days per week, you create your own class schedule. Continual language practice, maximum concentration through intensive work with your personal instructor, and active usage of your communication skills equate to swift progress and increased language proficiency in the shortest possible time.

Professional Italian 30 hours per week - 20 Group + 10 Tutor. If you want to attend a course that suits your particular professional and personal requirements, the Professional Italian program may be of interest to you. Classes with a private Tutor focus on vocabulary from one of the following areas:

- * Business Correspondance
- * Business Italian
- * Italian for Banking
- * Italian for Law
- * Italian for the Hotel Industry
- * The Language of Wine and Food
- * The Language of Tourism
- * Italian for Flight Attendants



Programs

Standard Group Course
Intensive Group Course
Group/Tutor Course
Group 6
Tutor Course
Professional Italian Program for Teachers of Italian Language
Optional History and Humanities Courses

Admissions & Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities

Leisure Activities

Comments

"I enjoyed the enthusiasm that both the instructors and students showed. The 'extracurricular' activities arranged by the school were very worthwhile."

Retired, Saint Paul, MN.

"I enjoyed being out on my own in a beautiful city like Florence. The school was helpful with travel tips and encouraged using the language."

University Student, Riverside, CA

"I enjoyed meeting and spending time with the international students at the school, which attracted a great mix of ages and nationalities."

Classical musician, New York

- * Italian for Healthcare
- * The Language of Fashion
- * The Language of Architecture
- * Italian Literature
- * Italian Cinema
- * The Language of Opera
- * The History and Language of Theatre

An intermediate level of Italian is required to participate in the Professional Italian program.

Program for Teachers of Italian Language The main objective of the course is to support Italian language instructors by bringing teaching methods and theoretical knowledge up to date. The course is designed to revitalize linguistic and didactic abilities, and refreshes the socio-economic and political-cultural knowledge of Italy for class participants. The course focuses on refining theoretical and practical bases for teaching Italian as a foreign language, offers lessons in diction, and provides greater insight on student teaching in general. This program meets the requirements for a LINGUA grant, which Italian-language teachers within the European Union can apply for.

Optional History and Humanities Courses

The History and Humanities courses are organized on a two-week basis and can be extended to four weeks (art courses are always 4 weeks) to give all students the opportunity of attending these courses. They are held in the afternoon or evening. All courses are conducted in Italian.



- * Italian Cooking Course, 2 weeks, 2 evenings

o The course provides an introduction to and hands on experience in the preparation of meals from various regions of Italy. Course also includes a recipe book, and takes place one evening per week. All Levels Accepted.

- * Italian Wine Course, 2 weeks, 2 evenings

o The course consists of an introduction to the processes involved with the creation of wine, as well as wine tasting sessions which enable the participant to differentiate wines from all main wine producing regions of Italy. Course takes place one evening per week. Post Beginner Level Required.

- * History of Italian Art, 2 weeks, 12 lessons

o This course offers an introduction to Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque artistic styles, and enables the student to become acquainted with the works of Botticelli, Leonardo, Raphael, and Michelangelo (6 hrs/wk). Post Beginner Level Required.

- * Drawing or Painting, 4 weeks, 24 lessons

o The school in Florence offers on a regular basis courses in drawing and painting. All Levels Accepted.

- * Italian Design, 2 weeks, 12 lessons

o The course presents the history of furniture and handcrafts design from the 1930's to 2000 (6 hrs/wk). Intermediate Level Required.

- * Italian Fashion, 2 weeks, 12 lessons

o The course discusses the history of Italian fashion from Palazzo Pitti and the birth of Italian fashion, to the dresses of Giorgio Armani for the new American stars (6 hrs/wk). Intermediate Level Required.

Day - At - A - Glance

Standard Course - Florence

- 9:00- 10:45 Classes
- 10:45 - 11:15 30-minute break
- 11:15 - 13:00 Classes

Admissions & Academic Credit

The school welcomes students age 18 years and older regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Italian is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their language studies 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](#).

Certificates & Exams

The following certificates may be earned:

1. Certificato di frequenza. At the end of every course students receive a certificate of attendance.
2. Certificato di conoscenza della lingua italiana. At the end of the 3rd course a written examination can be taken. Successful candidates obtain the certificate of knowledge of the Italian language.
3. Diploma di Lingua Italiana. At the end of the 5th level diploma course students have the opportunity to take an examination which tests every part of the course. Successful candidates will be given the diploma of Italian Language and Culture.
4. Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL)- At every base it is possible to procure one of the internationally recognized language Diplomas "Firenze" of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL), DELI at elementary, DILI at intermediate, DALI at advanced levels and DALC the separate commercial diploma.

The examination dates are four times a year:

- DELI - basic level: at the end of the first ability level
- DILI - intermediate level: at the end of the third ability level

Twice a year for:

- DALI - advanced level: at the end of the sixth ability level
- DALC - Diploma of Business language, advanced level: at the end of the sixth ability level.

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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.

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