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SCUOLA ITALIANA – SIENA, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Scuola Italiana is a school of Italian language and culture for foreigners, with a branch in Florence, in the shadow of Brunelleschi's great Dome, and a branch in Siena near the Piazza del Campo. The school attracts many different types of students, with sixty percent of students aged between 17 and 30 seeking to improve their Italian language skills and awareness of Italian culture. All teachers are highly qualified. Most of them have studied Italian language and literature. All teachers have been specially trained in teaching Italian to foreigners.

Siena has an abundance of artistic and historical points of interest. There is the wonderful Piazza del Campo dominated by the Gothic Public Palace, containing masterpieces by Simone Marini and Lorenzetti and the slender Torre del Mangia. No less important is the group by Duomo and Baptistery: the Cathedral proudly presents great works of art. Siena is a charming medieval city and the school is located in the historical centre.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Scuola Italiana teaches according to the Direct Method. From the first day on, at all levels, only Italian will be spoken. Continually promoting the use of verbal communication permits you to learn Italian 'naturally'. In advanced courses the written language will also be promoted. On the first school day there is an entry test, written and verbal.

Standard Group Course

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

Intensive Group Course - Florence Only

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 will practice in speaking and conversing. There is a maximum of 12 students in each class.

Group/Tutor Course

25 hours per week: 20 Group + 5 Tutor. Continual language practice, maximum concentration through intensive work with a personal teacher five hours per week and active practicing of communication skills. All levels can be accommodated and those above beginner level can include special vocabulary.

Professional Italian

30 hours per week: 20 Group + 10 Tutor. Intermediate level is required. Classes with a private Tutor focus on vocabulary from one of the following areas: general business, banking, law, tourism, medicine, fashion, architecture, literature, cinema, or theatre.

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). They are held in the afternoon or evening.

* Italian Cooking Course, 2 weeks, 2 evenings.

* Italian Wine Course, 2 weeks, 2 evenings.

* History of Art, 2 weeks, 12 lessons.

* Drawing or Painting, 4 weeks, 24 lessons- Florence

* Italian course in Business and Commerce, 2 weeks, 12 lessons.

* Italian Design, 2 weeks, 12 lessons - Florence

* Italian Fashion, 2 weeks, 12 lessons - Florence

ACCOMMODATIONS

The school provides the students with accommodations. They can choose among the following possibilities:

Homestay

Single or double room, with breakfast, or half board.

Apartment

Single or double room, use of kitchen.

Lodging for non-students, families or hotel accommodations are only available on request.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The school offers leisure activities on a regular basis, such as dinners, guided visits in History of Art, film evenings at school, day and half-day excursions, and visits to wine cellars. Every month each school distributes their own calendar of cultural activities. For the weekends special leaflets are handed out for individual trips.

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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***

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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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