

Course notes

+ 5 = 5 private tuition lessons in addition to main language lessons in a week

Languages for Life Programme: Very popular with Gap Year students prior to University, graduates and adults looking to take a career break. These long term courses allow students to focus on all aspects of the language over several months. In-depth study over an extended period ensures better mastery, subtler understanding and far greater long term retention of key language skills.

Academic Year Programme: Ideal for pre or post Uni students. The course combines linguistic & academic attainment. Language element ensures in depth long term study of the Italian language: 480 lessons of linguistic tuition, 80 lessons preparing for Diploma -Firenze- AIL exams DILI (intermediate level) & the DALI (advanced level).

Academic element ensures proper study of the culture that enriches and informs the Italian language: 80 lessons of Italian civilisation & history, art history, business Italian, history of Design & Architecture and an introduction to Italian Gastronomy

The programme lasts 32 weeks, Programme Three includes the option of 35 wks accommodation (including 3 wks Christmas holiday).

Standard Programme: Ideal for all age groups (16 yrs +) and all ability levels looking for a short term boost to ongoing linguistic study, or beginners in Italian who want a well rounded introduction to the language. These courses provide plenty of opportunities to practise your Italian language skills both in and outside the classroom.

Intensive Programme: As Standard Programme but with additional communication orientated lessons to further enhance the learning process, with speaking and conversational sessions aimed at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

Combined Programme: 20 + 5 (or 10) = 20 group lessons plus 5 (or 10) private tuition lessons per week

Perfect for students and adults looking for the camaraderie and general language benefits of the group programme and the personal attention of private one-to-one lessons, which can be tailored to tackled specific areas of linguistic interest/concern.

Professional Programmes: As Combined Programmes with particular emphasis in the private lessons towards a specialised field Italian for Lawyers or Medical personnel etc - aimed specifically at business/professional needs.

The Language of Opera: A combination of the Standard Programme with 10 private lessons per week looking in detail at the professional language and culture surrounding the world of Opera.

Mini Group Programme: Concentrated, fast paced small group language study aimed at those who require rapid results.

Note: If there is only one participant in a level, a Combined (20 + 10) programme will be given in lieu.

Teacher Refresher Programme: Ideal for those who wish to develop their skills with their peers. Teacher Training, revitalizing linguistic and didactic abilities and exploring Italy's current socio-economic and political-cultural structure. Course content: 26 lessons pr wk / teaching Italian as a foreign language (theory & practice) and student/teaching and 8 lessons of practical training pr wk in class.

Work Experience Programme: Study Italian for a min. 4 wk on a language course, followed by 2 wks professional orientation prior to a 4, 8, 12 or 16 wks work placement (placement fee £663.00 for 8 wks placement and 2 wks induction). Good Italian essential otherwise a placement cannot be offered. Full CV and covering letter in Italian, essential, when enrolling.

Private Tuition: 15/20/25/30 private one-to-one lessons per week with private tutors. Maximum impact and course intensity. Lessons are tailored to meet your specific needs i.e. preparation prior to exams, practise prior to a business presentation or a new job, or concentration on communication skills.

Courses can be held on a one-to-one (1:1 one student to one teacher), two-to-one (2:1 two students to one teacher or three-to-one (3:1) basis.

Exam Preparation Programmes: Students are welcome to follow a long term programme prior to the four week specific exam preparation course prior to the exam itself. The final 4 week course consists of the Standard Programme plus 10 lessons per week of mock tests, strategy discussion and exam drills. Should there only be one participant in a class, lessons will be reduced to 5 private lessons per week (alongside the Standard Programme).

Cultural Programmes:

History of Art - An introduction to the most important Italian artistic styles and allows students to view the original works of the artists in situ! Elementary Italian required.

Italian Cookery - A great favourite with past CESA students. Prepare and cook a complete menu of typical Italian dishes, finish up eating the food together with the other students! Elementary Italian required.

Italian Wines - An introduction to Italian wines from across a range of regions plus wine tasting sessions and (when possible) a visit to a nearby vineyard. Elementary Italian required.

Drawing - Based in a Florentine artist's studio, students study all aspects of drawing (at beginner or advanced level) over the first two weeks, after which students go out into the Florentine parks to study the representation of nature and landscape.

Painting - For beginners and advanced students who wish to learn water colour techniques.

Begin with studies in monochrome, then progress to a palette of warm and cold contrasting colours. In the third and fourth week of a course students move outdoor to learn how to paint nature and the landscape. Advanced students may follow a parallel course based on watercolour and tempera.

Fashion - Study the history of Fashion in Italy, the influence of art and the importance of publicity, fashion in theatre and the cinema and the masterminds of Italian fashion including Roberto Capucci and Gianfranco Ferré and for the youngsters; Fiorucci and Benetton. Low intermediate Italian required.

Design - Study the history of Italian design from its origins to the present day. Look in detail at the first decades of the 20th century, through the 30's and 40's and on through to the 90's and the influence of Italian design in daily life. Low Intermediate Italian required.

Musical Programmes:

Offered as an additional programme to the Italian courses; 18 music lessons in total per fortnight (5 private classes, 6 lessons of personal training, 5 auditing lessons, and 2 ensemble lessons).

Instruments - Piano, Violin, Viola, cello, Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, Trumpet, Trombone, Sax, Double Bass, Horn, Guitar, Drums, Electric Guitar, Electric bass. Students to bring their own instruments (only piano & drums available at the Music School).

Singers - Programme outline as detailed above. The course also concentrates on improving Italian diction as well as singing skills.

LINK Programme: Why not study in two or three locations? You can study for two weeks (or more) in each college. This option particularly appeals to Academic Year students on the 32 week programme. Please ask the CESA staff for suggestions!

Shared room option: A shared room can be arranged with another language student on your behalf only IF you are under 30 years of age. All students of any age are welcome to book a single room.

Declaration of Minor Form is required from all parents/guardians for 16/17 yr old students.

Private households are generally 20/35+ mins from the college in residential areas. Students aged 16 or 17 years may ONLY stay in private households with hosts. 18 year olds + may choose from any accommodation option.

Shared apartments are normally closer in, some are in the centre of the town. They can be shared with students or with local people - if you have a preference, please let us know. For 18 year olds +, only.

Higher standard apartments, centrally located, sole occupancy apartments available if booked well in advance. Please state length of stay and dates required and we will quote a price range for you to consider.

Hotels are very central. Please specify style of room and budget required.

Accommodation notes

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