



Learn
Italian
in **Rome**



General Italian



::: Courses

GROUP

All levels are available, from absolute beginners to advanced. The minimum age is 16. The maximum number of students per class is 14 or 6 for small groups. Students who already know some Italian can enrol at times other than course-starting dates. On arrival, students are tested and placed in classes according to their level and their particular needs.

INTENSIVE

(15-20-25-30 lessons/week)
Classes are held from Monday to Friday. New courses start every 4 weeks throughout the year. Minimum attendance is 2 weeks.

15 lessons/week
afternoons, 3 lessons a day, from 2 to 52 weeks.

20 lessons/week
mornings or afternoons, 4 lessons a day, from 2 to 40 weeks.

25 lessons/week
mornings and afternoons, 4 lessons a day plus 2½ lessons in small group twice per week, from 2 to 32 weeks.

30 lessons/week
mornings and afternoons, 6 lessons a day, from 2 to 28 weeks.

SMALL GROUP NON-INTENSIVE (6 lessons/week)

Classes are held twice a week, mornings, afternoons or evening. Each course lasts 12 weeks.

These courses are run all year except July, August and September. Minimum attendance is 12 weeks.

INDIVIDUAL

Particularly suitable for business and professional people and all those who require tuition tailored to their individual needs. (Small groups of 2-4 students can also be catered for).

INTENSIVE (15-30 lessons/week)

Attendance is daily from Monday to Friday and varies from 3 to 6 lessons a day. Minimum attendance is one week.

NON-INTENSIVE

(3+ lessons/week)
Attendance is a minimum of 3 lessons a week for a minimum of 30 lessons in all.

COMBINED

Students attend a group course in the mornings (4 lessons/day) and individual tuition in the afternoons (2 lessons/day).

Particularly suitable for those who need Italian both for general and specific purposes (dealing with specific topics in specific settings and/or other particular aspects of the language).



::: Levels

In common with most quality language providers in Europe, **Dilit International House** has set all its courses for all levels against the descriptors of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF). This is a system of levels developed under the auspices of the Council of Europe in order to bring uniformity to language descriptions and levels. This scale gives a short description of what learners can normally do at each of 6 levels (A1 to C2). Thanks to this system, language competence can be assessed and

described in a manner which is transparent to all concerned (learners, parents, teachers, schools, etc.). For more information please contact the school. The time it takes to learn to use a foreign language varies from person to person. Apart from the varying amount of time spent on home-study, other factors come into play such as individual aptitude, the distance between the foreign language and one's native tongue or other languages previously learnt, the opportunity to practise the language with native

speakers, and so on. The times presented in the chart below should therefore be taken only as a rough indication.

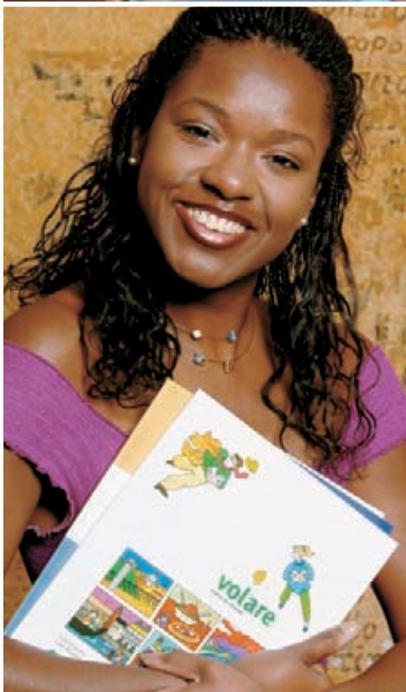
::: Exams

Examinations are organised throughout the year for the Dilit International House qualifications. The school is also an examination centre for the CELI Examinations of Perugia University and for the CILS Examinations of Siena University.



CEF levels		DILIT-IH LEVELS (Group courses)										Exams
		INTENSIVE								NON INTENSIVE		
		15 lessons/wk		20 lessons/wk		25 lessons/wk		30 lessons/wk		6 lessons/wk		
Proficient user	C2	13	52 nd wk.	10	40 th wk.	8	32 nd wk.	7	28 th wk.	10	120 th wk.	dilit-ih C2 • celi 5 • cils 4-C2 • i.t.
	C1	12	48 th wk.	9	36 th wk.	7	29 th wk.	6	25 th wk.	9	108 th wk.	dilit-ih C1 • celi 4 • cils 3-C1
		11										
		10										
Independent user	B2	9	37 th wk.	7	28 th wk.	6	22 nd wk.	5	19 th wk.	7	84 th wk.	dilit-ih B2 • celi 3 • cils 2-B2
		8										
	B1	7	27 th wk.	5	20 th wk.	4	16 th wk.	3	14 th wk.	5	60 th wk.	dilit-ih B1 • celi 2 • cils 1-B1
		6										
		5										
Basic user	A2	4	16 th wk.	3	12 th wk.	3	10 th wk.	2	8 th wk.	3	36 th wk.	dilit-ih A2 • celi 1 • cils A2
		3										
	A1	2	5 th wk.	2	4 th wk.	2	3 rd /4 th wk.	1	3 rd wk.	1	12 th wk.	dilit-ih A1 • cils A1
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School Year Programme



::: Objectives

The objectives are to take the students up to an advanced level of proficiency in Italian, prepare them for the Italian examinations of the Universities of Perugia or Siena, and ensure that they have a good grounding in the various aspects of Italian society and civilisation of yesterday and today. In other words the programme caters for those who are interested not only in the language but also in Italian art and culture. It also caters for those who need a solid language and cultural grounding in order to go on to higher studies in the field of Design, Music, Art, or Business.

::: Students

The programme is open to beginners and elementary students from all over the world, aged between 16 and 28.

::: Language Syllabus

The language syllabus aims to take the students up to an advanced level of proficiency in Italian and enable them to sit the proficiency in Italian examinations of the Universities of Perugia or Siena. Instruction is oriented towards the development of the 4 basic skills: understanding and expression in both oral and written Italian. The predominant use of authentic materials and the application of a communicative approach ensure that students are put in immediate and constant contact with live and currently-used language.

::: Curriculum

Start	Half-Year Point	Finish
Beginner		
Elementary		

Language Studies

Language & Academic Studies

Internship Programme

This programme combines the study of the Italian language with unpaid work experience in an Italian company. The programme offers students an opportunity to use and improve their language skills and at the same time come into direct contact with a working environment which in many cases is peculiar to Italy.

::: Prerequisites

Minimum age: 18 years.
 High school diploma or degree.
 Language Competence: B1 level of the Common European Framework for Languages (see table below).



Proficient User	
C2	C1
Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.	Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.
Independent User	
B2	B1
Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.	Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.
Basic User	
A2	A1
Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.	Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Students are tested for language competence level when they apply (the test can be carried out on the phone if necessary). If their level is not sufficient to enter the internship programme immediately they are given an estimate as to how much language study will be necessary to reach that level.



The Internship Programme is made up of two components: the Language Component and the Internship Component.

::: Language Component

As a minimum, students choose between a 4-week intensive course and a 12-week non-intensive course (see General Italian section).

::: Internship Component

Students choose a work experience lasting from 2 to 16 weeks. Requests for longer periods are considered. The work experience usually takes place in Rome with the exception of a few fields of work.

FIELDS OF WORK

Students can choose work experience in the following fields of work in line with his/her studies, qualifications and experience.

Tourism: Hotel, Restaurant, Travel Agencies, Green Tourism.

Business: Advertising, Sales, Public Relations. **Fine Art:**

Museum Studies, Art Galleries, Restoration. **Fashion. Cinema.**

Record Companies.

Journalism/Media. Publishing Houses. Photographic Agencies.

Law and Architecture Firms. Various Industries.

::: Services Provided

Evaluation of student's resume (CV) and questionnaire to conclude his/her work placement. Selection of appropriate company. Preliminary interview with student. Assistance in presentation of necessary documents.

Introduction of student to company and tutor. Meeting with work experience co-ordinator to define programme. Accident-at-work insurance coverage (INAIL).

Certificate of attendance issued by hosting company.

Accommodation (Rome only).

::: Enrolment Procedure

Students must send their application form at least 60 days before the language course starting date.

First step Student sends application form indicating type and duration of language course and work experience desired, together with a detailed resume (C.V.) and the completed work-experience questionnaire (supplied by the school on request).

Second step School answers saying whether the application is acceptable or not.

Third step If the application is accepted student pays full fee (language course + internship). School sends confirmation and any documents required to obtain study visa. Once in Italy the student will receive assistance with the presentation of the documentation necessary to do the work experience.



University Preparation Programme

This programme caters for foreign students who intend to enrol in an Italian University to attend degree courses in ARCHITECTURE, MEDICINE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, DENTISTRY, PHARMACY, or ENGINEERING. It is made up of two parts: a language course followed by an academic course.

::: The Language Course

Students attend an intensive course of Italian (see General Italian section) for at least 4 weeks (more if level B1 of The Common European Framework has not been attained by the end).

::: The Academic Course

The course objective is to prepare students for entry exams to any of the following University Faculties: Architecture, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Engineering.

The course contents are based around the subjects used in the entry exams: General Knowledge, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and Physics. The students will be divided up on the basis of the subjects required.

Each course is made up of 4 lessons a day from Monday to Friday for 8 weeks.



Other Courses

:: Rome for 50+

This programme is held three times a year, lasts 2 weeks and caters exclusively for people over 50.

It's a mixture of language, art, culture and the pleasure of spending time together to share and improve one's knowledge of those aspects of Rome that make this city so unforgettable.

Apart from 40 lessons of language in the morning in classes of mixed ages at the appropriate level, the programme includes the following activities:

- trip by private coach to Villa Adriana (Tivoli);
- trip by private coach to the Castelli Romani area including visit of a wine cellar, wine-tasting and dinner;
- cooking lesson and dinner;
- 2 guided trips around Rome;
- 2 seminars on the History of Art;
- excursion to Pompei and Naples (Saturday).

All these activities take place in Italian and are guided and/or accompanied by teachers of Italian well versed in Archaeology and History of Art.

:: Italian through Theatre

An involving way of living and learning Italian. Each section of the course begins with a particular type of written text (newspaper article, play, song, etc.) which is then reworked by the students to create a theatre script. All the basic language skills are exploited plus body language and gestures. The culmination of each section is a live performance.

The courses are open to students of any level except beginners. The courses are 3 lessons a day from Monday to Friday for 2 weeks.





to express opinions, negotiate, convince, and act.

Each course participant has a role both as actor and as costume-designer, assistant director, or screenwriter, etc..

At the end of the course there is a group viewing and discussion of the completed work.

Each participant receives a copy of the short film on DVD, complete with sleeve, title, names of actors, photos and script.

The courses are open to students of any level except beginners.

The courses are 6 lessons a day from Monday to Friday for 2 weeks.

::: Business Italian

This course caters for people who need to use Italian at work. The objective is to develop effective communication skills at work and in business, both spoken and written.

During the course, tailor-made to the specific needs of the participants, the grammar and vocabulary typical of commercial Italian - telephone conversations, company presentations, negotiations and sales, business meetings, formal letters, reports, emails and faxes - will be practised and analysed. The course is pitched at level B1.

The course is made up of 3 lessons a day from Monday to Friday and lasts 2 weeks.



Other Courses



::: Discovering Rome

A course that allows one to learn Italian whilst going out to discover the unequalled artistic and archeological patrimony that only a city like Rome can offer.

Students are offered the opportunity to improve their Italian whilst on a theoretical and practical journey through the history of Italian art.

The course consists of a series of lessons in class combined with guided visits where students will have the chance to try out what they learned in class.

The course is open to all levels except beginners.

There are 3 lessons a day from Monday to Friday and the course lasts 2 weeks.

::: Italian Home-Cooking

Everybody likes Italian cooking – it's famous all over the world. Why is this? What are the secrets? Or rather what are the secrets of Italian home-cooking which is the very basis of all Italian cooking?

This course offers students the opportunity to enter an Italian home, take part in the preparation of some typical Italian dishes and then eat them, together with a glass of good wine.

It's an experience which brings together culture, gastronomy and language practice.

The course is open to students of all levels.

The course is made up of two 3-hour sessions a week for a minimum of one week.



::: Exam Preparation

Dilit International House, an examination centre for the “Università per Stranieri di Siena” and the “Università per Stranieri di Perugia”, holds preparation courses for the exams run by these universities and also for the exams run by the “Università di Roma Tre”.

Classes are held twice a week for 6 weeks and for a total of 30 lessons.

During the course students have the opportunity to get used to specific exam procedures and practise on past examination papers.

The school will give students all the necessary information and advice on what exam to choose and how to enrol.

