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Course information

Why take a course in Italian language?

According to recent data, Italian is the fourth most studied language in the world. Its popularity has sprouted from its beauty, deep history, and the one-of-a-kind culture that Italy brings. There are many reasons why Italian is the perfect language to learn. According to UNESCO most of the world's cultural heritage sites are in Italy. Speaking the language opens you up to a richer experience and understanding of its art and history.

Italian is the main language of gastronomy and fashion. As a speaker of Italian you'll have undeniable advantages when it comes to discovering the local gastronomy, travelling for work or pleasure. Italy is also a thriving economy, as it's the 3rd largest in the Euro zone. Global brands have and are constantly expanding offices here to serve Italian consumers and businesses. When you learn Italian, you'll be able to take advantage of these abundant opportunities.

Finally, learning Italian may also not be a necessity, but something people actively choose to do – for fun, for love, and maybe on a whim – is part of what makes it such a *bella lingua*

How and where to learn?

You will learn Italian taught by a team of qualified and experienced Italian teachers. The courses are designed on the basis of the Common European Framework. Our teaching staff know what difficulties you are likely to encounter and will be able to point you in the right direction to optimise your learning curve. You will learn in lessons offering contexts that involve students, meaning your participation is essential. The materials and activities, e.g. role-plays and group work, are carefully selected to give you the opportunity to communicate effectively.

How to get your credits?

The semester course corresponds to 6 ECTS which home universities will recognize. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY, Students WILL NEED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 75% OF THE COURSE TO BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE FINAL EXAM. Università Cattolica only provides students with an attendance certificate, which is issued, when the final examination is considered a "pass" (minimum score of 18/30). The examination contains a written and oral section to check learning outcomes.

Students will be given all necessary information about the exams during the course.

The final exams may only be taken on the day and at the time scheduled in the programme.

How will you be assigned to the right course/level?

- You will be asked to take an on-line placement test, which will give us specific information about your general competence in Italian.
- You will then be assigned to the appropriate class/level, which could be different from your expectation/self-evaluation.



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Students who want to change level, need to discuss it with Professor Barbara Bettinelli, the Italian Language Coordinator.

SEMESTER COURSE

The semester course is organized to go along with the first and second semester calendar of the academic year for a total of 44 units worth a total of 6 ECTS credits. Courses are taught at various levels, from complete beginners to advanced. Classes are dynamic and interactive as the emphasis is on spoken communication, which is achieved through lots of group work and role-plays.