

Italian Course Syllabus

The following table is a standard program of what will be taught at each level.

Courses may be adapted to specific requests of the student.

Unit Title and contents	Communication	Grammar	Lexicon	Cultural Contents	Phonetics and Writing
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Alphabet -Greetings -Numbers -Useful Questions -Describing personal details. -Explaining where you live -Using the formal and informal (tu e Lei) When we are sure about something (Io credo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present of the verb "Studiare" - come mai? And perchè? - per + inf. - per + sostantivo - perchè + frase - Tu/lei - Si/no answers Verb essere Verb Abitare A + Città In + Nazione Verb avere & Fare & Potere Reflexive Verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary lexicon Countries and Nationalities Jobs descriptions Family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian history Sightseeing maps Name origins Business cards Street names Famous Italian people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alphabet Pronunciation Dictation
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continuous actions -How to ask the time -Daily routine -Habits linked to daily routine -Ways of agreeing and disagreeing -Fillers of conversation -Directions -Giving information -To converse in a polite manner -Measurements and approximates How to order a meal and ask for the bill -How to ask for information in shops -How to ask the cost of something 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Present tense of are, ere, ire - Irregular verbs: andare, uscire, sapere - Articles: il, lo ,la - Adverbs of frequency: mai, quasi mai, ogni tanto, di solito - Articulated Preposition alle, dalle, sulle - Irregular verbs: fare, andare, uscire - Mi piace/ mi piacciono Molto/per niente 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Times of the day Days of the week Seasons Daily routine The city: Via, Piazza etc Measurements Food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typical Italian routine Italian "Feste" Map of Rome Receipts Bank notes and Change Italian food and products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation Dictation

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Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -How to identify an object from another -To define an object of which the name is unknown -propose activities -make appointments -elements of time: Prima, dopo etc -Dates -telephone Conversations -Referring information -Past events -Questions referring to the past -Ordering events (Prima...poi) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aggettivo sostantivo - Verb: Preferire - Personal pronouns: mi, ti, ci etc - Verbal expressions using in direct pronouns: Mi va/Ti va - Potere, Volere, Dovere, Venire - Personal pronouns: lo, la, le - Stare + Gerund - Past Participles - Passato Prossimo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothes Colours Group Activities Telephone conversations Expansion of Daily Routine Life Stages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italians and the "Bar" Ordering in a bar Italian evenings Italians and telephones Italian film directors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation Dictation
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Revision of previous units -Accepting and Refusing -Borrowing/Lending (ecco/Tieni/Tenga) -Asking Permission -Offering Help -How to explain the intensity of individual tastes: per niente, non molto, un pò, moltissimo -Ordering in a restaurant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of previous units Indirect pronouns "Si" impersonale Imperative Superlative Con/Senza Verb: Piacere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering things Revision: Objects and Food Meals Adjectives to describe taste and feelings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Italian historical figures Tourism in Italy What is typically offered in Italian homes How to act when offered something in Italy Italian eating habits History of pasta Italian Menu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation Dictation
LeVel 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To refer to something new or a different quantity: Un altro pò, altri etc -Describing the home -Answering that we don't have something: non ce l'ho/abbiamo -Describing objects -Expressing opinion: Mi sembra/lo trovo -Possession: Di chi è?...è di... Strategies to explain unknown words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulated prepositions Verb: tenere Adverbs and Preposition of places Possessives Adjectives: molto, un pò, troppo Mi piace/Mi piaccio/Mi sembra/Mi sembrano Use of "Ne" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The House: Rooms and Furniture Description of objects Expansion on previous units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authentic Life "Le pizzerie" Italian Homes Typical Italian houses Famous Italian books Italian presents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pronunciation Dictation Intonation of affirmative, interrogative and negative phrases

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Level 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Describing people -Express opinions regarding people -Comparing :Più o Meno+ adjective -Past tense review -Contrasting: "Invece" -Emotions -Future tenses -Expressing wishes -Expressing probability: "forse" 	<p>Comparatives and Superlatives</p> <p>Relative Pronouns</p> <p>Review: C'è/Ci sono</p> <p>Imperfetto: c'era/c'erano</p> <p>Uses of "Ci"</p> <p>Uses of : Appena, Già, non ancora, ancora, sempre</p> <p>Passato Prossimo</p> <p>Tra/Fra</p> <p>Future tenses Using the present indicative of "dovere", and of "pensare di + infinitive"</p>	<p>Description of people</p> <p>Description of characters</p> <p>The human body</p> <p>Activities-revision</p> <p>Different stages of life</p> <p>Holidays</p>	<p>Italian newspapers</p> <p>Italian theatre characters:Pulcinella, Pantalone, etc.</p> <p>Historical Rome and Modern Rome</p> <p>Italian free time.</p>	<p>Pronunciation</p> <p>Dictation</p>