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- AIL – Accademia Italiana di Lingua
- ASILS – Official Association of Language Schools of Italian as a Foreign Language
- ELITE – European Federation of Associations for Teaching Mother Tongues to Foreign Students

Our schools are members of:

- FIYTO – Federation of International Youth Travel Organisations
- ALTO – Association of Language Travel Organisations

We collaborate with:

- CSN – The Swedish National Board of Student Aid
- NABA – Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti e Design
- DA – Domus Academy
- GAMBERO ROSSO – Città del Gusto
- IL TRILLO – Scuola di Musica

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WELCOME TO THE SCUOLA LEONARDO DA VINCI!



Are you looking for an exciting and comprehensive Italian language program? Are you interested in visiting one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, such as for instance Florence, Milan, Rome or Siena? You have found what you are looking for! We offer a variety of high quality Italian language courses all year round. No matter what your profession or academic goal, whether a beginning student or a teacher of Italian, you will benefit from 30 years of dedicated experience. Courses start every 2 weeks at all levels (at our school in Siena every Monday, except for beginners), and you can stay as long as you want. Most of our students come through recommendations of former participants who have appreciated our commitment to provide:

- a state-of-the-art, communication-oriented, flexible and highly effective instruction method;
- a friendly and personal atmosphere;
- enthusiastic, dynamic and highly qualified teachers;
- office staff and course coordinator always ready to help;
- small and diverse international groups (max. 12 participants per class);
- the internationally recognized language diplomas «Firenze»;
- a broad extra-curricular cultural and leisure program;
- the location of our schools in the old city centers of Florence, Milan, Rome and Siena;
- competitive prices.



FLORENCE

Florence, in the heart of Tuscany, is the cradle of the Renaissance and the classical Italian of Dante, Petrarch and Boccaccio. While other European cities continued to live in the Middle Ages, modern art and culture developed here under the reign of the Medici. Today in Florence one can visit and admire the masterpieces of artists like Botticelli, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci in world-famous museums (the Uffizi, the Accademia, Palazzo Pitti), in beautiful churches, or even on a casual walk through the city. The Ponte Vecchio connects the lively and historic city center around the Cathedral with the quieter neighborhood on the other side of the Arno river. Florence's urban landscape is distinguished by beautiful squares like Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza della Signoria, by small streets and winding medieval alleys, by various markets, and above all by the marvelous cupola of the Cathedral, visible from almost everywhere in the city. Today Florence attracts tourists from all over the world who find here, besides history, everything to feel at home: Tuscan food and the best Italian wines, numerous bars and discos, a traffic-free center and many inviting shops.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is situated in a beautiful historical palazzo with a magnificent view of the Cathedral in the heart of downtown Florence, only a few minutes walk from the most famous sights. A student lounge with coffee corner is at our students disposal and students have free access to our Internet Point.



MILAN

Milan is the most cosmopolitan and vibrant metropolis of Italy. It is composed of a fascinating mixture of tradition and modernity, design and fashion, culture and Southern temperament. Its character is stamped by its historical past and its current booming industry. Milan is the city that sets the trends and that's what makes the metropolis so exciting. The area around the Cathedral of Milan, the largest gothic building in Italy, is considered to be the main attraction and an accumulation of superlatives. Here is the location of the "Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II", a catwalk of elegance and the longest arched walkway in Europe. Its Northern exit leads to the "Scala" - one of the most famous opera houses in the world. Not far from the "Scala" you will find the "Castello Sforzesco" - an impressive brick fort which holds the last opus of Michelangelo: the incomplete Pietà Rondanini.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is located inside a peaceful student campus in the Navigli zone. It is well connected to the city center by subway and by bus and Milan's Cathedral can be reached in 20 minutes on foot. All classrooms have air conditioning, and the campus boasts a park, a bar and a refectory. All students have free Internet access.

ROME

Rome is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and features more than 2600 years of European history and culture. It is the city that unites the splendor of its unique artistic, archaeological, and environmental heritage. It's a city of continuous change with all the services of any modern metropolis in the world. At the same time Rome is both a bustling city offering day and night an assortment of urban activities and a city where you can relax outside at a café in front of a breathtaking vision of ancient ruins. There's so much happening and so much beauty to behold.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is located in an attractive and elegant typical aristocratic building in the center of Rome, in the pedestrian area, halfway from the astounding Piazza Navona, Castel S. Angelo and St. Peter Basilica. Our brand new student lounge has internet facilities and a cafeteria where our students can enjoy coffee, wine and mediterranean cuisine.

SIENA

Surrounded by hills and the olive groves and vineyards of Chianti, Siena is for many people the most beautiful city of Tuscany. Its heart is Piazza del Campo, the center for feasts and colorful festivals, which since the 1950's has been largely closed to traffic. Siena offers many possibilities to satisfy a love for art: the Cathedral, Palazzo Pubblico, and the former hospital St. Maria della Scala, which serves today as a cultural center. But the visitor will find the special charms of Siena off the usual tourist's path, in the winding alleys and steep steps which connect the three hills of the city. Siena is famous for the annual historic horse-race, the Palio, which takes place in the Piazza del Campo on the 2nd July and 16th August but already causes excitement in the city many weeks before. In addition to the bustling daily life of the streets and squares of the city, Siena offers many cultural events, the theater, concerts, and cinema as well as a variety of sports facilities. The small towns San Gimignano, Montalcino and Volterra are not far away from Siena and to the romantic beaches of the Maremma on the Mediterranean sea it is only 70 km.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is located on a typical Sienese street in the historic center of Siena, next to Piazza San Domenico and Piazza Gramsci and a three-minute walk from Piazza del Campo. It is a small language school, known for its familiar and friendly atmosphere. After classes the sunny terrace of the school provides a scenic meeting place for the students. The school offers free Internet access for all students.





ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Starting dates: every 2 weeks;
in Siena every Monday

Duration: 2 to 12 weeks

Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week

Level: all 6 ability levels

STANDARD ITALIAN COURSE

The Standard Course is held throughout the year at all six ability levels, from the absolute beginner to the very advanced. Duration: 2 to 12 weeks. This course is designed for those who need to communicate effectively in everyday situations. Through various activities, practice drills and exercises you will gradually acquire and develop the necessary strategies to understand and communicate in Italian, oral as well as written. The four lessons are held daily from Monday to Friday, usually beginning at 9 am. Upon special circumstances, the Standard Course may also be held in the afternoon. There are a maximum of 12 students in each class.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks;
in Siena every Monday

Duration: minimum 12 weeks

Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week

Level: all 6 ability levels

Extras: special long-term discount; study in different cities

LONG-TERM STANDARD COURSE

Students wishing to study Italian for longer periods are especially welcome at our schools and receive special care and attention from our staff, as well as benefiting from our long-term discounted prices. With this course, students profit from all the advantages of learning a language in the country where it is spoken. Through our experience in teaching the Italian language, we know that the ideal minimum stay for a course is 12 weeks. Not only will you have more confidence in your language skills, but instead of feeling like you are on holiday, you will be completely immersed in the Italian culture and way of life. Many of our long-term students are preparing to enter university or rounding off their Italian Long-term Standard Course with the recognized AIL «Firenze» examination.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks

Duration: minimum 24 weeks

Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week

Level: all 6 ability levels

Extras: special long-term discount; study in different cities

LONG-TERM SEMESTER COURSE

The Long-Term Semester Course lasts 24 weeks and is an extended version of the Long-Term Standard Course. The general structure is similar, but the objectives are targeted on a long-term basis. You may start learning Italian for example in Florence, and after a few months you can move to Rome, Siena or Milan. The curricula are the same; thus you can change the course location any time you want and you will make the most of your stay in Italy.

Last but not least, the Long-Term Semester Course has a particularly attractive price!

Starting dates: every 2 weeks

Duration: minimum 48 weeks

Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week

Level: beginner and elementary

Extras: special discount; study in different cities

SABBATICAL YEAR

This program has a length of 48 weeks, especially appropriate for students who want to spend a very long period in Italy and take a break from their everyday life. During these weeks you learn the Italian language from the basis to the high proficient level. Since programs are the same in each Leonardo da Vinci branch, you have the possibility to live in different cities during your stay and so to enter in the Italian Culture and way of living.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks

Duration: 2 to 24 weeks

Lessons: 6 per day, 30 per week

Level: elementary, intermediate, advanced

INTENSIVE ITALIAN COURSE

Florence and Rome

The Intensive Course consists of the Standard Course and two extra group lessons per day. In the supplementary session you will have the opportunity to increase your knowledge with practice in speaking and conversing. The extra group lessons are held on three levels of ability: elementary, intermediate and advanced.



INTENSIVE «PLUS» ITALIAN COURSES

The Intensive Plus Courses consist of the Standard Course, plus additional private lessons (one-to-one). The individual lessons are specifically designed for your specific needs. We offer two kinds of Intensive Plus Courses:

- Intensive Plus-5 Course: 20 lessons of Standard Course and additional 5 private lessons per week;
- Intensive Plus-10 Course: 20 lessons of Standard Course and additional 10 private lessons per week.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 to 24 weeks
Lessons: 4 lessons of Standard Course plus 1 or 2 private lessons per day;
25 or 30 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels

SMALL GROUP INTENSIVE ITALIAN COURSE

Florence and Rome

If you want to learn, quickly and intensively, in a small group or wish to increase your knowledge, then the Small Group Intensive Course is tailor-made for your needs. Together with no more than four participants you will have six lessons daily of intensive language. This course is held in Florence and Rome.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 to 12 weeks
Lessons: 6 per day, 30 per week in small groups of 2 to 5 participants
Level: all 6 ability levels

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE «ITALY TODAY»

If you want to learn Italian and at the same time become acquainted with the culture and history as well as the current social and political situation of your host country, we suggest you choose the «Italy Today» Course. In addition to the four lessons Standard Course daily, you will be introduced to the art and culture, history and folklore, media and films as well as the current political and economic situation of Italy. The cultural part of this course consists of ten supplementary lessons over two weeks.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks
Lessons: 50 in 2 weeks
Level: 3rd ability level and above

«CULINARY TRADITIONS AND GASTRONOMY»

Siena

Culinary Traditions and Gastronomy is a combined course of 'soft language learning' and culture. This course introduces you to the typical foods and gastronomical history of Tuscany, in particular to the tastes of Siena. The 2 weeks program includes a live demonstration by a professional chef in an upscale restaurant, a visit of a typical Senese bakery, a professional wine and olive oil tasting. Much attention will be paid to history and cultural aspects from the medieval times to today.

The program includes four lessons of Italian language each day, conducted in the mornings. Culinary Traditions and Gastronomy lessons will be held in the afternoons.

Starting dates: every Monday
Duration: 2 weeks
Lessons in Italian: 20 per week
Lessons in Gastronomy: 10 per week
Level: 3rd ability level and above



Starting dates: always one month before the examination dates

Duration: 4 weeks

Lessons: 6 per day, 30 per week

Level: 1st, 3rd, 4th or 6th ability level

Please ask for the special information brochure for the AIL-exams «Firenze».

EXAMINATION COURSES FOR THE ITALIAN CERTIFICATES «FIRENZE»

At our schools you can also prepare for the Italian Diploma examinations «Firenze» of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL). We organize different course cycles (Standard Courses combined with preparatory courses) for beginners, intermediate and advanced students and those who already speak Italian fluently. The specific preparatory courses always start one month before the examination dates and consist of the Standard Course plus two extra lessons of testing strategies and sample examinations per day. If you wish we can send you our entry test to check your knowledge of the language and to establish the time necessary to prepare yourself for the different exams. For more information on «Firenze» diploma levels, please see under the chapter «Academics». If you would like individual preparation for the «Firenze» Diploma examinations and to take the exam on a special date, please contact our school centers for further information.

Starting dates: January, May, September

Duration: 32 weeks

Lessons: 480 lessons Standard Course, 80 lessons preparation course for Diploma «Firenze» DILI and DALI, 80 lessons of art, culture and business Italian, 10 lessons of tutoring for Final Research.

Level: for beginner and elementary level

ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR - «GAP YEAR»

Do you want to live «all'italiana» and become the real connoisseur of Italian culture and society? Then you will definitely be interested in this new course. It's a 32 week language and culture course which combines Italian language with Italian culture, art and history classes. Attending this course, you will have the opportunity to see at first hand the various aspects of Italy's rich history and culture. The course is composed of two elements: linguistics and academics.

The linguistic part consists of 480 lessons of the Standard Italian language course and 80 lessons of preparation for the two Diploma «Firenze» AIL exams: DILI (intermediate level) and DALI (advanced level). The academic part (80 lessons) treats a large number of major subjects like: Italian Civilization and History, Art History, Business Italian, History of Italian Fashion and Design. Furthermore, there will be 10 contact hours of tutoring for the Final Research.

Starting dates: every 4 weeks

Duration: min. 8 weeks

Lessons: 4 per week

Level: elementary, intermediate, advanced

PART-TIME-STANDARD COURSE

Milan and Rome

If you want to learn or improve your Italian, but you don't have time for an every day course, we offer you the possibility to attend our «Part-Time» Courses for two times a week. The course is held throughout the year on three ability levels. The daily two lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Starting dates: every 4 weeks

Duration: min. 4 weeks

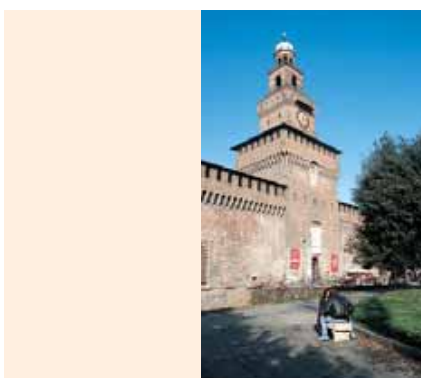
Lessons: 2 per day; 10 per week

Level: elementary, intermediate, advanced

EXTENSIVE STANDARD COURSE

Milan

Especially for those who work during the day, we offer the possibility to attend our Italian language course which is held in the evening. The minimum duration is 4 weeks. The course is held from Monday to Friday throughout the year for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN

Our schools organize special courses for business and professional purposes:

PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN COURSES

The professional courses consist of the Standard Course plus two private lessons daily that focus on terminology from the selected professional field. You can choose among the following fields:

- Business Correspondence
- Business Italian
- Italian for Banking
- Italian for Law
- Italian for the Hotel Industry
- The Language of Wine and Food
- The Language of Tourism
- Italian for Flight Attendants
- Italian for Healthcare
- The Language of Fashion
- The Language of Architecture
- Italian Literature
- Italian Cinema
- The Language of Opera
- The History and Language of Theatre

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 weeks (extendable)
Lessons: 4 lessons in Standard Course plus 2 lessons of private tutorial per day, 30 per week
Level: 3rd ability level and above

Please ask for detailed information.

COURSES FOR ITALIAN-LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Florence and Rome

The main purpose of this course is to support you as Italian-language teacher by bringing your theoretical knowledge and teaching methods up to date. The emphasis is placed on revitalizing linguistic and didactic abilities and refreshing your socio-economic and political-cultural knowledge of Italy. The course is held thrice a year in our school centers in Florence and Rome, with the following program: Teaching Italian as a foreign language (theory and practice); lessons in diction; body laboratory; student teaching. This program can be combined with the advanced seminar for Italian-language teachers who are not native speakers of Italian.

The training course for teachers of Italian as a second language occurs under the auspices of SOCRATES Comenius for the Scholastic Education and Grundtvig for Adult Education of the European Community. Our training course meets the necessary quality criteria and is listed in the Comenius/Grundtvig database. The Comenius/Grundtvig program awards grants for in-service training courses (Comenius 2, Grundtvig 3) for which Italian language teachers within the European Union can apply.

A COMENIUS/GRUNDTVIG III program:
Please ask for the special information brochure.



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PREPARATORY COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN ITALY

Milan and Rome

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci preparatory courses for University studies in Italy are intended for students who wish to attend Italian Universities. To be admitted to an Italian University, students must pass an entrance exam. These examinations are held in September at the faculty chosen by the applicant.

1. Students from EU-member countries may apply for the entrance exam, from July on, directly at the University in Italy selected by the applicant. Requirements for enrollment: The upper high school qualification must be translated, authenticated and provided with a "Certificate of equivalence of qualification" (dichiarazione di valore), issued by the Italian Consulate in their country.
2. Students from non EU-member countries must apply to the entrance exam in April/May at the Italian consular delegation in their country. Before attending the entrance exam (scientific subjects) students must pass an Italian language proficiency test.

In thirty years we have prepared several hundred students to successfully pass the entrance exams for Italian universities.

Please ask for the special information brochure.



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PREPARATORY COURSES FOR FASHION AND DESIGN ACADEMIES

Milan

The course is intended for students who wish to attend Italian Fashion and Design Academies such as NABA, Domus Academy, Istituto Marangoni, Polimoda, Scuola Politecnico di Design, Fashion School Carlo Secoli, UptoDate Fashion Academy, Istituto Europeo di Design, etc.

You can choose the course according to your ability in Italian language, from the beginner to the advanced one. You are taught by highly qualified and experienced lecturers. The main objective of the course is to enable the students to immediately take up their studies at the chosen academy and to help them to pass the entrance exam if required. During the course, you will improve your Italian language and learn the specific vocabulary used in the fashion and design field. The program also includes an introduction to the history of art, design and fashion.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
 Duration: min. 12 weeks
 Lessons: min. 80 lessons of Standard Course in 4 weeks, 20 lessons Professional orientation, Internship
 Level: Language course from beginner level, Internship on 5th level

ITALIAN AND INTERNSHIP WORK EXPERIENCE

We offer the possibility and unique experience of living and working in Italy. The Internship program is an unpaid work experience and it is based on three stages: Italian Language Preparation, Professional Orientation and Internship Program.

You will begin your internship program by attending an Italian language course for a minimum duration of 4 weeks (a very good knowledge of the Italian language, i. e. proficiency level, is required to attend the work experience). During the last two weeks of your language course you will be prepared for the internship in a professional orientation course. The next step of your program foresees the real work experience with a minimum duration of 8 weeks. Some fields of internship: Tourism, Hotel management, Web design, Web marketing, etc.; many other fields on request. Most of the employment locations are in Florence, Milan, Rome or Siena. The position offered within the firms are influenced by the applicant's previous experience, education and level of Italian.

Please contact our school centers for further information and apply at least two months in advance.

COURSES FOR MUSICAL SPECIALIZATION

Florence

Are you a musician, a singer or you simply want to further your studies of your instrument? Our school in Florence offers you a possibility to take professional music lessons. The minimum duration of each course is two weeks, but they can be extended.

We offer Instrument courses for Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute and Piccolo, Oboe, Trumpet, Trombone, Sax, Horn, Guitar, Drums. All students have to bring their own instruments with them; only Piano and Drums are available at school.

The course "Canto and Diction for Singers" is especially suitable for opera singers. They will be accompanied on the piano and the diction is a very important part. Furthermore, we offer courses in Instrumental Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble and the Language of the "Libretti".

The Instrumental and Canto courses are offered on three ability levels: Beginner (up to two years' study), Intermediate (from two to five years' study) and Expert (over five years' study). The Ensemble courses for instruments and vocal are offered at a pre-intermediate level and the Language of the "Libretti" course is for students with an intermediate knowledge of Italian.

Starting dates: special course dates
 Duration: 2 weeks (extendable)
 Lessons: 18 lessons in 2 weeks (music courses), 60 lessons in 2 weeks (Language of the Libretti Course)



ONE-TO-ONE TUTORIALS

If you want a course that suits your particular professional and personal needs, as well as your own time schedule, we suggest you choose our tailor-made private tutorial program.

Continual language practice, maximum concentration through intensive work with your personal teacher and, especially, active practising of your communication skills guarantee you swift progress and success in the shortest possible time. Thanks to our proven individual system «LinguaKit», we are able to plan your private tutorial according to your needs regarding dates and areas of interest.

Course scheduling and duration:

You can start the course on any weekday of the year and decide the intensity from three to eight lessons per day. Private lessons during weekends and the weeks of Christmas and New Year only on request.

Two-to-One / Three-to-One:

Private tutorial can also be chosen by two or three colleagues, friends or family members if they have the same level of language ability.

Course, including lunch:

If you wish, the private tutorial can also be organized to include lunch with your teacher. Thus you are able to continue practising the new language during the lunch-break.

Vocabulary orientated to profession:

Should you already have sufficient knowledge of Italian, you can also learn vocabulary orientated to certain professions, such as general business Italian, banking, trading, import/export, law, insurance, marketing, medicine and so on.

Individual preparation for language Diplomas:

If you would like individual preparation for the «Firenze» Diploma examinations and to take the exam on a special date, please contact our school centers for further information.

Starting dates: any weekday

Duration: at least 1 week

Lessons: 3 to 8 per day,
15 to 40 per week

Schedule: Monday to Friday:
9 am to 6 pm

Tuition: 1 teacher, 1 student;
1 teacher, 2 students

Offer: personalized;
business orientated;
lunch with the teacher;
special management
courses

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COURSES IN ITALIAN CULTURE

At the Leonardo da Vinci schools you can do more than just learn Italian. In addition to our language courses, we offer courses that help you become acquainted with Italian culture while providing extra time to socialize with other students.

HISTORY OF ITALIAN ART

Are you fascinated by Italy's magnificent cultural works? Our course on the History of Italian Art will enable you to understand its history and social background. The course is designed to show, by means of slides and guided visits, the development of art in Italy in relation to the rest of Europe and offers you an introduction to the most important artistic styles (Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque). You will become acquainted with the most important works of artists such as Botticelli, Leonardo, Raphael and Michelangelo while learning about the most significant historical and social events that accompanied them.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 weeks
Lessons: 12 in 2 weeks
Level: 2nd ability level and above

CULINARY ART FOR AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

Would you like to be able to cook Italian food at home? In our cooking course you will prepare typical Italian meals, based on a complete sequence of courses and learn recipes from various Italian regions. This course is shaped for all potential participants, also for the novice who is interested in learning about cooking. The Culinary Art courses are organized so that the students can experience first hand cooking Italian style. Participants receive a recipe book including a vocabulary in several languages.

In addition to our Culinary Arts for Amateurs, our schools offer special cooking courses for professionals. In Rome, we collaborate with one of the biggest names of Italian and International cuisine, the "Gambero Rosso" culinary arts school. Every month, the school organizes stages and special program courses which treat specific subjects like: culinary tradition of the different regions of Italy, the Traditional Roman Cuisine, menus for special holidays, etc. For more information, please ask our school centers.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 1 week (extendable)
Lessons: 1 meeting of approx. 3 h
Level: all 6 ability levels

ITALIAN WINES

Did you know that Italy is the largest producer of selected wines? Our wine course provides you an introduction to the art of vine cultivation, wine making and storing the most well-known Italian wines. The practical part consists of wine tasting which will allow you to get to know the wines from the different regions of Italy. When possible we will organize a visit to a renowned wine-cellar. During the course, several quality wines will be presented and tasted, accompanied with maps and illustrated materials. Other subjects will be discussed as well, such as combining food and wine and comparing Italian and non-Italian wines.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 1 week (extendable)
Lessons: 1 meeting of approx. 3 h
Level: 2nd ability level and above



ART, FASHION AND DESIGN COURSES

Our schools in Florence and Milan offer on a regular basis art, fashion and design courses:

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks (extendable)
Lessons: 2 afternoon meetings of approx. 3 lessons per week; 12 lessons in 2 weeks, 24 lessons in 4 weeks
Level: all 6 ability levels

DRAWING

Florence

This course, available to beginners and advanced students, has a duration of two or four weeks (extendable) and is usually organized in the following way: Unidimensional representation, importance of lines in an object's character, discovery of chiaroscuro and artistic composition demonstrated by ancient and modern examples. After the first two weeks dedicated to still life, the course will be held outdoors, weather permitting, in order to study the representation of nature and landscape. Together with the teacher, students will draw in some of Florence's loveliest gardens and narrow streets in the hills, thus also discovering pleasant new aspects of the city. In the second part of the course, students who want to draw the human body will be able to sketch the numerous statues in the city and gardens of Florence. The course will be held in two afternoons of about 3 lessons each per week.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 or 4 weeks (extendable)
Lessons: 2 afternoon meetings of approx. 3 lessons per week; 12 lessons in 2 weeks, 24 lessons in 4 weeks
Level: all 6 ability levels

PAINTING

Florence

The course is designed for students who can already draw and would like to learn watercolour techniques. The initial lessons include the basic techniques of painting and watercolour; students will work in monochrome and progress to working with a palette of warm and cool contrasting colours. After the first two weeks the students will learn, in outdoor lessons, to paint nature and landscapes. Advanced students with a good knowledge of the techniques can follow a parallel course, based on watercolour and tempera.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks, except August
Duration: min. 2 weeks, extendable
Lessons: 12 in 2 weeks
Level: 3rd ability level and above

ITALIAN FASHION

Florence

Armani, Ferré, Ferragamo, Versace and many more famous Italian fashion designers are waiting to be discovered in our Italian Fashion course. The program of the course «The History of Italian Fashion» is as follows: Palazzo Pitti and the birth of Italian fashion; Why the Italian fashion was born in Florence; The «Sala Bianca» - the first Italian fashion show; Recognition and success of «Made in Italy». Graphic fashion and publicity: The influence of art on fashion; How publicity enters the world of fashion. Italian fashion and the cinema: From the sandals of Salvatore Ferragamo for Marilyn Monroe to the dresses of Giorgio Armani for the new American stars; Fashion in theatres and the cinema. History of Italian style: The great masters of «Made in Italy»; The new masters of «Made in Italy». The masterminds of fashion: From Roberto Capucci to Gianfranco Ferré. Fashion for youngsters: From Fiorucci to Benetton.



ITALIAN DESIGN

Florence

Have you ever wondered why Italy is world-famous for its design? This course will enable you to study the history of Italian Design and learn about the influence of Italian design in daily life. The course has the following program: The first decades of the 20th century: How and why the design had its beginnings in Italy; Furniture among artisans and industry; Futurism as freedom of expression. The 30s and the 40s: Between rationalism and autonomy - from Terragni to Ferragamo; Changes in style of a nation living under a fascist regime. The 50s: Italian design is born - awards and recognition. The 60s: Plastic - the exuberance of forms and colours. The 70s: Great recognition for aesthetics and technology. The 80s: Post-modern - contemporary classical style; Abstraction and new colourings. The 90s: Influence and clash of Italian design in daily life.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks, except August
Duration: min. 2 weeks, extendable
Lessons: 12 in 2 weeks
Level: 3rd ability level and above

ITALIAN PREPARATORY COURSES FOR FASHION SHOWS

Milan

It is the first course of this kind in Italy and it was conceived for those who wish to find themselves in a close contact with the concept of «Made in Italy». In this course you will have the opportunity to study the elements that determine the importance of the Italian fashion and its history.

In the first two weeks you have 4 lessons daily of Professional Italian with fashion terminology plus one day of lessons taught by professional operators in the field of fashion. After the two weeks of preparation, students will be shown the real world of fashion by visiting show rooms, runways and fashion fairs. In the fact, the week after the course is dedicated to most important fashion fairs present in Milan in that particular period, such as «Milano Moda Uomo» and «Milano Moda Donna».

During this week you will get a full immersion in the world of the Italian fashion. For this course, an intermediate level of the Italian knowledge is required.

Starting dates: January, February, June, September
Duration: 3 weeks
Lessons: 40 lessons + visits
Level : 3rd ability level and above

ITALIAN PLUS ART AND DESIGN SEMESTER COURSES

Milan

Thanks to the collaboration with NABA (New Academy of Fine Arts and Design), we are able to offer our students the possibility of attending a semester inside a recognized University of Arts, choosing between one of the following areas:

- Art
- Italian Design
- Italian Fashion
- Restoration

Before starting these courses, students have to attend a language course for a minimum duration of 4 weeks to reach the level necessary to enter the Art classes. The following are the language requirements for beginners:

- Oriental and Middle Eastern students: 480 lessons of Standard language course
- Students from UK, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand: 400 lessons of Standard language course
- Other European students: 320 lessons of Standard language course
- Spanish, Portuguese and South American students: 160 lessons of Standard language course

The Standard language course of 4 weeks consists of 80 lessons. The Art courses have a duration of 12 weeks and consists of 144 lessons.



ACADEMICS

TEACHING METHOD

Our teaching method takes full account of modern didactics and is oriented towards the "Foreign Language Concept of the Council of Europe" and the "Guidelines of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL)". The Leonardo da Vinci schools teach according to the Communicative Approach Method (CAM): from the first day on, at all levels, only Italian will be spoken. We emphasize the spoken and living language. Continually stressing the use of verbal communication permits you to learn Italian 'naturally', to unite theory and practice easily and to increase your knowledge quickly and with confidence. Advanced courses also practise written language. Our teaching staff consists of young teams of experienced language teachers, all of whom have studied at University and who have been specially trained in teaching Italian to foreigners.

Most of the teaching material has been developed by our schools and is excellently suited to the needs and requirements of the students. Thanks to a permanent work group the didactic material is continuously updated and adapted to the newest research on teaching languages to foreigners. But learning Italian does not consist, for us at the Leonardo da Vinci schools, in just teaching grammar and vocabulary. We want to allow our students to gain insight into the Italian way of living and thinking. That is why we offer, in addition to the language courses, a whole range of extracurricular activities for our students.

ABILITY LEVELS

On the first day of the language course, your knowledge of Italian will be determined by an entry test and an interview. Students with no knowledge of Italian will be assigned to the beginner level. Text books and supplies are provided by the school, but you are expected to bring your own dictionary.

The time it takes to learn to use a foreign language varies from person to person. Therefore, regular progress tests at the end of each level enables us to measure your language development and evaluate your performance over a period of time.

Our schools offer courses on six ability levels, following the Assessment Grid of the European Language Portfolio (ELP/CEF: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) which is based on the assessment grid of Schneider/North:

Level	I Beginner		II Elementary		III Intermediate		IV Advanced		V Proficient		VI Diploma
ELP/CEF	A1		A2		B1		B2		C1		C2
S/N	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	N7	N8	N9	N10	
AIL EXAMS	DELI				DILI/DILC		DILS		DALI		DALC

ELP/CEF = Language ability scale according to the European Language Portfolio (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

S/N = Language ability scale according to Günther Schneider and Brian North



DIPLOMAS AND EXAMS

Our teachers will be checking on your progress continuously during your course and will discuss with you any particular difficulties which arise in the teaching program. At the end of each course and each level, your progress will be assessed with a written test.

Your studies at the Leonardo da Vinci schools can be concluded with the following diplomas and examinations:

«Scuola Leonardo da Vinci» Certificates

Thanks to our international success many institutions and companies in your country recognize «Leonardo da Vinci» certificates and diplomas. They are valid proof of your knowledge and communicative abilities in the Italian language.

- Certificato di Frequenza: Certificate of attendance at the end of the course;
- Certificato di Conoscenza: At the end of the 3rd level (every month);
- Diploma di Lingua Italiana: At the end of the 5th level (every month).

«Firenze» Language Diplomas of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL)

The Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL) is the professional Association of schools, institutions and experts in the field of teaching Italian as a Foreign Language. The members of the association guarantee and promote the high quality of Italian language teaching. The AIL has thus initiated the first diploma of modern Italian which effectively tests the language abilities of the candidates. The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is an authorized examination center.

AIL organizes the following Diploma «Firenze» language examinations:

- DELI - Diploma Elementare della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL:
basic level (A2 • N3)* - at the end of the 1st level (four times a year)
- DILI - Diploma Intermedio della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL:
intermediate level one (B1 • N6)* - at the end of the 4th level (four times a year).
- DILC - Diploma Intermedio della Lingua Italiana Commerciale «Firenze» AIL:
Business Diploma, intermediate level (B1 • N6)* - at the end of the 3rd level (four times a year)
- DILS - Diploma Intermedio della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL:
intermediate level two (B2 • N8)* - at the end of the 4th level (four times a year)
- DALI - Diploma Avanzato della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL:
advanced level (C1 • N9)* - at the end of the 5th or 6th level (four times a year)
- DALC - Diploma Avanzato della Lingua Italiana Commerciale «Firenze» AIL:
Business Diploma, advanced level (C1/C2 • N10)* - at the end of the 6th level (four times a year)

*) Levels according to European Language Portfolio and Schneider/North (see ability levels).

Other Language Diplomas

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci organizes also personalized preparation courses for the following language diplomas:

- CELI - Perugia
- CILS - Siena
- 'Certificato in Italiano come L2' - Rome
- PLIDA

Detailed information upon request.



ACCOMMODATION

One of the free services offered by our schools is finding a suitable accommodation for you. Accommodations will be regularly checked by our schools. You can choose from one of the following possibilities:

- Single or double room in a host family with breakfast;
- Single or double room in a host family with half board (breakfast and dinner);
- Single or double room in an apartment, with bathroom and kitchen shared with other students or with the landlord;
- Upon request, we can also arrange rooms in Extra Comfort Apartments, Hotels of all categories as well as Private Apartments, Residences and Boarding Houses.

HOST FAMILIES

Most of the host families have worked with us for many years. The families know from experience what the role of a host is. Living with a host family offers you the opportunity to become integrated quickly into the Italian society. Nowhere else will you so directly experience real Italian life. The word «family» should not be taken too literally, because your family could also be a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company. You can choose between a room with breakfast or half-board (breakfast and dinner). It is obvious that you will have to adjust a little to the rules of the house. Apart from that, you are free to do what you want.

SHARED APARTMENT

Living in an apartment, together with other foreign or Italian students or with the landlord/landlady, allows you considerable independence. The apartments are not luxurious but they have all the basic amenities (a bed, table, chair and a wardrobe). You share the bathroom and the fully equipped kitchen with the room mates and you can cook on your own.

EXTRA COMFORT APARTMENT

Our shared extra comfort apartments are of various sizes, each one offering a welcoming and functional atmosphere. Residents share bathroom and kitchen. The linens are changed weekly and the common areas are cleaned on a weekly basis as well. All extra comfort apartments are located in the city center or in the best residential areas. We recommend booking early as there are only a few extra comfort apartments available.

PRIVATE APARTMENT

Private apartments are more comfortable than shared apartments and therefore more expensive. They are available for one or more persons. Prices are available up on request. Please note that the private apartments must be reserved well in advance and the prices vary depending on the city and season.

TRANSFER

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci also offers a Meet and Greet transfer service from the airports in Rome, Florence and Milan and from the train stations in Florence, Milan, Rome and Siena to your accommodation.



SPORT AND LEISURE TIME

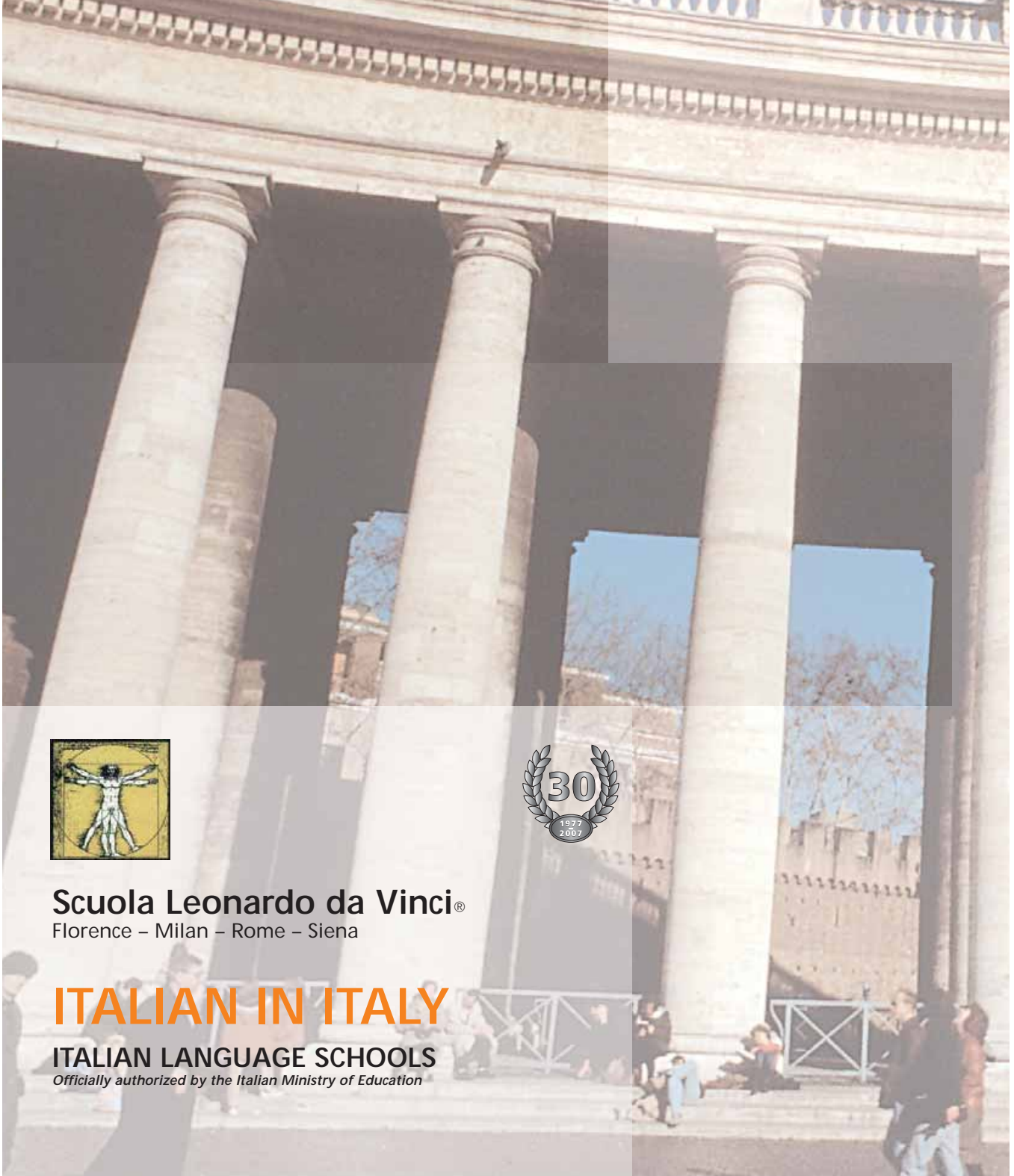
During your stay you may wish to practise your favourite sport or learn a new one. You have the following opportunities: gymnastics/fitness/yoga, swimming, jogging, tennis, squash, golf, horse-riding, biking and so on. Our guides for all athletic activities will help you organize your free time.

The cities and their surroundings offer a nearly unlimited variety of leisure activities, which you might undertake on your own. We offer some leisure activities ourselves and organize on a regular basis:

- dinners, which enable teachers and students to get to know each other better
- guided art history visits
- film evenings at school
- half- and full-day excursions
- mountain-bike tours
- visit to a wine cellar

Full-day excursions are organized on Saturdays provided a minimum number of students participate. Students may be required to pay the admission fees to some of the sites. You will be given your Leonardo da Vinci student card on your first course day. This card entitles you to discounts in various restaurants, bookshops, cafés, gyms, museums, public transport, etc.

Every month our schools distribute their own calendars of culture activities. This way you will always be well informed concerning exhibitions, concerts, films and other events. Your stay in Italy should be memorable not solely on account of the language course.



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