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Why Bologna ?

- A modern city emerged in history, famous for its exquisite cuisine, cultural history and passionate local people
- Bologna is a city with centuries-old tradition of academic excellence (Home of the oldest University in Europe), founded in 1088 AC
- the 95,000 students that are enrolled nowadays make it a vibrant, dynamic, lively and cosmopolitan place
- Bologna has a large international community, so foreign students feel at home
- Bologna is much more affordable than other main cities in Italy
- Bologna is a starting point for visits to Italy
- Bologna is easy to reach by plane, train or car from all over the world

LA DOTTA, LA ROSSA, LA GRASSA
“the learned one”, the “red one”
and “the fat one”

A city of art, culture, music,
enogastronomy waiting just for you !

The City: Bologna

Bologna, the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, is a city steeped in **history and culture**. It is the birthplace of the **oldest university in the western hemisphere**,

Surrounded by green hills, the city conceals countless artistic and architectural treasures in the shade of its **towers and porticoes**. It is one of the most amazing urban centres and rarely are citizens as proud of their hometown as the Bolognese.

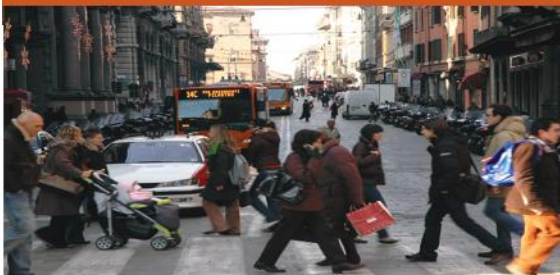
The **old town** centre is extensive, well-preserved, and rich in reminders of the many civilisations that have lived here over the ages.

The urban structure was defined by the Romans. The medieval street system, that extends from the city centre like the spokes of a wheel, was laid down by the Longobards. Numerous convents bear witness to the bygone power of the Popes and the impressive Jewish ghetto, still intact today, is also movingly reminiscent of that period.

Another fine feature of the town is its picturesque **red brick towers**. In the past there were over 200 towers, each demonstrating the power of the important families who built them. Two of the finest examples, **the Asinelli Tower and the unfinished Garisenda Tower**, have now become a **symbol of the city**.

But what really distinguishes Bologna’s urban character are its porticoes. No other city in the world can boast a monumental procession of arcades that stretches, almost without interruption, for over **thirty five kilometres**.

Bologna is also an important **gastronomic centre**. Its inhabitants regard preparing and savouring food, not as a mere necessity, but as a refined art where new and classic flavours are blended with skill and passion.



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The School: ALCE

Established at the end of 1999, with the simple goal of providing student with a comprehensive educational and cultural experience, within a friendly and encouraging environment, we opened the door to our first foreign students the following October 2000, so have almost **two decades of operations**.

Each year we welcome students from all **over the world** and our wide range of Italian courses (general language, preparation for Exams, business and professional) is designed to meet their every need. Our teaching is sophisticated and uses multimedia technology, but one thing has never and will never change: our insistence on high standards and the same **warm welcome** we gave to those first ever students.

We work constantly to guarantee these standards and to maintain **the quality on which our reputation is founded**. By studying Italian in Italy you will learn the language far more effectively and quickly than you could at home. You will also have the chance to experience the Italian lifestyle, make new friends from around the world and develop your understanding of our increasingly inter-cultural world.

ALCE brings all of these experiences together in educational programmes that are proven, effective and stimulating. We are, and will always be, a traditional institution where **you will be treated as an individual**, not as a number, and where teachers and staff respect your commitment to your education and take pride in your achievements. We look forward to **welcoming you in Bologna!**

We are well **recognised** both within Italy and internationally as a **first class language school** and we are the **only school in Bologna and Emilia Region** which can boast the following accreditations:

- member of **IALC** (International Association of Language Centres)
- member of **ASILS** (Association of Schools of Italian as a Second Language)
- member of **AIL** (Accademia Italiana di Lingua - Language Certification body)
- official **CILS** Examination / **DITALS** Centre, authorized by University of **Siena**
- official **CELI** Examination Centre, authorized by University of **Perugia**
- official **CERT.IT** Examination Centre, Authorized by University **Roma Tre**
- accredited by the Swedish National Board of Student Aid (**CSN**)
- recognized by many German Federal States for **Bildungsurlaub**

10 reasons to choose ALCE

1. A **great city** and a wonderful location (authentically Italian and away from mass tourism)
2. Very **easy to reach** (International airport, low cost connections, main railway junction in Italy), close to the main cities of Art (Florence, Venice Milan, Verona, Ravenna, Ferrara, etc)
3. A medium-size **fully accredited family-run school** , open all year-round with state-of-the-art facilities
4. An **officially recognised** CILS, CELI, AIL, CERT.IT examination centre, and DITALS teacher training preparations centre.
5. Good opportunities to **meet Italian people** in a relaxed and friendly learning atmosphere.
A well balanced mix of **nationalities**
6. **Small classes** (average 3-5, maximum 8 students) and individual attention
7. **Open door policy** to address any student problem or question.
Integrated social programme and cultural activities
8. An **academic system** structured to ensure all weak points are identified and dealt with effectively
9. Fortnightly student **assessments** and additional **self-study**
10. A wide selection of resources: books, CD's & multimedia materials



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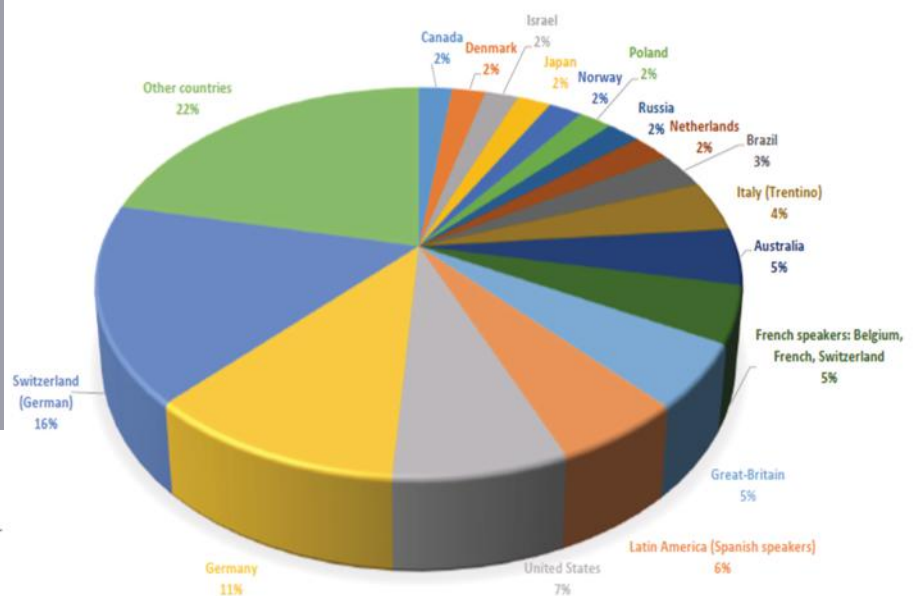
1. We are one of the only few schools in Italy be a **centre for excellence** admitted to join IALC (the award-winning association of independent language schools that teach the language of their country)
2. We are renowned for our **exceptional quality in teaching** and teacher training, and our courses are very competitively priced
3. We are the only school in Bologna to have our **own self-catering, student residence**, only a 5 minute walk from the school.
A low cost convenient quality option.
4. Bologna has fewer international students and fewer language schools, which means we have a **better choice of carefully selected hosting homestays**.
5. Excellent mix of ages and nationalities all year round (more than 40).
6. Weekly attendance and **progress reports** are available; formal biweekly progress feedback from teachers and regular tutorials to ensure students achieve study goals in shortest time
10. An extensive and **highly-developed social programme** available all year round, providing excellent opportunities for students to contextualise skills learnt in class, boosting student commitment and motivation

The Teachers

We are proud to be a school committed to **academic excellence**. Our teachers are all native speakers who hold degree qualifications and a recognized **language teaching diploma or certificate** (DITALS, CEDILS, Master ITALS). They all have an average of 11-12 years of teaching **experience**. This is what allow us to guarantee a high standard of tuition.

Our teachers are used to **different learning styles** and are well aware of the need for flexible teaching methods, especially with classes of mixed age, nationality and motivation. Improving a student's communication skills involves working on linguistic goals and socio-cultural adaptation, **developing learning and communication strategies**, emphasizing sentence coherence and cohesion, and focusing on the meaning first, then the structure. We encourage our students to avoid simply imitating structures and to express themselves through their own linguistic creativity. Our teachers **regularly attend teaching refresher programmes** organised by our academic coordinator, who also supervises the tests we use to chart our students progress during the courses.

Student Nationalities



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Courses Overview

Courses Fact Files

COURSE TYPE	WEEKLY HOURS	COURSE STRUCTURE (n° of hours per course type)	LEVEL	LENGTH (weeks)
General Italian courses (17+)				
Intensive (GI 23)	23	20 Group + 3 in workshops	A1-C1+	1-48
Super intensive (GI 30)	30	20 Group (part of GI23) + 10 mini group	A1-C1+	1-48
Combined (GI 20 + 5)	25-28**	Intensive (GI 23) group + 5 private	A1-C1+	1-48
Private lessons** 1 to 1 & 2 to 1	Min. 10	Private or Semi-private	A1-C2	Min 1
Exam preparation courses (17+)				
CILS, CELI, AIL, CERT.IT	20-23* to 30	20 group (part of GI23) + 10 mini group last 2 weeks	A1-C2	2-6+
Professional courses (21+)				
Business Italian	30	20 group (part of GI23) + 10 business mini-group	B1-C1+	1-4
Italian for Law	25-28**	20 group (part of GI23) + 5 law focused private	B1-C1+	1-4
Private lessons** 1 to 1 & 2 to 1	Min. 10	Private or Semi-private	A1-C2	Min 1
Italian plus courses (17+, 18 for wine, 40+ for master class)				
Master Class	20	20 group (part of GI23) + discover Bologna & region	A1+	2
CULTURE: History, Art, Drama, Literature	+ 6	Add on is + 6 hours to combine with general Italian	A2	1-4
ARTS & CRAFTS	+ 10 + 16	Add on is + 10 to 16 hours to combine with general Italian	A1+	1-4 2-4
FOOD &/ or WINE	+ 6/9	Add on is + 6 to 9 hours to combine with general Italian	A1+ A2	1-4
Specific programmes (18+)				
UNI prep courses • Summer course • Combined course	35 23-28**	20 group (part of GI23) + 15 scientific subjects 20 group (part of GI23) + 5 private science– focused	A2/B1	4 or 6 1-8
DITALS (teachers) & DITALS base	26	See specific course details	C1-C2 B2	2

Courses run from Monday to Friday



- Students per class: 8 maximum | average 3-5 Mini-group: 2-3
- Minimum age: 17 | average 22-26
- Levels : A1 to C1+
- Starting dates: Any Monday
- Starting dates for complete beginners: 1st Monday of each month
- Duration of 1 lesson: 60 minutes



NB: Our guarantee: we run all our courses and never reduce the number of class hours with any number of students (1 to 8). Except for 30-35 hours courses (general super intensive, summer university preparation & business), when, if we have less than 2 students of the same level enrolled, we provide 5 private lessons instead of 10 group lessons).

** Our afternoon workshops are part of our standard general Italian intensive course (GI23). All student are though welcome to participate according to their timetable and personal choice/needs.






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GI23 Intensive course (23 hours)

It consists of 20 morning classes (of 60 min) per week plus 2 afternoon workshops per week.

The length of the course ranges from 1 week to a full academic year.

This course offers:

- 4 lessons per day from 9:00 am to 1:15pm
- 1 weekly afternoon grammar workshop
- 1 weekly afternoon conversation or phonetics workshop (rotational classes)
- Daily homework and weekly self-study
- Test (written and spoken) every 2 weeks
- Final certificate of attendance and knowledge
- Final full academic personalized report

GI20+5 Combined (25 hours)

This course **includes** morning classes from 9:00am to 1:15pm (as above) + one hour of private (one-to-one) lesson in the afternoon, usually from 2:00pm to 3:00 pm (schedule may vary).

The **private lessons** give students the opportunity to concentrate on their own **individual needs and interests**.

GI30 Super Intensive (30 hours**)

This **highly intensive** course combines our Standard Italian Course in the morning, from 9:00 am to 1:15 pm (as above) and Standard Italian Course in the afternoon (usually from 2 to 4:00 pm), focused on communication but can vary according to students needs. It is available all year round and is ideal for participants who only have 2 or 3 weeks.

****When fewer than 2 students of the same level are enrolled, we guarantee at the same price, 5 one to one afternoon classes per week.**

General Italian Courses

Our Italian courses are designed for all foreigners wishing to learn our language and increase their knowledge, for personal or professional reasons. The Italian Courses follow the methodology of ALCE which favours **high quality and professional teaching** in an informal environment. Teaching integrates the communicative methods for basic grammar and syntax, with an innovative use of audio, video and authentic materials. We recommend this course to students who wish to learn the language and absorb the culture naturally, without rushing, but without delay.

We believe the **teacher/student relationship** really makes the difference. There is nothing that can influence both the learning process and teaching more positively..

All of our teachers tailor their teaching as far as possible to the needs of each and every student. Correspondingly, our **classes are small, with an average of 5-6 and a maximum of 8 participants**. The Italian Course is organised into levels to respond to the different needs of the participants.

Our academic system is structured to ensure all weak points are identified and dealt with effectively. We also arrange regular assessments: every second Friday students are tested to monitor their progress in learning in all skills.

CEF levels	ALCE / CIILS levels	n°. of weeks*
A1- Breakthrough	Elementary A1	4
A2- Wistage	Pre-intermediate A2	5
B1- Thresold	Intermediate B1	7
B2- Vantage	Upper-Intermediate B2	9
C1- EOP	Advanced C1	12-16
C2- Mastery	Upper Advanced C2	12-16



***NB:** The number of weeks presented are indicative. It is the “regular” scheme but then it depends on each student’s profile and characteristics.

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General Italian courses

Weekly timetable sample | **curricular**

TIME	FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY : All group courses
09:00 - 11:00	Focus on grammar - vocabulary - listening
11:00 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - 13:15	Focus on reading , writing , communicative activities
14:00 - 18:00	Extra courses when booked: private, super intensive, PLUS...
	TUESDAY AFTERNOON
14:00 - 16:00	Conversation Class or Phonetics and Pronunciation Workshop
	THURSDAY AFTERNOON
14:00 - 15:00	Grammar Workshops levels A1- A2
15:00 - 16:00	Grammar Workshops levels B1- B2- C1

NB: workshops included with GI23 General Intensive course + accessible to all students whenever timetable matches

Weekly timetable sample | **extra-curricular**

	MONDAY AFTERNOON (the first of each month)
15:00 - 16:30	City orientation tour
19:00 - 21:00	Welcome drink in the city centre
	WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
15:00 - 17:00	"Italian cinema" or "Video Dubbing"
	THURSDAY AFTERNOON
14:30 - 16:30	Guided visit to the "Museum of the History of Bologna"
	FRIDAY AFTERNOON
13:15 - 14:00	Networking lunch at school
19:00 - 21:00	"Aperitivo" - socializing pre-dinner
	SATURDAY (every two weeks)
19:00 - 21:00	Full Day Excursion to Verona or Venice



OGI - One to One General

This is the most customized option. The programme is completely based on your individual needs and adapts immediately to take account of the developments you have made. Experience has shown us that this type of course guarantees the very best results and progress. Both the content and timing of this course can be adapted to suit the student's requirements. Recommended to those who wish to perfect their knowledge of the Italian language with full immersion in a brief period.

OGI - One to One Professional

The Professional Courses are addressed to those who want to begin or perfect the use of Italian language in specific fields and can be organised to suit the student's special needs for: business, law, architecture, science, tourism, medicine commerce etc

TGI - Two to One General

TGI - Two to One Professional

If two people are interested in taking lessons together, the two-to-one option offers a great opportunity in both financial and educational terms, rapidly increasing communicative ability in Italian for everyday and academic use. The same (or similar) starting knowledge is required.



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Facts about the courses

You have the choice of 2 options:

- 2 classes per week (6 hours per week)
- 3 classes per week (9 hours per week)
- Duration of each session : 3 hours
- Starting dates: Any Monday
- minimum 3, maximum 12 students per class
- NB: the cooking classes 'add-on' can be combined with our wine tasting course

Whats does the course include:

- 2 or 3 Cooking Classes
- courses taught by professional chefs in our in-house fully equipped state-of-the-art kitchen (2nd floor of our school)
- Complete final Lunch or Dinner prepared
- Local Wine during the final meal
- Personal insurance
- ALCE apron
- Digital cookbook with Italian recipes



Combination Course Food & Wine

The cooking classes 'add-on' can be combined with our wine tasting course taught by our certified **Sommeliers**:

- 2 or 3 classes per week (6 or 9 hours per week)
- 1 or 2 day(s) of cooking +
- 1 day of wine tasting

Italian PLUS Cooking

The **Italian 'Plus' Course** combines our highly popular General Italian intensive Course with an exciting range of cultural and educational subjects such as History, Literature & Art, Drama, Cooking, Wine Tasting. By getting involved, this unique **add-on programme** will give you an even broader understanding of the Italian language at a deeper cultural level.

Italian plus COOKING:

Hands on cooking classes with our professional Chefs right in the heart of the Italian Food Valley: Emilia Romagna

These classes are designed to show you the secrets of the Italian cuisine. Secrets that spring from the diverse histories of the country's various places, all of which boast numerous **regional and local specialties**. Qualified **chefs** will help you prepare superb dishes, step by step.

The basic techniques are learned '**over the stove**' and at the table. At the end of each session, you will taste the excellent meal you would have prepared and will have the opportunity to learn exquisite combinations of food and wine.

The whole process is then summarised in a **cookbook** for you to take away, which lists the techniques you have used and developed during the course.

Classes are held in our state-of-the-art fully equipped professional kitchen (with twelve individual workstations, a complete roster of utensils and appliances, and... a magnificent view on the famous Bologna red roofs!).



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Italian PLUS Wine Tasting

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Italian plus WINE TASTING:

The wine tasting lessons are given by a professional wine expert / **SOMMELIER***, who will take you on a tour designed to broaden your knowledge regarding one of Italy’s most typical and traditional products, ...**wine!**

Not only will you learn the theory of wine but, above all, how to taste wine and how to pair it with various foods. The course may finish with a visit to a wine-cellar where you can learn about various processes used to turn a bunch of grapes into a bottle of wine. Some subjects:

- Wine Making in Italy
- Production Regions and their difference
- How do the soil and weather influence wine
- The wine tradition in Italy & its merging with modern production techniques
- The sensory examination and evaluation of wine / tasting stages
- Approach to terminology which is used to describe the range of perceived flavours, aromas and general characteristics of a wine

Classes are held in our **state-of-the-art fully equipped WINE TASTING ROOM**
*Professionals are **certified sommeliers** from the national association AIS (Associazione Italiana Sommelier).



Facts about the courses

You have the choice of 2 options:

- 2 classes per week (6 hours per week)
- 3 classes per week (9 hours per week)
- Duration of each session : 3 hours
- Starting dates: Any Monday
- Minimum 3, maximum 12 students per class

NB: the cooking classes ‘add-on’ can be combined with our wine tasting course

Whats does the course include:

- 2 or 3 wine tasting sessions
- Courses taught by professional Sommelier in our state-of-the-art tasting room
- Tasting of 3 PDO wines each lesson
- Study materials in Italian / English
- Exercise tasting notebooks with sheets for sensorial analysis
- An ALCE bottle opener
- Dishes for wine/food matching (only for 2-week-course)



Combination Course, Food & Wine

The wine tasting classes ‘add-on’ can be combined with our cooking course taught by our professional Chefs:

- 2 or 3 classes per week (6 or 9 hours per week)
- 1 or 2 day(s) of cooking +
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Italian in Staging I Drama

Choose from 2 options:

THE “AUTHOR” MODULE

Text reading, authors analysis, phonetic, expression, gestural art:

The "Authors" module is dedicated specifically to the authors of the **classical and contemporary Italian dramaturgy** and they focus on one or more pieces of the original **main work**. The text is analyzed from a historical, linguistic and scenic point of view to arrive at a real dramatization. During the "rehearsal" the memorization of the lines tied to the stage action will allow us to understand the text from a physical and emotional point of view, to fix ways of expression and to expand and improve the italian language pronunciation .The path starts from simple exercises and theatrical practices which will allow to get a feeling for the rules of the stage gradually developing the speaker’s language skills.

Modules "Authors" samples: C.Goldoni / L.Pirandello/ A.Campanile / S. Benni / D. Fo

THE “PRACTICES” MODULE:

And action!

The "Practices" module is dedicated to the most purely **technical and expressive aspects of the Italian language**. All the paths, even those with different objectives, focus attention on the word, from correct pronunciation to the sound and musicality of a poetic diction, arriving at the deeper and more suggestive roots of our language. Literary classics text of Italian literature will be used.

Modules "practical" samples: expressive reading/ know and read the Italian poetry/ diction and phonetics for foreigners.

Italian PLUS Drama and theatre skills

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Italian plus DRAMA and THEATRE skills: ALCE BOLOGNA organizes this exciting course. Tutors all have theatre **teaching experience** as well as backgrounds working in local theatres

You will learn about **acting techniques** and the elements of a theatre performance.

Our workshops offer an intensive, hands-on experience which give students the opportunity to develop their creative skills to the fullest extent possible.

Using drama techniques to lower the affective filter. Many students feel shy and embarrassed when it comes to communicating in Italian. The teachers use drama techniques to help our students overcome these feelings that can be detrimental to their progress.

THEATRICAL LABORATORY OF LINGUISTIC PRACTICE
The Drama theatrical laboratory, designed for students with a **more advanced level** will provide a wonderful occasion to improve the Italian language in a fun way and to know the techniques, practices and the great works of the Italian Theatre. The laboratory is divided into thematic **modules of 12 hours each**:

- module "Authors": 2 weeks- 6 hours per week
- module "Practices": 2 weeks- 6 hours per week





Italian PLUS Culture: Art, History, Literature

*The Italian 'Plus' Course combines our highly popular General Italian intensive Course with an exciting range of cultural and educational subjects such as History, Literature & Art, Drama, Cooking, Wine Tasting. By getting involved, this unique **add-on programme** will give you an even broader understanding of the Italian language at a deeper cultural level.*

Italian plus CULTURE: ART | HISTORY | LITERATURE

If, beyond learning Italian in Italy and a full immersion study abroad stay, you also want an **advanced cultural experience** in Bologna, you can choose this unique programme

Bologna is **perfectly situated** to offer Italian language students easy access to the beautiful and historically important treasures of North Italy.

The city of Bologna itself is a result of magical and alchemic mixture of art and culture. Famous sites and places of historical and cultural interest are literally on our door step, which is great for students wanting to relax after a hard day studying. We wish to welcome you to Bologna, and give you the opportunity to discover a city steeped in history and culture.

The programme is based upon modules of 12 hours and the schedule is quite flexible (**offered 6 hours per week**); our standard scheme is:

- 2 weeks (can be done over 3 weeks if requested)
- 6 meetings (courses and/or visits)
- A 2 hour session (possibly 3 hours if a visit is scheduled to allow more time)
- All visits and lessons are held by our experienced teachers who have graduated in "literature and history of the art"



2 week-sample programme:

City in the Middle Ages: 1st meeting
The figure of St. Petronius and St. Stephen's Basilica. Look at the background to the incident of the capture of King Enzo. Literature: Guinizzelli, Dante and Petrarca

University: 2nd meeting
From the birth of law studies to the Archiginnasio and the Academy of Sciences. The history of students of the Alma Mater Studiorum (1088 AC)

The Lordships: 3rd meeting
The Pepoli and Bentivoglio families. Architecture: The Pepoli Building, the Church of SanGiacomo Maggiore

Francesco I and Carlo V: 4th meeting
Carlo V was crowned as emperor in Bologna and his figure is linked to the Basilica of San Petronio and the Town Hall. From the XVI century, with the Carracci, Guercino, Guido Reni the arts developed rapidly. The figure of Pope Gregory XIII


Bologna, the European revolutions and Napoleon: 5th meeting
Napoleon's troops arrival in 1797. The famous art gallery La Pinacoteca was founded in 1802 as a result of Napoleon's cultural reform

Bologna, Risorgimento: 6th meeting
The revolts of 1831 and 1848. In 1860 the town became part of the Kingdom of Savoy. Carducci. In the Broccaindosso street, at number 21, a pomegranate tree - the ancient "poetry plant" - can still be seen. Part of the Carducci House is now home to the Renaissance Museum



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Italian language certifications

They all declare the level of linguistic and communicative skills in Italian as a foreign language in the different competences (oral and writing) They offer 6 levels (A1-C2), except Cert.It (that offers 5 levels, all but C1), according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (CEFR).

CILS (Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera) is a qualification issued by the University of Siena and is officially recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education.

CELI (Certificato di conoscenza della Lingua Italiana) is offered by the Università per Stranieri di Perugia. It is accepted as an official qualification recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

CERT.IT (Certificazione italiano Università Roma TRE) is another officially recognised (by the Italian Ministry of Education and foreign affairs) certification of Italian as a foreign language.

AIL (Accademia Italiana di Lingua) The Diploma examinations "Firenze" assesses written and spoken skills. It focuses more on the practical aspects of communication and on the ability to use the language effectively and appropriately in real-life situations. AIL is a widely recognised certification but not considered as an official exam.

Which certification can be done at ALCE?
.... All! ALCE is accredited as official CILS, CELI & CERT.IT Examination Centre and is also member of Accademia Italiana di Lingua- AIL and authorised "DIPLOMA FIRENZE" examination centre.

EXAM SESSIONS:
- CILS: June and December
- CELI: March, June and November
- CERT.IT: May, June, July, September & November
- AIL: April, July, September, December
+ extra dates available on demand.

ALCE is an official examination centre for CILS, CELI, CERT.IT, AIL and DIPLOMA FIRENZE.

Examination Courses



Our exam preparation courses prepare students for the recognised and/or official Italian exams.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION EXAMS

Why should we take an official certification?

First, we must remember that learning is a process and you should do anything possible to make this process easy, uninterrupted and systematic. When you prepare for a certification exam, you **study much better and more intensively** than when you do it purely for pleasure. A certification has a vital positive influence on your educational process and makes your position on the labour market much stronger. It proves your level.

ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITY

Non-EU students resident abroad in possession of an Italian language skills certificate corresponding to **B2 level** of the Council of Europe and **issued within the CLIQ system** (Certificazione Lingua Italiana di Qualità = by the Universities for Foreigners of Siena, Perugia, or Rome III), are **exempted** from the university admission Italian language entry test.

OUR EXAM PREPARATION COURSES

They are **dense and complete** and **will require additional self-study!** All courses include daily homework & regular test and exam simulations. The preparation course can be done in **different lengths**. It depends on the student's level, past in learning Italian and competences. Ask us to advise you!

- **6-week & 4 week-courses (4 to 6 hours per day):**
First 2/4 weeks: **20 hours** (4h per day) of general exam oriented Italian course
+ last 2 weeks: additional 10 hours of exam preparation course (6h per day)
- **2-week-course (6 hours per day):**
30 hours : 20 hours of lessons General Italian + 10h of exam preparation



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Teacher Training

Learn to teach Italian as a foreign language or refresh your skills

WHAT IS THE DITALS?

The DITALS Certifications are cultural titles awarded by the “Università per Stranieri di Siena” that assess the theoretical and practical qualifications in the field of Teaching Italian to Foreigners. Its legal validity, in Italy and abroad, depends on the laws of the single states and institutions. In many cases it is already considered a valid title for the allocation of a score in the recruitment of teachers or for the allocation of credits within an educational curriculum of language teaching methodology.

Our courses depending on your profile :

• DITALS PREPARATION: DITALS BASE (B2 level)

The DITALS BASE Certification assesses the initial competence in the field of Teaching Italian to Foreigners. It is particularly addressed to future teachers of Italian as a foreign language **whose mother tongue is not Italian**.
WHEN? The course and exam run once a year (new course)

• DITALS PREPARATION: DITALS LEVEL I CERTIFICATION (C1 level)

The DITALS Level I Certification certifies a core competence in the field of language teaching methodology and a specific expertise targeted at a particular learner profile: children, adolescents, adults and the elderly, immigrants, university students, learners of Italian origin, learners with a good level in their mother tongue (Italian), tourism operators, catholic religious orders and USA students (University Study Abroad programmes).
WHEN: We run the course 5 times a year, there are 2 yearly exam sessions

Prerequisites:

- Equivalent Level (B2 for Ditals base, C1 for Ditals 1)
 - High School Diploma (ensuring access to University)
- Plus various criteria depending on the certificate you want to prepare.
Ditals base: University degree and/or some teaching experience
Ditals 1: training + teaching experience Italian as a foreign language.
Check our website for further details, dates and prices.

ALCE BOLOGNA is an authorized preparation centre for DITALS (Certificate in Teaching Italian to Foreigners) of the Università per Stranieri di Siena.



Courses content

- Basic teaching skills
- Theories, teaching approaches and methods
- The Common European Framework of reference for languages
- Protagonists and content in the teaching/ learning process
- Operating models
- Testing and evaluation
- Use of modern technologies
- Parameters for the analysis of teaching materials
- Parameters for the analysis of a text for teaching purposes
- Objectives and teaching techniques
- Practise exercises based on previous exams sessions

*It is possible to combine DITALS courses with different types of internships done directly here at ALCE, depending on previous experience and individual needs:

- Ditals 1 / Ditals Base + 16 hours internship
- Ditals 1 / Ditals Base + 20 hours internship
- Ditals 1 / Ditals Base + 30 hours internship
- Ditals 1 / Ditals Base + 60 hours internship

NB: It is possible to add General Italian or exam preparation courses before, during or after the DITALS Base course.

Course details:

- Length: 2 weeks
- 13 hours per week + optional internship*
- Courses run in the afternoon (between 2 and 6 pm).
- 15 participants maximum per class (average 6 to 8 persons)

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Courses details

These highly intensive courses combine our Standard **general Italian** intensive course in the morning (20 hours) and **Scientific subjects** in the afternoon (5 to 15 hours depending on course).
We offer 2 different courses:

SUMMER PREPARATION COURSE

- Duration: 4 or 6 weeks, depending on profile
- **35 hours per week :**
 - 20 hours of General Italian intensive (4 per day)
 - + 15 hours scientific subjects (3 per day)
- 9 AM-1:15 PM (Italian)
- + 2:15- 5:15 PM (scientific)
- 8 maximum per class
- Starting dates: July (see pricelist for details)

NB: When less than 2 students of the same level, are enrolled, we provide 7,5 hours of 1 to 1 class per week (at the same price),

YEAR ROUND EXTRA MODULE &/OR REFRESH

- Duration: 1-8 weeks
- **25 hours per week :**
 - 20 hours of General Italian (4 per day)
 - + 5 hours of your chosen scientific subjects in private courses
- 9 AM-1:15 PM (Italian)
- + 1 hour in the afternoon (scientific subject)
- 8 maximum per class (morning)
- + Individual in the afternoon
- Starting dates: any Monday

The **language proficiency university entry test can be substituted by an official certificate, minimum B2 of the Council of Europe issued by University for foreigners of Siena, Perugia or Roma III:*

- CILS certification
- CELI certification
- CERT.IT certification

ALCE is an **official EXAMINATION CENTRE** for these exams & is **accredited** by Unistrasi Siena, Unistrapg Perugia, University Roma III.
See exam course page.

Preparatory course for University

This course prepares for academic life at an Italian-speaking university.

Our special university preparation course combines Italian language and academic study skills and will give foreign students a good chance of success in the selection process.

The preparatory course is designed for admission into the following faculties:

**Medicine | Veterinary Medicine | Science
Pharmacology | Engineering | Biology| Chemistry**

This preparation course is intended for those students who, due to the "Numerus Clausus" in their own country, are unable to enter the faculty.

We offer 2 different courses that include general Italian language lessons & courses in scientific subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Logic).

1. The summer preparatory course that lasts 6 weeks (it is possible to take 4)
2. Our year round refresher preparatory course that lasts 1 to 8 weeks

ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITIES

Admission requires an entrance exam (both in Italian language + scientific subjects). They are held in September at the faculty chosen by the applicant.
Before attending the entrance scientific subjects' exam, students must pass an Italian language proficiency test*.

Non EU students, must apply at the Italian consular delegation in their Country.

University preparation course minimum entry level : A2+ / B1

The preparation course is **held in the Italian language**, so applications are only possible for students who already have a good command of Italian.
Students with no knowledge or basic knowledge of Italian are advised to follow a course of at least 10/12 weeks, beforehand.



Our preparation course can, in any case, be preceded by a general Italian language course at ALCE.

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Master class for the over 45s

This is a course aimed at students **over the age of 45**. **Morning** lessons (which take place in small groups: average 3-4 up to 7-8 students) are held together with the other students so that the Master Class participants can benefit from the academic excellence we offer in our intensive standard programme.

However, our teachers are aware of the **specific needs of students of different ages**, their different learning speeds, and their greater interest in the cultural aspects of Italian such as customs, festivals, history and literature.

The courses last **two weeks** with 4 hours of general Italian a day and has a **specific program of specially designed activities** and excursions for the over 40s.

The course programme includes:

- 20 hours of general Italian courses per week in small groups
- a wide range of cultural activities 5 days a week, including Italian cooking courses and wine tasting sessions with a teacher
- airport pick-up from Bologna airport
- a welcome drink

The **cost** of the course includes entrance to all museums, train tickets, dinner with a teacher, a half-day excursion and a full day trip.

We are also happy to make reservations with great host families, hotels, B&B, or private independent flats.



NB: Scheduled Master Classes are held twice yearly but for groups of more than 6 people, arrangement possible all year round)

2 yearly dates

in May and September

2 week-sample-programme:

Monday to Friday, morning courses
from 9am to 1:15 pm **PLUS:**

FIRST WEEK

- **Monday**
3 PM | City orientation tour
7 PM | Welcome drink in the city
- **Tuesday**
4 PM | Visit to S. Luca Sanctuary
- **Wednesday 16 :**
4 PM | Cooking course
- **Thursday**
7 PM: Museum of the History of Bologna
- **Friday**
Free time for Shopping
7 PM: “Aperitivo” in the city
- **Saturday**
Full day visit to Ravenna

SECOND WEEK

- **Monday**
4 PM: Tour of Bologna towers
- **Tuesday**
4 PM: Collezioni Comunali d’Arte painting exhibition
- **Wednesday**
PM: Visit to Ferrara the Renaissance city
- **Thursday**
6 PM: Wine tasting session
- **Friday**
8PM: Farewell dinner in the city

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Homestay

Living in a host-family gives you a wonderful opportunity to learn & practice your Italian and to experience the culture as you interact daily with local people. It is recommended to those willing to adapt to different life style and habits.

All of our host families are carefully selected and inspected regularly. We choose families who are friendly and are able to provide good quality accommodation.

We offer 2 types of stay in host-families:

- Half-board: breakfast & dinner included
- Self-catering: no meals | kitchen use

This accommodation option includes:

- Laundry service (once a week)
- Stay in single rooms (unless you wish to share with a friend, spouse etc...)
- Bathroom: in most cases, to share with other members of the family
- Maximum number of students per house: 2; we do not place 2 students of the same mother tongue together, unless requested.

What can you expect?

- Type of families: you can be hosted by any kind of host-families: parents with children, married couples with no children, elderly couples, single women with or without children... Any type has its advantages !
- Type of house: may live in a house or an apartment
- Distance from ALCE: most located no more than 30 minutes (walking) or 10-15 minutes (bus/bike ride).
- Keys: you will get your own keys to move freely



Accommodation

ALCE guarantees a quality accommodation experience. We arrange and select all the options that we offer..Accommodation are available from the Sunday before the start of the course until the Saturday after the end of the course. We are always available to help and support the students to make sure they are having a great stay in their accommodation.

BILBO and FRODO HOUSES: our school-owned residential option.

There are 2 different shared apartments located in the same elegant building, less than a five-minute-walk from the school.

They have both recently been entirely refurbished and are finely furnished. It is a perfect solution for students who wish to live more independently, yet being part of a “family” group of international students of any age and any origin.

Centrally situated, the residence is also within walking distance to the famous shopping streets of Bologna; the most beautiful city park, Giardini Margherita is only few hundred metres away! Enjoy and relax!

Facilities included for 5 (rarely 6) students per apartment:

- 5 bedrooms
- 2 shared bathrooms, with shower and toilet
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Wi-Fi (free of charge)
- Washing machine and dryer (free of charge)
- Common area (an open space living / dining area)
- Air-conditioned rooms (extra charge)

PRIVATE FLATS | HOTELS | BED & BREAKFAST

The solutions to your accommodation needs at a slightly higher price We can organise rental of one-bedroom or two-bedroom-apartments located in the city centre and within walking distance from the school. A high standard of cleanliness and comfort is guaranteed. We have negotiated reduced rates with 3 star “boutique” hotels and B&B.

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Social Programme

Our social programme offers an ideal opportunity to explore the city and surroundings and to make new friends. Here is a sample week at ALCE:

1 st Monday afternoon of the month	15:00 - 16:30	City orientation tour
	19:00 - 21:00	Aperitivo: Italian welcome drink in the city centre
Monday	15:00 - 17:00	Activities or excursions with teacher (see blue column)
Tuesday	Grammar workshops	
Wednesday	16:00 - 18:00	Activities or excursions with teacher (see blue column)
Thursday	Phonetic, conversation & pronunciation workshops	
Friday afternoon	13:15 - 14:15	FREE networking lunch in school in-house kitchen
	19:00 - 21:00	"Aperitivo" - socialising pre-dinner with teacher
Saturday (every two weeks)	9:00 - 17:00	Full day excursion run by the teacher (sample below)

Full Day excursions

ALCE invites you to visit a different Italy where you can discover and genuinely get to know the history and culture of its people. We will be happy to take you to lesser known, but equally beautiful and important places.

The only cost of your excursions is the transportation fee and admission fees if any (generally €20-30/ day). We travel around by train which is very convenient. Bologna is very well connected and at the heart of Northern Italy railway network.

- **Example of city of arts trips:** Verona, Ferrara, Parma, Ravenna, Mantova, Padova, Dozza, San Marino, Florence, Venice, Milan, Faenza (ceramics museum).
- **Example of other daily trips:** Rimini's and Adriatic's coast famous beaches, walks in the surrounding hills with beautiful views & nature, adventure parks, balsamic vinegar or ice cream factory visits. Emilia Romagna is Italy's Motor Valley with the headquarters of Ducati, Ferrari and Lamborghini located just a few kilometres drive from Bologna.

Go further away by train on your own: Rome and Naples are only 2 & 3 hours away!

Live, learn & fun

The cultural content of ALCE courses is considered an integral part of the learning experience. All events are supervised and accompanied by our staff. They graduated in Art and History and will share their knowledge with you! We strongly encourage the participation: you will learn a lot about our culture, food, traditions and you will obviously accelerate your Italian language learning process without noticing it.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES are offered 3-4 times per week and the programme is changed every month. The programme differs in focus from educational to cultural, from fun to inspirational.

- Most of these activities are included in the course and are completely FREE:
 - Visit to local historical places of interest
 - Themed walking tours of Bologna
 - Seasonal activities: games and sports in the nearby big park, open air cinema.
 - Italian Film club at school or video dubbing, board games, quiz night at school..
- Some activities require a charge for admission, tickets and /or transport. These are organised on a pay-as-you-go basis:
 - Visit to museums & galleries
 - Aperitivo or dinner out with teachers
 - FOOD AND WINE : the school specialises in these fields & is fully equipped for both activities. We regularly offer cooking classes with our passionate talented director or with professional local chefs The wine tasting sessions are run by professional sommeliers from the national association AIS (associazione italiana sommelier).

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Getting to Bologna

Bologna, an important transport hub since Roman times, is the **center of a transport network** of vital importance in Europe and Italy today.

BY CAR



Here is a **crossroads of the major motorways** linking Europe with the south of Italy: the Autostrada del Sole (A1) Milan-Naples; the A13 to Ferrara, Padua, Venice and Trieste and the A14 towards the Adriatic coast (Rimini, Ravenna, Ancona, Bari).

BY TRAIN



Bologna is the **main Italian railway junction**; a high-speed line connects it to Florence (37 minutes) Milan (65 minutes) Rome (2 hours and 22 minutes). Venice can be reached in less than an hour and a half.

BY PLANE



Guglielmo Marconi International Airport, **15 minutes by bus from the town centre**, links Bologna with the main Italian and European airports.

It is a **major airport in Italy** for the number of international destinations served. It has a runway for flights with a range up to 5 thousand nautical miles and a modern technology for safety and environmental protection.

Strategical place in Northern Italy

Bologna, capital of the Emilia-Romagna Region, is very well located and serves as a natural crossroads for Italy and Europe with its motorways and railways.



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Member of **ASILS**. The Association of Schools of Italian as a Second Language is designed to guarantee the quality of instruction and professional level of services offered to students



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Welcome !!!

Being a family-run business, focusing on individuals is essential and ever present. ALCE's constant rise in quality and services is very important to us. Our reputation is based not only on our hard commitment to academic excellence, but also on the student satisfaction. We do our best to honour our warm local traditions and reputation. Hearing that hundreds of students we have been welcoming since 1999, see ALCE as their "home away from home", is the biggest reward.

Here, you will be in the safe hands of caring, experienced professionals who are passionate about language learning and cultural exchange

We are ready to welcome you to have an experience you will treasure for life. We look forward to having you in Bologna. On behalf of all the teachers and staff, I would like to invite you to join us !



Rossana Fulchini
(Founder and Director)



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