

VERONA AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Verona is conveniently located close to many major Italian cities and is equipped with an international airport and train station. It is only one hour from Venice, less than two hours from Milan and Bologna and only three hours from Florence. It is also a little more than two hours from Italy's Northern border. Studying in Verona means living Italian traditions in a European context, made possible by the Shakespearean charm of Romeo and Juliet, Opera at the ancient Roman Arena and much more.

Geography

The landscape of Verona and its surrounding area are remarkable: the Adige river and rolling hills, Lake Garda, Valpolicella wine region, Mount Baldo and the Lessini Mountains are just a few examples. The Adriatic Sea and beaches are an hour to the east, and the heart of the Alps is only an hour by car to the north.

History, art, and culture

Verona's historic centre, protected by Unesco, is a must see for all visitors. There are indoor and outdoor museums, extraordinary preserved churches, libraries, palaces and villas, as well as one of the best collections of Roman, Medieval, Renaissance, 19th century, and contemporary art and architecture in the country. International shows are performed in the Arena (the Roman amphitheatre), the Filarmonico and Nuovo theatres. Throughout the year there are many opportunities to immerse oneself in Italian culture in Verona through plays, concerts, and festivals.

Business

Those looking for business opportunities will find that Verona has a prosperous commercial aspect as well, full of charming, inviting boutiques and shops, industrial and artisan businesses of all sizes, advanced logistic companies, and many international fairs including: Vinitaly (wine), Abitare il Tempo (design), Marmomac (marble), Fiera del Lusso (luxury festival), Fieracavalli (passion for horses).

Wine and food

There are many places where you can taste the best Italian food and wines.

LIVING THE LANGUAGE

A language isn't only phonetics, grammar, and syntax. To truly learn Italian, one must be immersed in Italian lifestyle, culture and customs. Thus, Idea Verona offers a wide variety of entertaining activities for our students such as:

- Visits to the most important art cities near Verona: Venice, Vicenza, Padua, Mantua, Treviso, Trento, and Bolzano
- Tours to historic and cultural places such as beautiful panoramic landscapes of Valpolicella and Lake Garda
- Evenings of wine tasting and themed excursions to old authentic taverns to savour local wines
- Organized business visits

Monthly programs are announced to students at the beginning of every course.



LOOKING FOR AN ACCOMMODATION?

Our school may not have internal accommodations, but it offers reservation and assistance service for finding accommodations in Verona. The assignment and price are determined at the time of booking, based on the student's needs, the period of stay, and availability. In any case, all accommodations are located near the school and the city centre (5-30 minute walk to both locations)

- **FAMILY HOSPITALITY:** Live everyday life experiences in an Italian family. Overnight stay with breakfast (b&b) or overnight stay with breakfast and dinner (h.b.)
- **SHARED APARTMENT:** Live with the owner or other students. Private room, shared kitchen and bathroom (sometimes apartments come with private bathrooms)
- **SINGLE APARTMENT:** Live alone. Studio or two-roomed apartments with kitchen
- **HOTEL:** Selected room in a nearby hotel, for long or short stays
- **B&B:** Overnight stay and breakfast in comfortable structures
- **RESIDENCE:** Furnished studio and two-roomed apartments with kitchen and bathroom
- **UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE:** Single rooms with a private bathroom and shared kitchen in the university residence of Don Bosco Institute where Idea Verona is located (available only in July and August)



LISTEN, READ, SPEAK AND WRITE IN ITALIAN

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL IN LEARNING ITALIAN?

Do you want full immersion in the Italian language?
Do you already live in Italy, but you want to improve your Italian?

I WOULD LIKE TO STUDY ITALIAN...	I'LL STUDY IN VERONA ONLY IF...
... because I like Italy	... I find a reliable school
... to express myself better	... I find a comfortable environment
... to get a recognized certificate	... I receive assistance if I need help
... to attend university	... I can work
... for business	... I can have fun
... for love of the language	... I can make new friends
... because I'm fascinated with Italian art	... I can do an internship in business
... to meet relatives and Italian friends	... I can learn to cook Italian food
... to know my ancestry (origin)	... I can connect to internet
... to read the Divine Comedy	... I am offered a comfortable accommodation
... because I love fashion and Italian style	... I can share the accommodation
... because I adore Italian food and wine	... I can live by myself
... to study lyric opera in depth	... I will find what I'm looking for

Whatever your motivation, whatever your needs, Idea Verona opens the world of qualified Italian for you.

WHERE IN VERONA

The school is in a modern and elegant building located in the historic centre of the city, a few minutes from the medieval Castle (Castello Scaligero), the Arena and Piazza Erbe. In this independent building inside Don Bosco Institute, you can enjoy the necessary tranquillity to concentrate on your studies.

- Comfortable classrooms
- Air conditioning throughout the school
- An art and music room with a piano
- A room to practice singing
- A student room with a lounge
- Books, magazines and computers with free internet access
- Free wireless connection included
- Cafeteria available



PLAN OF STUDY

HOW CLASSES ARE FORMED

Groups are formed by taking into account the individual student's characteristics and current knowledge of Italian, and the six levels of European Community Principle General Language Level (Quadro Comune Europeo di Riferimento per le Lingue: Q.C.E.)

BASE A1 – Breakthrough
ELEMENTARY A2 – Waystage
PRE-INTERMEDIATE B1 – Threshold
INTERMEDIATE B2 – Vantage
UPPER-INTERMEDIATE C1 – Effective operational proficiency
ADVANCED C2 - Mastery

Welcome: presentations, oral and written placement tests

Assessments: knowledge of basic language, individual motivation, analysis of needs

Class size: Usually between 4 to 8 students, with a maximum of 12

Individual lessons are arranged with the student

LENGTH OF COURSES

Courses generally last 4 weeks, but it's possible to participate in consecutive courses as well as take a class for 1, 2, or 3 weeks.

THE COURSES

Each course includes 4 skills for each of the 6 comprehension levels: reading, listening, speaking, writing. If not specified, the lessons are taught in the morning, Monday thru Friday. Hours below are per week:

• ITALIANO BUONGIORNO. Code IB	15 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO BUONGIORNO PLUS 1. Code IB+1 Italiano Buongiorno + 5 hours of individual lessons	20 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO BUONGIORNO PLUS 2. Code IB+2 Italiano Buongiorno + 8 hours of individual lessons	23 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO INTENSIVO. Code II Italiano Buongiorno + conversation 2 afternoons	19 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO INTENSIVO PLUS 1. Code II+1 Italiano Intensivo + 5 hours of individual lessons	24 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO INTENSIVO PLUS 2. Code II+2 Italiano Intensivo + 8 hours of individual lessons	27 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO IDEA VERONA. Code IIV Italiano Intensivo + in depth study of a cultural material of your choice (Art History, Cultural sites, Italian Literature, Opera, Business) 2 afternoons	23 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO IDEA VERONA PLUS 1. Code IIV+1 Italiano Idea Verona + 5 hours of individual lessons	28 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO IDEA VERONA PLUS 2. Code IIV+2 Italiano Idea Verona + 8 hours of individual lessons	31 hrs + 2*
• ITALIANO ESTENSIVO. Code IE (afternoon or evening meetings)	4 hrs + 2*

*Includes study tours with an Art History teacher every Wednesday afternoon.

PREPARATION FOR EXAM COURSES

There are four Italian Institutions that recognize certificates in Italian: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mae), Ministry of Universities (Miur), Ministry of Labour and Social Politics (Mlps), Institute of Foreign Commerce (Ice).

• ITALIANO CERTIFICATO 1. Codes PLIDA 1, CILS 1, CELI 1	4 hrs
• ITALIANO CERTIFICATO 2. Codes PLIDA 2, CILS 2, CELI 2	10 hrs
• ITALIANO ACCADEMICO. Codes IA1/IA21 Preparation for specific University Italian language exams	4 or 10 hrs

ITALIAN AND WORK OPPORTUNITIES

- **STUDIARE E LAVORARE A VERONA.** Code SLV
Study and work in Verona. In partnership with VERONA INNOVAZIONE, a special sector of the Chamber of Commerce of Verona, study Italian while interning for 3 months at a company. Select among some of the most prestigious and important companies in the region in the industry of your choice
15 hrs + 20 hrs at the office
- **CORSI AZIENDALI.** Code CA
Company courses. Language for management, executives and workers. Finance, law and commerce. Courses can be held at the companies premises or in Idea Verona's facilities
hrs to be agreed upon

SPECIALIZED COURSES

- **IL BEL CANTO.** Code IBC
Lyric opera singing for students or professionals. Italiano Buongiorno + 4 hours of diction and 2 hours of individual singing
21 hrs
- **ITALIANO SUPPORTO LINGUA.** Code IS
Supported Italian language. Lessons in Italian with the support of student's mother language. Offered in English, German, Spanish, French, Russian, and Japanese.
10 hrs
- **PRIVATE COURSES.** Code CI1/CI2
Individual lessons with single students or pairs (if at the same level)
hrs to be agreed upon
- **MINI-COURSES.** Code MC1/MC2/MC3/MC4
2/3/4/5 days (respectively) of intensive learning for single students or pairs (if at the same level)
hrs to be agreed upon
- **IMMERSIONE TOTALE.** Code IT
Total immersion. Intensive individual course
24 hrs
- **CULTURAL COURSES.** Code CC
Learn the language of a specific cultural sector. Courses are offered independently or in combination with "Idea Verona Italian" and include: Art History, Cultural sites, Lyric Opera, Italian Business, Italian Literature, Italian Law and Justice, and Italian Design
4 hrs
- **ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE COURSES**
Experiment with the language in a material way: paintings, frescos, water-colours, Italian cooking, Italian wine. Classes offered twice a week.
hrs to be agreed upon



THE ITALIAN RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE

Idea Verona is a certified school UNI EN ISO 9001:2000, who works in accordance with various entities

ACCREDITATION

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA): Educational credits for their students
- CSN, Swedish National Agency for Higher Education
- Bildungsurlaub

PARTNERSHIP

- Verona Innovation – Chamber of Commerce of Verona
- Chamber of Commerce Italia-China
- Irecoop Veneto, Regional Institute for Education and Cooperative Studies
- Assolingue – Verona Association of Language Schools
- ALL Diploma Firenze (Accademia Italiana di Lingua) Italian Language Academy, certification member

COLLABORATION

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (USA)
- Santa Clara University, California (USA)
- British Columbia University (Canada)
- Macquarie University (Australia)

AGREEMENTS

- Dante Alighieri Society
- ESU – Verona University
- Conservatorio "A. Dall'Abaco" Verona Academy of Music

PREPARATION FOR ITALIAN RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATIONS

- PLIDA (Progetto Lingua Italiana Dante Alighieri), Dante Alighieri Italian Language Project
- CILS (Università di Siena), University of Siena
- CELI (Università di Perugia), University of Perugia

TEACHING METHODS:

- All the instructors have advanced teaching degrees and are highly qualified and specialized in teaching Italian language
- Teaching methods are dynamic; students are involved and encouraged to participate throughout the lessons
- The approach involves both speaking and writing as well as reviewing daily lessons

At the end of the course, all students will receive a certificate of attendance with an acquired competence grade.



HOW TO REACH US

BY PLANE:

Verona has an International Airport "Valerio Catullo" a few kilometres from the city centre.
An airport shuttle-bus leaves every 20 minutes to the Verona Porta Nuova train station and vice versa from 6:30 am to 11:30 pm.

BY CAR:

- Toll Highway A4 Milano – Venezia: exit Verona Sud, in the direction of the city centre
- Toll Highway A22 Brennero – Modena: exit Verona Nord, in the direction of the city centre

BY TRAIN:

Verona Porta Nuova Station: www.trenitalia.it
Taxi service tel. +39 045 532 666
Bus Numbers 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 32, 33, 41, 61, 62, 72, 93 – Bus stop "Castelvecchio"



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