



All roads lead to...

...DILIT

Right in the heart of our wonderful city - Rome - the place to be for all those interested in "things Italian": art, culture, music, design, beauty, good food, good wine, sun, fashion, architecture, the warmth of the people, imagination and the joy of living - you will find our school DILIT.

With us you will get to know the ins and outs of our beautiful language and world-famous culture.

Our highly qualified and dedicated teachers will guide you, encourage you and make your learning fun and enjoyable.

And outside the classroom we will do our best to cater for all your needs, including getting you into comfortable accommodation and providing you with a rich and varied programme of social activities so you can discover the secrets of our splendid city and typical aspects of Italian culture.

We look forward to seeing you here.

School Director

Paola Lazzaro

ROME's the place!
DILIT's the school!

50 years of experience 80,000 international students 125 nationalities 5,000 teachers trained





THE SCHOOL

DILIT, officially authorised by the Italian Ministry of Education, has been teaching Italian as a foreign language since 1974.

It is an early member of the IH World Organization, now a network of over 150 schools in more than 50 countries.

It is also member of IALC (International Association of Language Centres).

The school is an examination centre for the CELI examinations of Perugia University and for the CILS examinations of Siena University.

DILIT is also well known for its teacher training department accredited by the Italian Ministry of Education.

The school is situated in the centre of Rome just a short walk from the central railway station and conveniently placed for transport to every area of the city.

MISSION STATEMENT

The school's goal is to offer, in a multiethnic and multicultural contest, an environment and atmosphere where every student day after day feels welcome and the object of the care and attention of all the school's staff.

The school undertakes to make sure that everyone feels free to express their own opinion and to counteract any possible form of discrimination.

With the support of a teaching methodology ever-polished over decades of research and experimenting we want to make sure our students experience their study as true personal, intellectual and cultural development.

In order to achieve this goal our teaching and non-teaching staff are highly qualified and have many years of experience, properly employed on the best working conditions of the category and aware, all of us, of being an important part of a shared project.

All services and activities offered by the school, from teaching to leisure time activities and the accommodation office, are aimed at the well-being of each and every student. They are constantly monitored and regularly inspected by international organisations who guarantee proper behaviour, transparency and quality of service. Finally, each of us is aware that each student has a dream, maybe tiny or maybe huge. For all of us helping our students to realize them is our first priority.



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DILIT Accreditation



Early member of International House World Organization



Member of AISLI (Associazione Italiana Scuole di Lingue)



Member of IALC - International Association of Language Centres



Examination centre for the CILS examinations of Siena University



Member of ASILS (Associazione Scuole d'Italiano come Lingua Seconda)



Examination centre for the CELI examinations of Perugia University



Officially authorised by the Italian Ministry of Education Teacher Training Centre accredited by the Italian Ministry of Education

Key facts

Very central location, conveniently placed to reach all interesting parts of the city;

Highly qualified and experienced teachers;

High student's care attention and standards;

International atmosphere;

Many social and cultural activities;

Beautiful premises with garden, terraces and snack bar



Cutting-edge teaching methodology



Methodology

Dilit International House was one of the first schools to adopt a fully communicative approach to the teaching of Italian, and the approach is being up-dated all the time. Language is never presented out of context; and grammar, phonology, lexis and all other features of actual language use in everyday situations are analysed.

A wide variety of up-to-date authentic material is used in class, thus giving students valuable

information about modern-day Italian culture and society at the same time as developing students' authentic linguistic and communicative skills. Our teachers, who have been teaching in the school for an average of 12 years, have been selected from special training courses, and they are further required to take part every month in teacher education seminars.

Your language course GENERAL ITALIAN

GROUP

All levels are available, from absolute beginners to advanced. The minimum age is 16. The maximum number of students per class is 14, or 5 for small groups. Absolute beginners start on fixed course-starting dates (see Fees and Dates sheet). All others may start on any Monday. On arrival, students are tested and placed in classes according to their level and their particular needs.

INTENSIVE

(15-20-25-30 lessons/week)

Classes are held from Monday to Friday. New courses for beginners start every 2 weeks throughout the year. Minimum attendance is 1 week.

15 lessons/week

afternoons, 3 lessons a day,

from 1 to 12 weeks.

20 lessons/week

mornings, 4 lessons a day,

from 1 to 50 weeks.

25 lessons/week

4 lessons a day in the mornings, plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ lessons in a small group twice a week in the afternoons, from 1 to 32 weeks.

30 lessons/week

4 lessons a day in the mornings, plus 3 lessons in a small group 3 times a week in the afternoons, from 1 to 28 weeks.

SMALL GROUP NON-INTENSIVE

(5 lessons/week)

Classes are held twice a week, mornings, afternoons or evenings. Each course lasts 8 weeks. These courses are run all year except in July, August and September. Minimum attendance is 8 weeks.



INDIVIDUAL

Particularly suitable for business and professional people and all those who require tuition tailor-made to their individual needs. (Small groups of 2-4 students can also be catered for).

INTENSIVE

(10-30 lessons/week)

Attendance is daily from Monday to Friday and varies from 2 to 6 lessons a day. Minimum attendance is one week.

NON-INTENSIVE

(3, 4, 5, 6, 9 lessons/week)

Particularly suitable for students who want to add some tailor-made individual tuition to their Group Courses. Minimum attendance is one week.

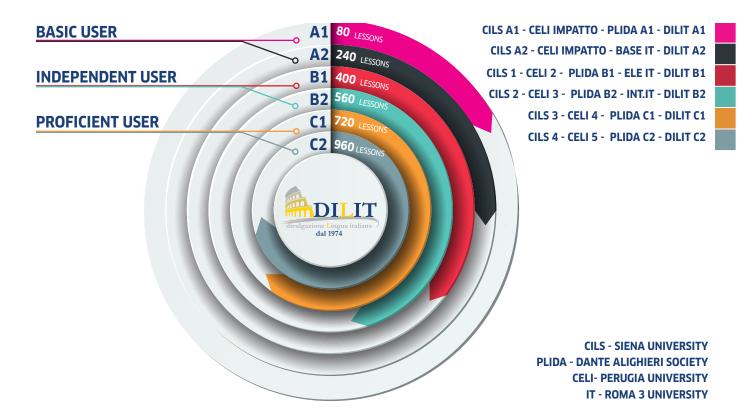
COMBINED

Students attend a 20-lessons group course and 6 or 10 individual lessons per week. Particularly suitable for those who need Italian both for general and specific purposes (dealing with specific topics in specific settings and/or other particular aspects of the language).



Levels - Exams

In common with most quality language providers in Europe, Dilit International House has set its course levels against the descriptors of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEF). This is a system of levels developed under the auspices of the Council of Europe in order to bring uniformity to language descriptions and levels. This scale gives a short description of what learners can normally do at each of 6 levels (A1 to C2). The time it takes to learn to use a foreign language varies from person to person. Apart from the varying amount of time spent on home-study, other factors come into play such as individual aptitude, the distance between the foreign language and your native tongue or other languages previously learnt, the opportunity to practise the language with native speakers, and so on. The time presented in the chart below should therefore only be taken as a rough guide to the number of lessons needed to reach a particular level when starting off from beginner's level.



Dilit International House has classes of all levels throughout the year, thus guaranteeing all students a class at the right level at all times.



These courses have been designed to meet the ever increasing demand of a solid language course and bring students at a B2 (at least) level.

Academic Year

This course is designed for those students who need a sound language and cultural foundation in order to study at an Italian Higher Education Institution (University, Academy of Fine Arts, Design Academy and Conservatory) on a bachelor degree (BA) or master degree courses (MA). It caters also for students who want to spend a year abroad before beginning at university in their own country (Gap Year) and also those students who are simply interested in Italian language and culture and want to acquire a high competence. It starts in March and November, lasts 40 weeks (42 weeks stay for the course starting in November) and is open to beginners and elementary students from all over the world, aged between 18 and 30. Total lessons: 800 (language) + 60 (Academic studies)* + 36 (CILS or CELI Exam Preparation).

*According to the students' interests the topics can be two of: History of Italian Art, Italian Fashion, Architecture, Business Italian or Italian for Law.

Academic Semester

This course is designed for those students who need a sound language and cultural foundation in order to study at an Italian Higher Education Institution (University, Academy of Fine Arts, Design Academy and

Conservatory) on a bachelor degree (BA) or master degree courses (MA). It caters also for students who want to spend a semester abroad before beginning at university in their own country (Gap Year) and also those students who are simply interested in Italian language and culture and want to acquire an high competence.

It starts in January and July, lasts 24 weeks and is open to students with a full A2 level. Total lessons: 480 (language) + 30 (Academic studies) + 36 (CILS or CELI Exam Preparation).

Marco Polo and Turandot Projects for Chinese Students

Through the "Marco Polo" and "Turandot" Projects Chinese students can enter Italian Higher Education Institutions (Universities, Conservatories, Academies of Design and Fine Arts). Students pre-enrol in one of the Higher Education Institutions and then, to finalize their enrolment, they have to follow an Italian language course in Italy and pass a final exam at B1 or B2 level which allows them to renew their Stay Permits without having to return to China. This course is run in agreement with Higher Education Institutions and is open to "Marco Polo" and "Turandot" students pre-enrolled in an Italian Higher Institution. At the end of the course students can sit the internationally-recognised CELI or CILS examinations at level B1 or B2. The course starts in November, lasts 40 weeks (42 weeks stay) and is open to beginners and elementary students. Total lessons: 1000 (of which 36 are reserved for Exam Preparation and about 160 for cultural activities which help to favour integration within Italian social and academic circles).





PREPARATORY COURSE FOR ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

This course prepares students for Italian University Entrance Examinations in the following faculties: Architecture, Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Studies, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Fine Arts and Design. These Examinations assess language competence, general knowledge and knowledge of the subjects and topics relevant to the Faculty chosen.

Prerequisites

Minimum age: 18 years High school diploma

Language Competence: B1 level

The course is made up of 2 parts:

First Part

The first part consists of General Italian language tuition and seeks to supply students with the language knowledge needed to take part profitably in the second part of the course. The skills developed in this part are: listening comprehension and spoken production, reading comprehension and written production, and vocabulary expansion with particular reference to the sorts of texts that students will encounter in their entrance examinations.

Second Part

The second part consists of specific preparation in the topics contained in the University Entrance Examinations. Course contents follow the guidelines set out by the Italian Ministry of Education. During the course the students will deal with the specific contents of the chosen university course: logic, physics, mathematics, chemistry, general knowledge, etc.. Moreover, past exam papers will be examined and practised.

Duration 6 weeks Lessons per week 30 Hours Monday to Friday 9.00-12.20; 13.30-15.00 Language levels B1+



Each of these courses seeks to offer those interested the opportunity to improve their Italian whilst learning about one of the following Art & Culture topics.

Students, who have an adequate level of Italian, can attend one (or more) of these courses.

However, our advice is to combine the attendance of one (or more) of these courses with attendance of a general intensive language course (group intensive 20 lessons per week), thus getting the utmost out of their time here.

ITALIAN THROUGH ART & CULTURE

Italian through Architecture

The course analyses the artistic and architectural testimonies of the city, which, more than any other in the world, is a veritable open-air museum: Rome. From 753 A.D. up until today: via walks and colour slides, students learn about "visible" architecture (buildings, churches and parks) as well as "invisible" architecture, made up of priceless EMPTY urban places: the most beautiful squares in the world. We will trace the lives and works of the most important architects of the past and present who have left indelible marks on the lives of the Roman people; we will talk about ancient history, medieval history, the Renaissance, the Baroque period and the contemporary period. The various architectural styles will be compared and each student, using the tools they prefer, will choose a monument, an area, a church, or a building to produce a little Photographic and Theoretical Research about it.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 15
Hours Monday to Friday 13.30-16.00 including 15 minutes break
Language levels B1+





DISCOVERING ROME

A course where you learn Italian whilst going out to discover the unequalled artistic and archeological patrimony that only a city like Rome can offer. Students are offered the opportunity

to improve their Italian whilst on a theoretical and practical journey through the history of Italian art. The course consists of a series of lessons combined with guided visits where students have the chance to see what they have studied.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 15
Hours Monday to Friday / 13.30-16.00 including 15
minutes break
Language levels A2+

ITALIAN THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

Has the advent of digital photography really improved the quality of photography now that anyone can take photographs? The ease with which one can take photos has wiped out the dividing line which up until the nineties separated artists from ordinary people. On this course you will learn about techniques for photography on film and techniques for digital photography; we will examine the value of an image and what it tells us and we will analyse the contents of some of the best-known photos in the world. After the first week of study and theoretical examination of all sorts of techniques, the students (in group or individually) choose a topic (fashion, art, society, animals, journalism, etc.) to examine, first of all by analysis, on-site observation and rough

drafts and then by the creation of a veritable "Photo Report Book" based on the city of Rome. N.B. The photographic apparatus and materials are supplied by the school.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 15
Hours Monday to Friday / 13.30-16.00 including 15
minutes break
Language levels A2+



ITALIAN THROUGH ITALIAN COOKING



Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 15 (including practice)
Hours Monday to Friday / 13.30-16.00 including 15 minutes break
Language levels A1+

ITALIAN + A TASTE OF ITALIAN CULTURE

This is an excellent way of combining language study with personal experience and a better understanding of some aspects of Italian life and culture. Just choose which subject you prefer. It's both fun and educational!

On top of the compulsory 20-lesson course in the mornings Language Component, students spend 2 afternoons a week for two weeks in a small group (1-5 students) with a teacher expert in the chosen subject Cultural Component. Students staying for more than 2 weeks can enrol in more than one programme if they so wish.

Italian Home-Cooking

The Home-Cooking component offers students the opportunity to take part in the preparation of some typical Italian dishes and then eat them, together with a glass of good wine. It's an experience which brings together culture, gastronomy and language practice.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 20 language + 3 lessons twice a week
Hours from 17.00
Language levels A1+





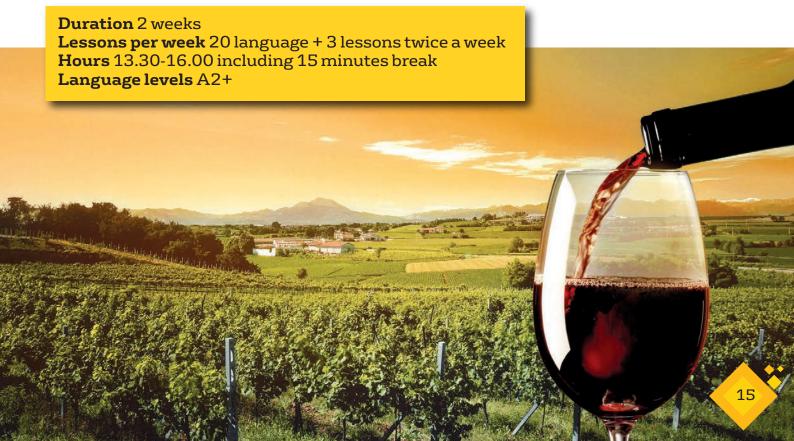
ITALIAN FASHION

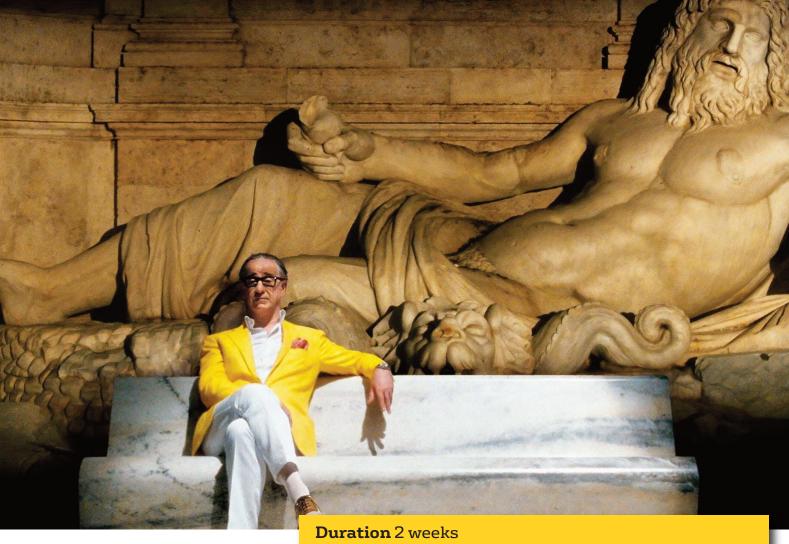
The Italian Fashion component looks into the history of Italian Fashion and can be a valid tool to getting to know this creative and glamorous world around which some of the greatest, well-known and appreciated industrial activities in Italy are centered. The classes aim to help students understand this specialized language.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 20 language + 3 lessons twice a week
Hours 13.30-16.00 including 15 minutes break
Language levels A2+

ITALIAN WINE

The Italian Wine component offers an overview of the complex and fascinating world of Italian wines. The sessions aim to raise awareness about what we buy and what we drink and the differences between the various labels and bottles.





ITALIAN CINEMA

The Italian Cinema component tackles the subject from two different perspectives: one

Lessons per week 20 language + 3 lessons twice a week Hours 13.30-16.00 including 15 minutes break Language levels A2+

historical and the other takes into consideration two of the best-known contemporary Italian directors. Neo-realism and its influence on film-making around the world. The seventies and social commitment. Nanni Moretti and Paolo Sorrentino, two examples appreciated in Italy and the world.

Duration 2 weeks Lessons per week 20 language + 3 lessons twice a week Hours 13.30-16.00 including 15 minutes break Language levels A2+

ITALIAN OPERA

The Italian Opera component offers you the opportunity to go on a short but fascinating introductory trip to Italian Opera on the notes of the most popular Italian Composers and some of Italy's greatest operas.

Students are invited to discover an aspect of Italian culture that has made Italy famous and appreciated all over the world via the history, the composers, the images and listening to some of our most famous arias.



ROME FOR 50+

We consider those taking part our "special guests" and we take the utmost care to ensure them an unforgettable stay and a profitable learning and personal experience.

This programme is held three times a year, lasts 2 weeks and caters exclusively for people over 50.

It's a mixture of language, art, culture and the pleasure of spending time together to share and improve your knowledge of those aspects of Rome that make this city so unforgettable. Apart from 40 lessons of language learning in the morning in classes of mixed ages at the appropriate level, the programme includes the following activities:

- half-day trip to places of great interest around Rome;
- half-day trip to the Castelli Romani area including wine-tasting and dinner;
- a cooking lesson and dinner;
- 2 quided trips around Rome;
- 2 seminars on the History of Art;

All these activities take place in Italian and are guided and/or accompanied by teachers of Italian well versed in Archaeology and History of Art.



ROME FOR 30-40 YEAR-OLDS

Those who choose this programme deserve all our attention. All the activities are designed to create the right balance between language, art, culture, leisure and fun, so as to make the experience different and unforgettable.

The programme is run three times a year, lasts 2 weeks and is open to people between 30 and 40 years old.

On top of the 40 language lessons in morning classes with students of all ages but at the same level, the programme includes the following activities:

- Welcome and orientation meeting;
- Half-day excursion to CastellI Romani including a wine-tasting and dinner;
- A cooking lesson including dinner;
- A lesson on Italian wines;
- Two guided visits around Rome;
- Two seminars on the History of Art;
- Two cocktail parties;
- A dinner in the historical centre

All these activities take place in Italian and are guided and/or accompanied by teachers of Italian well versed in Archaeology and History of Art.



BUSINESS ITALIAN

This course caters for people who need to use Italian at work. The objective is to develop effective communication skills at work and in business, both spoken and written. During the course, tailor-made to the specific needs of the participants, the grammar and vocabulary typical of commercial

Italian - telephone conversations, company presentations, negotiations and sales, business meetings, formal letters, reports and messages/emails will be analysed and practised.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 15
Hours Monday to Friday 13.30 - 16.00 including 15
minutes break
Language levels B1+

ITALIAN FOR LAW

This course aims to stimulate active learning of some of the basic notions of the Italian judiciary system. The main fields dealt with are civil law, penal law and constitutional law. The dynamic and active dimension of the course expresses itself in constant research-and-discovery activities on the part of the students, who are considered active central agents in the construction of what they learn, rather than passive listeners.

Each activity proposed in class is a stimulating challenge towards the acquisition of ever more

complex parts of legal language. The teacher has a dialogic role with the students, at their disposal for solving doubts, clarifying and giving confirmation of their hypotheses.

Duration 2 weeks
Lessons per week 15
Hours Monday to Friday 13.30 - 16.00 including 15
minutes break
Language levels B1+

CILS OR CELI EXAM PREPARATION

The school, an examination centre for the CILS examinations of Siena University and for the CELI examinations of Perugia University, holds preparation courses for each of these exams. We give

students all the necessary information and advice on what exam to choose and how to enrol. During the course students have the opportunity to get used to specific exam procedures and practise on past examination papers.

Duration 6 weeks
Lessons per week 6
Hours twice a week 13.30 - 16.00 including 15 minutes break
Language levels A2+



GENERAL ITALIAN ONLINE

This General Italian programme follows the same teaching methodology as our face-to-face lessons so students can learn at exactly the same pace and the same way without leaving the comfort of their own homes.

Courses are designed for students of all levels who want to improve their Italian. Dilit International House offers group and individual online lessons.

Group Courses

Online Group Intensive Italian
Course 5 or 10 lessons/week

Duration min. 1 week **Lessons per week** 5, 10 or 15 **Language Levels** all

Individual Courses

Online Individual Intensive Italian Course 5, 10 or 15 lessons/week

ONLINE READING CLUB

For book lovers, six meetings to deal with reading tasks of authors and titles chosen by a native teacher. With other students and under the guidance of the instructor, the knowledge of the

author and of the historical and cultural context of his time is deepended.

Duration 6 weeks Lessons per week 2 once a week Language Levels B1+

LET'S SPEAK ITALIAN

A weekly appointment to talk about Italian culture and current affairs in contemporary Italy. Together with other students and the guidance of a native teacher, this course is ideal for all those who want to improve their ability to speak Italian spontaneously.

Duration 6 weeks **Lessons per week** 2 once a week **Language Levels** B1+





Our aim is to offer you the best opportunities to practise speaking Italian, improve your understanding and speed up your progress. We want you to have fun, meet other students, make new friends and enjoy the wonders of a city unique in the world.

SAMPLE MONTHLY PROGRAMME

	week1	week2	week3	week4
Monday	Welcome and Orientation meeting	Welcome and Orientation meeting	Welcome and Orientation meeting	Welcome and Orientation meeting
Tuesday	Visit Medieval Churches in Trastevere	Visit Villa Torlonia	Visit Villa Sciarra	Visit Teatro di Marcello
Wednesday	"Aperitivo"	Film	"Aperitivo"	Film
Thursday	Seminar Italian Wines	Seminar Correct Italian Pronunciation	Seminar Italian Cooking	Seminar Baroque in Rome
Friday	Visit Campidoglio	Opera a Caracalla La Tosca	Visit & Dinner Villa d'Este + pizza	Visit Three Baroque Churches
Saturday	Visit Roman Forum	Excursion Pompei	Visit Castel Sant'Angelo	Visit Piazza del Popolo + Pincio

All these activities take place in Italian and are guided and/or accompanied by teachers of Italian well versed in Archaelogy and History of Art. A calendar of social events is given to each student on arrival at the school. Most of the activities are included in the enrolment fee.



SCHOOL SERVICES AND STUDENT CARE

Fully aware that a satisfying study holiday cannot only consist of a language course, we pay particular attention to those services which can contribute to making your stay as enjoyable as possible.

We are here to help and support you before your arrival and during your stay until you return home.

Our Reception and Accommodation team are always ready to help you with anything you may need, so do not hesitate to speak to us

INTERNET

Wi-fi internet access is available everywhere on the premises.

CAFETERIA AND LEISURE AREAS

In the school cafeteria you can get drinks, snacks and lunch before or after classes. The international environment and friendly atmosphere makes it easy to meet people from all over the world using Italian as a common language.

It is a spacious and comfortable place, ideal to make friends, have fun, relax and study.

Concerts, films, plays, parties, etc. are organised here. Books to read, table games and a piano are available for use at all times.

There is also a nice garden and two big terraces where you can relax drinking a Cappuccino, chat with your friends or read a book.



For students attending an Intensive Course, we can arrange accommodation on request. All accommodation has been carefully selected and is regularly monitored by our staff. It is all centrally located and the school can easily be reached in approx. 30 minutes by public transport. You can choose from one of the following possibilities: Host family, single or double room, self catering or with breakfast or with half board (breakfast and dinner); Shared flat, single or double room, self catering.

HOSTFAMILY

The host family can be a couple with or without children, a single parent or an elderly person. In selecting host families, our priority is that the host enjoys the company of foreign students. Host families can host from 1 to 4 students. Kitchen and bathroom are shared.

SHAREDFLAT

Students share the flat with other students from the school and/or local residents (italian or foreign students or single). Our shared flats can host from 2 to 6 people. Kitchen and bathroom are shared.

CATEGORIES

Host Families and Shared Flats are classified in two categories: Standard and Standard Plus. Regardless of the category, all accommodation is selected on the basis of quality, in terms of the general conditions of the flat, proximity to the school, environment and position in the city and the furniture and fittings of the flat itself.

Bed & Breakfast, Hotel accommodation and Independent flats can also be arranged.

Notes

- Accommodation is booked from Sunday to Saturday
- Minimum stay 1 week
- Minors only with host family
- Travel times from 15 up to 40 minutes
- Double rooms available for two students travelling together











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Via Marghera in 1963 and started teaching Italian 2 years later.
In 1974 the Italian Department opened its own School:
DILIT ("Divulgazione Lingua Italiana"), thus becoming an early member of the
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DILIT today is well known around the world for exellence in language teaching and teacher training.

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