

Additional courses



PREPARATORY FOR CILS CERTIFICATIONS. CILS, Certification of Italian as a Foreign Language, issued by the "University of Siena", is recognized as an official title of linguistic achievement by Law 204 of 17/02/1992. The CILS covers 4 levels: ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR. It is not necessary to have obtained lower levels of the CILS to attempt the attainment of a higher level. Our school is an authorized CILS Examination Center. A fee is charged for sitting the examination.

PREPARATORY FOR CELI AND PLIDA CERTIFICATIONS.

PREPARATORY 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.

CULTURE AND ART HISTORY. While learning about the most important architectural styles and artistic works, the student will be offered guided visits to the most important monuments in the city. (Level: Intermediate and Advanced).

PREPARATORY FOR DESIGN & FASHION SCHOOLS. These courses aim to prepare students who will attend design or fashion schools: they provide them with a solid knowledge of the language and a specific vocabulary related to these fields. They consist of 4 lessons of Italian language plus 2 lessons on the language of design and fashion, every day.

PREPARATORY FOR OPERA SINGERS AND "CANTO LIRICO" STUDENTS. The main goal is to help Opera students and singers to get in touch with Italian Opera. This course will facilitate the reading of Opera librettos in Italian and provide the instruments for a better interpretation of texts. As there is a wide gap between the Italian language for communication and melodrama, that employs specific stylistic features, the lessons dedicated to the analysis of librettos will be associated to a course of Italian communication.

PREPARATORY FOR DITALS CERTIFICATIONS. DITALS is a Certification in Italian Language Teaching Competence for teachers (or prospective teachers) of Italian as a foreign language. DITALS is issued by the DITALS Centre of the University for Foreigners of Siena. DITALS Certificates are graded according to levels of competence, allowing students to prepare for the level which best suits their professional needs. There are 3 levels of DITALS (DITALS BASE, DITALS Level I, DITALS Level II).