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
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Istituto Dante Alighieri, with more than 90 years experience (founded in 1923), is recognized and acclaimed in Italy and throughout the world.

The school is an authorized CILS Examination Center, closely cooperates with the "DITALS Center" of the University for Foreigners of Siena and with important Italian Academic Institutes for Music, Arts, Fashion and Design.

All year round Istituto Dante Alighieri organizes a wide range of Italian language courses for foreigners to suit almost every need. Our school is staffed by mother tongue professionals, certified teachers of Italian L2 and with a long and specific experience.



Our **DIDACTIC METHOD** is the result of many years experience in teaching Italian to non-native speakers and even if the approach is strictly communicative, the student is encouraged to express himself while considering the linguistic and grammatical characteristics of the Italian Language. The aim is to develop a broad range of skills, but in particular fluency of expression and grammatical accuracy, enabling the student to interact in situations both in daily life and the working world. Our **CERTIFICATE OF STUDIES** is calibrated on the CEFR levels: (A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2).

An initial placement test, taken before the course begins, establishes the student's **LEVEL OF ITALIAN**. At the end of the course, students are tested in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

A "**CERTIFICATE OF STUDIES**" is given to the students who have passed the **EXAM** and have previously paid the required fee.

Our **STAFF** are very friendly and the school offers a full range of services designed to make your experience with us useful and stimulating. They do their best to:

- provide all documents for the **STUDENT VISA**
- help you make the arrangements for your accommodation
- organize social activities outside the school accompanied by teachers: visits to museums, excursions, ethnic dinners, films with didactic activities.

The **SCHOOL** has modern, bright rooms equipped with air conditioning. All rooms have wi fi connection, CD and DVD players, LIM Interactive board.

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THE SCHOOL OFFERS THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN COURSES:

STANDARD A/ STANDARD B	2,3,4 weeks - 4/12 students - different levels - 1/2 teachers
STANDARD A PLUS	1, 2, 3, 4 weeks - 4/12 students - different levels - 2 teachers + individual lessons
3 MONTHS	12 weeks - 6/12 students - different levels - 2 teachers
LONG TERM	24 weeks - 6/12 students - different levels - 2 teachers
ACADEMIC YEAR	36 weeks - 6/12 students - different levels - 2 teachers
TWICE A WEEK	15 weeks - 4/8 students - different levels
SEMI-INTENSIVE STANDARD & BUSINESS ITALIAN	1, 2, 3 weeks - max. 3 students - different levels - 2 teachers
INTENSIVE STANDARD & BUSINESS ITALIAN	1, 2, 3 weeks - max. 3 students - different levels - 2/3 teachers
ONE TO ONE STANDARD & BUSINESS ITALIAN	Personalized programme
PREPARATORY FOR UNIVERSITY	4, 6 weeks - 2/4 students - 2/3 teachers
PREPARATORY FOR DESIGN & FASHION SCHOOLS	3 weeks - 3/7 students - 2/3 teachers
PREPARATORY FOR OPERA SINGERS AND "CANTO LIRICO" STUDENTS + ITALIAN LANGUAGE	2, 3, 4 weeks - 3/5 students
PREPARATORY FOR CILS, CELI, PLIDA CERTIFICATIONS	3 weeks - 3/6 students

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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).

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Levels



PRE-BEGINNER The student can recognize familiar words and very basic statements concerning him/herself, the family and immediate concrete surroundings. He/she can use single phrases and sentences in areas of immediate need, can write a short postcard, fill in a form with personal details, can ask and answer simple questions.

A1 - BEGINNER The student can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and simple sentences aimed at the satisfaction of concrete needs. He/she can introduce him/herself and others, ask and answer questions about personal details, people, places and things. He/she can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks clearly and slowly and helps.

A2 - ELEMENTARY The student can understand simple and frequently used phrases and expressions, related to areas of most immediate personal relevance; he/she can read very short and simple texts (such as advertisements, prospectuses, personal letters), can communicate simple and routine tasks, can handle very short social exchanges, can describe aspects of his/her background and job, as well as the environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

B1 - INTERMEDIATE The student can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure etc. He/she can understand texts consisting mainly of high frequency/job-related language. He/she can deal with most situations likely to arise in an area where the language is spoken, can write simple connected texts on different topics, describe experiences and events, can give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

B2 - UPPER INTERMEDIATE The student can understand extended speech and texts on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. He/she can read articles and reports regarding contemporary problems, can understand contemporary literary prose. He/she can write clear and detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to his/her field of interest. He/she can speak with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible, can explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

C1 - ADVANCED The student can understand extended speech, long and complex factual and literary texts, most TV programmes and films without too much effort. He/she can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously, can use the language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. He/she can present clear, detailed descriptions of complex subjects, produce clear, well-structured, detailed texts of different kinds in an assured, personal and appropriate style.

C2 - MASTERY The student has no difficulty in understanding any kind of spoken language and can read with ease virtually all forms of the written language. He/she can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. He/she has a good familiarity with idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms, can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely. He/she can present a clear description or argument in a style appropriate to the context, always differentiating the finer shades of meaning.

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Student Visa & Accommodation

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING STUDENT VISA ISSUED BY ITALIAN CONSULATES

Documents necessary for obtaining a STUDENT VISA (to be presented to the Italian Consulate abroad)

- Passport valid at least 6 months over the planned stay in Italy
- Identification document
- Airline reservation or tickets
- One passport size photograph
- Certificate of Residence or equivalent
- Certificate of School or Italian University (in which it must be expressed that the student is enrolled, the type of course, the duration, starting date and complete address of the school)
- Invoice of payment
- Economic Security: equivalent to a minimum of € 800,00/900,00 per month during the stay.
- Copy of payment of INA ASSITALIA (Health Insurance): 6 months (€ 71,00) : 12 months (€ 120,00)

Please remember that the Visa must be requested personally with all original documents and photocopies, and that the response may require up to 30 days depending on the nationality of the student.

OTHER INFORMATION

For information about the procedures to be followed during the stay in Italy please visit the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: WWW.ESTERI.IT and/or the "Portale Immigrazione" website: WWW.PORTALEIMMIGRAZIONE.IT.

ACCOMMODATION

Our school has full-time staff in charge of accommodation and welfare. We will do our best to provide the information you need and help make the arrangements for any form of accommodation you may choose.

All the accommodation options are connected to the school by public transport. Here are the different types of accommodation: Apartment (independent or shared), Bed & Breakfast, Hotel.



- Apartment (independent): small furnished one bedroom apartments with bathroom and equipped with cooking facilities.
- Apartment (shared): furnished apartments with living-room, kitchen, two single or double bedrooms, bathroom, washing machine.
- Bed & Breakfast: rooms are carefully selected to meet a high standard of professional hospitality. Breakfast is served each morning. Most rooms have a private bathroom.
- Hotel: 3/4 star hotels with small apartments for 1 or 2 persons, with private bathroom, television, telephone and air conditioning.

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