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ITALIAN LANGUAGE  
AND CULTURE SCHOOL  
FOR FOREIGNERS



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# Our school

L'Italiano Porticando is a school teaching exclusively Italian for foreigners. Founded in 2005 by three partners – Rosaria, Laura and Caterina – the school aims to introduce Turin and Piedmont, through their rich history, art, culture and nature, to all those who love Italy and the Italian language. This is also the reason for the school's motto "learn Italian while walking under Turin's arcades".

## THE SCHOOL'S LOCATION

L'Italiano Porticando is located in the historic city centre of Turin, in a beautiful 19th century building, a stone's throw from Piazza Castello, Piazza Solferino and the main monuments and museums of the city.

## A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT TO LEARN ITALIAN

The school has eight bright and inviting classrooms equipped with central heating in winter and air conditioning in summer. Our comfortable "salottino" is a place where students can stop for a coffee, have lunch, study or just relax. There is also a small library of books and DVDs available for those who want to further explore what they have learnt during class.

## QUALITY IN TEACHING AND INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION TO THE STUDENT

L'Italiano Porticando is part of ASILS, association of schools of Italian as a second language, which guarantees high quality of teaching and services in the associated schools. Our teachers are experts in teaching Italian to foreigners through dynamic interaction and communication. From the first day at the school, our students, from all around the world and of all CEFR levels, learn to communicate and to handle daily life situations in Italian.

## DISCOVER TURIN WITH THE SCHOOL

Get to know Turin, its surroundings and the cuisine of Piedmont with our extracurricular activities arranged throughout the year. The school organizes excursions, visits to museums and Royal palaces, wine and chocolate tastings, and cooking classes. You'll be accompanied by local guides and professionals, who will make you fall in love with Turin and Piedmont and **speak Italian!**


















A complete offer of courses and services in a city ready to surprise you!



# TURIN – THE CITY THAT SURPRISES

When someone asks us to define Turin, we say, that Turin is a city full of surprises! Founded during the Roman epoch, Turin reached the height of its splendor during the Baroque period under the House of Savoy. Being the cradle of the Risorgimento and the first capital of Italy from 1861 to 1864, the city continued to grow in the nineteenth century to become one of Italy's most important industrial centres in the twentieth century. Modern Turin has a lot to offer its visitors: from the multiple Royal Residences of the Royal House of Savoy, UNESCO heritage, to important museums such as The National Museum of Cinema, the National Automobile Museum and the Egyptian Museum of Turin as well as modern art exhibitions, museums and cultural events. Turin is a city in constant movement, surprising with new initiatives and always on the cutting edge of creativity and dynamism. Contrary to many people's expectations, Turin promotes numerous sustainability projects, which make it one of the greenest cities of Italy.

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# COURSES FOR ALL NEEDS ...

L'italiano Porticando offers a vast variety of Italian language courses to foreigners of all ages and from all over the world. Our students study Italian because of their passion for Italy and the language, to prepare for university studies in Italy, for their career, for love, or because they have moved to Italy with their family. Our courses are organized to cater for all levels of the CEFR (from A1 to C2).

The teaching method used by our school is based on the communicative teaching method. We aim first to develop the student's communication skills and then at the elimination of mistakes. In fact, Italian is the only language spoken at school from the first day!

## STANDARD COURSES

Italian standard courses are intensive classes in groups of max. 8 people. You can choose between 15 or 20 hours of classes per week. The classes are held in the morning and can last from 1 to 4 weeks (per level), to several months. The starting date for all levels is the first Monday of the month. Students who already have knowledge of the Italian language can take an entry test and join the course on a different date.

### STANDARD COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The school grants special discounts to university students who hand in a copy of their university card when they sign up for, at least, a 2 week standard course.

### 90+ LONG TERM STANDARD COURSES (Suitable to apply for study Visa)

Students wanting to come to Italy for more than 90 days, can apply for a study visa, if they sign up for an Italian standard course with 20 hours study visa per week. The starting dates are those of the standard courses. The school offers support regarding the choice of the course and the visa application procedure.

### EVENING STANDARD COURSES

L'italiano Porticando organizes regularly evening courses for those who live, study or work in Turin. Our evening courses have starting dates from the middle of September till the middle of May and take place 2 evenings per week. These courses are structured in 30 hours modules, lasting about 8 weeks.



## TAILOR-MADE COURSES

### INDIVIDUAL COURSES

Individual courses are made for people who want to study Italian with a flexible schedule and programme tailored to their needs. Individual courses can be **intensive** for those who are in Turin for a short period of time, or **long-term** for those who live here. Individual courses are also perfect for people who want to study Italian for work.

### SMALL GROUP COURSES

Courses in small groups are designed for friends, family or colleagues with the same knowledge of the Italian language. The course has the flexibility of an individual course and can be arranged, for a group of 2-4 students, both as an intensive or a long-term course.

## COMBINED COURSES

Our combined courses allow the student to have a standard course in the morning combined with individual classes (every day), a cultural course or conversation classes in the afternoon (twice a week). Combined courses are useful for those who want to delve deeper into what they've learnt during morning classes, to fill gaps in their knowledge of the language or to enrich their Italian with cultural or professional knowledge.

### STANDARD + INDIVIDUAL (15/20 + 5)

The afternoon private lessons give the student an opportunity to work on their own personal problems with the Italian language or just to improve conversation skills.

### STANDARD + BUSINESS ITALIAN (15/20 + 5)

This combined course is for those who need to study Italian for work. During the individual afternoon classes the student will improve their Italian and learn new vocabulary in a specific field of expertise (correspondence, medical terminology, jurisprudence, trade...). *Suitable for at least A2/B1 level students.*

### STANDARD + CONVERSATION (15/20 + 3)

This combined course is perfect for those who wish to dedicate more time to Italian speaking practice. Conversation classes are held twice a week in the afternoon, and focus on improving conversational capabilities with the help of topics such as the latest news, society, politics etc. This course is a perfect opportunity to learn how to express opinions in Italian, expand your vocabulary and overcome your fear of speaking Italian. *Suitable for at least A2 level students.*

### STANDARD + ITALIAN LITERATURE (15/20 + 3)

A course designed especially for those who love reading and would like to get to know the most celebrated writers and authors of Italian literature and of authors who lived and created in Piedmont. Twice a week, for an hour and a half, our students will read and analyze together with the teacher some of the most notable works of Italian writers. *Suitable for at least B1 level students.*



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**STANDARD + ITALIAN CINEMA**  
(15/20 + 3)

Turin is where Italian cinema was born. This cultural course gives an opportunity to get to know some of the films which have been fundamental for Italy's cinema history from the 1960's until today. The students will watch the most significant scenes of some Italian films, and discuss and share opinions about them with fellow students and the teacher. *A course suitable for at least B1 level students.*

**STANDARD + ITALIAN ARCHITECTURE** (15/20 + 3)

Italy is famous for its architecture. This cultural course surveys the most important architectural styles of Italy. *Suitable for at least A2/B1 level students.*

**STANDARD + HISTORY OF TURIN** (15/20 + 3)

Studying Italian in Turin means also to hear the story it has to tell you. This course will introduce you to the history of the city from the Roman Empire to the Baroque period, to Italian New Gothic and to modern times. *Suitable for at least A2 level students.*

**STANDARD + ITALIAN ART**  
(15/20 + 3)

When you say Italy, you think about its rich artistic heritage. Our History of Art course will introduce students to the greatest Italian artists and their works. Together with the teacher, you will discover Italian Art and learn how to speak about it. *Suitable for at least A2 level students.*

**STANDARD + ITALIAN MUSIC**  
(15/20 + 3)

Italian music is not only Italian Opera, but also the popular Italian music known all over the world. Our Italian music course will focus on the greatest Italian singers, songwriters and their songs from the 1960's until today. And if you sing along, you'll see how easy it is to learn Italian! *Suitable for at least A2 level students.*

**STANDARD + .... TANGO!**

This may be quite surprising, but Turin is the Italian capital of the Argentine Tango! This combined course is made for those who want to study Italian in the morning and have fun at night, having the opportunity to meet Italians who love Tango! Tango classes are held in one of the most famous schools of Turin, and it's a great chance to practice Italian outside the classroom.

**50+ COURSES FOR 50+, NEVER STOP LEARNING**

Students over 50 often prefer to attend an Italian language course together with people of the same age, who share the same interests. *Those with at least level A2*, can sign up for our 50+ Italian course and discover Turin and Piedmont while speaking Italian. The course programme includes Italian classes in the morning and activities in the afternoon, such as an outing to discover the Royal Residences of the Savoy Family, an excursion to a natural park near Turin or a visit to a vineyard with wine and local product tastings.



**ONLINE – DISTANT BUT TOGETHER**

If you don't have much time to attend an Italian language course in your home country or have had a great experience at L'Italiano Porticando and want to continue to study from home, you can sign up for our online Italian courses via Skype or Zoom. For years our school has been successfully organizing online courses for students from all over the world and with different needs. Even at a distance, the student will get the teacher's full attention, with a feeling of being in the classroom in Italy among other students.

**INDIVIDUAL ONLINE COURSES**

Individual online courses are a perfect option for a student who doesn't have much time to attend classes in person and prefers to focus on his own linguistic needs. Upon agreement with the school and the teacher, it's possible to arrange Italian classes with a tailor-made programme (conversation, grammar or both) and schedule.

**SMALL GROUP ONLINE COURSES**

Small group online courses are a great solution for two or more students of the same level who want to study Italian online together in a group. The classes are scheduled and organized to suit the students' needs.

**NON-INTENSIVE ONLINE STANDARD COURSES**

Those who want to study Italian at home with other students of the same level, can check the starting dates for non-intensive online standard courses on our website. These online courses are divided into modules of 30 hours each, with classes twice a week in the morning or in the evening, and are organized for all levels.

**ONLINE CULTURAL COURSES**

Everybody misses Italy when back home, but with our online cultural courses it's now possible to bring Italy to you. Online cultural courses about the History of Italian Art, Italian architecture or the History of Turin allow our students to discover new aspects of Italy and Italian culture with a group of people from all over the world. Check our website for the starting dates!

**ONLINE CONVERSATION CLASSES**

With L'Italiano Porticando you can practice Italian conversation from home by signing up for an online group class with other students. During our weekly online conversation classes students will talk about current events, politics, culture and many other topics, share their opinions and improve their Italian speaking skills.

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATION EXAMS**

There are several internationally recognized language certification exams in Italy: **CELI** (University for Foreigners of Perugia), **CILS** (University for Foreigners of Siena) and **PLIDA** (Società Dante Alighieri). Language proficiency tests are very helpful for those who want to study at an Italian university, apply for a job in Italy or for those who would just like to certify their proficiency after months or years of studying Italian. The school regularly organizes exam preparatory courses in group or one-to-one classes. Students are accompanied from the moment of registration for the exam to the day of the test. The preparatory courses are held during the months before the official exam dates.

L'Italiano Porticando is an accredited CELI Exam centre (University for Foreigners of Perugia). Check our website for exam dates and registration.

## 🏢 COURSES FOR COMPANIES

L'Italiano Porticando offers Italian language courses at all levels to foreign employees of companies located in Turin and surroundings. These courses aim to integrate foreign employees into working and social life in Italy. According to the student's level of knowledge and to the requests of the company and the student, the teacher will also focus on the development of special job related terminology. Company courses can be either private lessons, courses in small groups or group courses and can be organized either as intensive courses or as long-term courses. The course programme and duration can be established between the school and the company. The classes can be held either at the school or at the company's location.

## 📌 SPECIAL TOPIC COURSES TO DISCOVER TURIN

Our special topic courses last 1 week and combine a standard course in the morning (3 or 4 hrs/day) with extracurricular activities and cultural courses in the afternoon, dedicated to different topics of Italian culture and cuisine.

### 📌 ITALIAN AND ITALY'S UNIFICATION

Turin was the first capital of Unified Italy and it hosts many of the Italian "Risorgimento's" key-places. This course takes place the first week of each month and combines a language course, a history class, linked with visits to the Risorgimento's historical palaces and a famous café frequented in the past by the leaders of the Risorgimento.

### 🏙️ ITALIAN IN MODERN TURIN

Since the 1980's Turin has gone through a lot of changes, overcoming the image of an industrial center of Italy. Turin has become a city with new urban parks, sustainable architecture and post-industrial buildings, which nowadays host multiple cultural events. The course is held every second week of the month and combines a standard course in the morning (3 or 4 hrs/day) with an introductory class in the afternoon as well as visits to some parks and buildings of modern Turin.

### 🍷 ITALIAN FOR GOURMETS

What is the best way to learn Italian, if not through the pleasure of tasting local food and wine? Each third week of the month the school offers its students the chance to take part in gastronomic activities to get to know the Piedmont cuisine. After their morning classes the participants can enjoy Turin's famous aperitivo, learn how to cook typical Piedmont dishes, taste wines of the territory and Turin's chocolate specialties.

### 🚗 ITALIAN IN ITALY'S MOTOR CITY

Those who decide to study Italian in Turin, the city where the Italian automotive industry was born, cannot ignore this aspect of the city's history. The fourth week of each month is dedicated to the history of FIAT. While the morning classes are dedicated to language, in the afternoon students will learn more about the topic during an introductory course. The course includes a visit to an exhibition dedicated to the iconic FIAT 500 at FIAT'S first headquarters Lingotto, and a visit to the National Automobile museum of Turin. The students will have the opportunity to retrace the history of the automobile and to discover such treasures as restored vintage vehicles.



## 🚶 OUTDOOR CONVERSATION CLASSES IN TURIN

Can't decide whether to visit Turin or to take an Italian language course? Our Italian outdoor conversation classes are perfect for those who want to get to know Turin and in the meantime practice their Italian with a teacher: a great chance to **take a one and a half hour walk** per day to discover Turin, speaking exclusively Italian. *These classes are suitable for at least A2 level students.*



## 🍷 BAGNA CAUDA; BAROLO, GIANDUJA & CO.: DISCOVERING THE TASTE OF PIEDMONT

Each Italian region has its own specialties. However, those who come to Piedmont cannot help falling in love with the local cuisine, with its wines and of course with Turin's famous chocolate. Each month L'Italiano Porticando offers the possibility to learn about Piedmont's gastronomic culture, a chance to discover new tastes and speak Italian!

### 🍷 WINE AND LOCAL PRODUCT TASTINGS

Everybody knows that Barolo is the king of wines, but visitors to Piedmont learn very soon that there are also many other important wines here! Wine tastings organized by the school are a chance to spend a relaxing evening in a winery in the historic city centre of Turin to discover local wines, cheeses and cold meats. A sommelier will speak about Piedmont's famous vineyards and give advice on wine pairing.

### 👨‍🍳 PIEDMONT CUISINE COOKING CLASS

Love for Piedmont is experienced through its cuisine. Get to know typical Piedmont dishes with our cooking classes with a professional cook. Students will discover the local specialties from appetizers to desserts. During the class, the cook will reveal all the tips and tricks to prepare the dishes, giving advice on possible food pairings. A dinner and conversation in Italian will be the perfect ending to the evening.

### 🍫 CHOCOLATE TASTING

Turin is the perfect destination for a sweet tooth, as Turin's master chocolatiers can boast a rich tradition of chocolate making. Chocolate tasting is one of the most popular activities of our students, who are always curious to taste all the delicacies that Piedmont can offer.

## 🏠 ITALIAN LANGUAGE VACATIONS FOR GROUPS

L'Italiano Porticando has been offering for years special Italian language holiday courses for organized groups (People's universities, universities of the third age, foreign universities and schools...), with the possibility to combine Italian language classes and cultural activities aimed at introducing Turin and Piedmont to their visitors. Upon request L'Italiano Porticando offers Italian courses packages, including morning classes and afternoon activities or all-inclusive packages (Italian morning classes, excursions, accommodation, dinners, etc.), which will turn the visit to Turin and Piedmont into a real language holiday experience. Contact the school to learn more about possible destinations, from the Langhe and the Olympic Valleys to Lake Maggiore.

## 🏠 A FLEXIBLE OFFER: LEARN ITALIAN AT HOME

L'Italiano Porticando comes to you: those who have a house in Piedmont (e.g. in Monferrato or in the Langa) can request a customized Italian language course at home.

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# COURSES FOR KIDS, TEENS AND JUNIORS

## SUMMER CITY CAMP FOR KIDS (7-11 YEARS OLD) AND TEENS (11-15 YEARS OLD)

Apart from Italian language courses for adults, L'Italiano Porticando proposes every July one or two week Italian language **courses for kids and teens: a full immersion in the Italian language**, where the kids and teens will feel at ease learning Italian during their language classes in the morning, and the afternoon activities to discover Turin and the Italian way of life. Day after day they will improve their language skills such as listening comprehension and their ability to manage everyday situations in Italian.

A team of experienced mother-tongue teachers and activity leaders will take care of the children's welfare, guaranteeing supervision during their morning classes, as well as during lunch and all leisure activities in the afternoon.



## JUNIOR SUMMER SCHOOL (16-18 YEARS OLD)

During the last two weeks of July the school organizes Italian language courses for young learners (16 to 18 years). In addition to their Italian language classes in the morning, the students will have the opportunity to participate in our cultural activities 3 afternoons per week. These activities are designed for students to get to know Turin and its surroundings while speaking Italian.



## ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES FOR KIDS AND TEENS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Upon request, it's possible to set up Italian language courses for kids and teens as individual or small-group classes throughout the year. The course programme will be tailor-made according to the age and the needs of the student. The classes will be held by our mother-tongue teacher expert in teaching Italian to children in an engaging and fun way.



## WHERE TO STAY IN TURIN?

Students coming to Turin can search for accommodation themselves or make use of the free service provided by the school, which helps its students to find a suitable accommodation solution:

### HOMESTAY – a perfect way to practice Italian outside the classroom and to get to know the Italian way of life.

The school collaborates with multiple host families renting a room in their apartments to the students willing to practice their Italian also outside the classroom. It's possible to choose a room with self-catering, a room with breakfast or a room with half-board. All our host families are carefully chosen and can be easily reached on foot or by public transportation.

### INDEPENDENT APARTMENTS

Thanks to our collaboration with different agencies, it's possible to rent short-term apartments. All apartments are situated in the centre of Turin, in a perfect position to reach the school and visit the city.

### HOTEL/HOSTEL/B&B

For those who want to stay in the centre of Turin near the school, there are hotels, hostels and B&B's for all tastes and budgets. Upon your request, the school will find the right option for you.

## REGISTRATION

Contact us at [info@italianoporticando.com](mailto:info@italianoporticando.com) to get more information about registration, or visit the website of the school [www.italianoporticando.com](http://www.italianoporticando.com) to sign up for a course, by clicking on "Registration" and filling in the online form.

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## TURIN IS FOR EVERYONE! The city in numbers...

- More than 50 national and international museums
- 22 Royal Palaces and historic houses and palaces
- About 320 km of tree-lined avenues, 50 parks and 5 river parks
- 1 hour away from the mountains with multiple hiking trails and climbing sites and less than 90 minutes from the skiing resorts in the Western Alps.
- About 80 km away from the breathtaking vineyard landscapes of the Langhe and Monferrato, UNESCO heritage
- A stone's throw from Lake Orta and Lake Maggiore
- Strategically positioned to reach the Ligurian Sea, Milan, Genoa and Florence, even in a day trip!



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