





LINGUA & CULTURA MADE IN ITALY



Learn Italian in Reggio Emilia







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THE SCHOOL

Reggio Lingua is a specialized language center for teaching Italian language and culture to people of all ages and nationalities. It is an official site for the CELI Certification Exam, authorized by the University for Foreigners, Perugia and a member of ASILS and EDUITA-LIA.



We organize Italian language courses for groups, individuals, and businesses (for managers, technicians and employees), as well as for high school and university groups, homestay programs at the teacher's home, and Italian language courses in preparation for the CELI exams.



The Italian language courses are offered year round. They are organized by level, with a limited number of students in each class to encourage the students' active participation and to provide a peaceful, relaxed working environment.



In addition to our Italian language courses, the centre also offers italian cooking courses, literature seminars and othercourses for art lovers. It offers the possibility to meet new people, with organized evenings in local hot spots, afternoons making homemade pasta, trips to trade fairs, guided tours of the town, nature hikes, as well as visits to local wineries and cheese and balsamic vinegar producers.



Reggio Lingua is a small school located in an ancient building near the old city center and close to the train station, as well as many beautiful locations in Reggio Emilia. The classes are held in comfortable, welllighted and air-conditioned classrooms equipped with audiovisuals and wifi. There is also an area for Internet use and we provide a wide variety of books, magazines and films that offer students the possibility to enhance their study of the Italian language and culture.



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An effective, participatory method

Our method is based on a communicative-situational approach that aims to acquire communicative competence through the promotion of four basic skills simultaneously (the ability to listen, speak, read, and write in order to understand and be understood), as outlined by the Council of Europe in the Common European Framework of Reference.

The small classes are limited to 3-8 people, to allow for active participation by all students and to encourage a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere.

The students will participate actively, creating a welcoming, informal and relaxed atmosphere. Our goal is to teach the living, up-to-date language and to spread Italian culture through role-playing and dramatization activities, discussions on current topics and films, analysis of literary texts and newspaper articles, and listening to songs. In order to put into practice what has been learned in the classroom, lessons include interviews with Reggio's inhabitants and excursions to the market, local shops, travel agencies, museums and other locations.



Students will be given a test upon arrival to assess the student's knowledge of Italian in order to form homogeneous classes.

- BEGINNER ITALIAN (A1): for beginning Italian students with no previous knowledge of the language. Aim: to be able to use Italian in simple, everyday living situations.
- ELEMENTARY ITALIAN (A2): for students who already have a beginner level of Italian grammar structures. Aim: to be able to express oneself in different contexts through a deeper understanding of grammar and vocabulary.
- INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN (B1 B2): for those students who have a good vocabulary base and a good knowledge of the language's structure. Aim: to be able to have a fluent, correct conversation in order to properly express an opinion on current topics. - ADVANCED LEVEL (C1 - C2): for those students who have already mastered Italian but wish to express themselves in a more correct and suitable fashion. Particular attention will be given to written expression and to different aspects of the language









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according to the student's interests.

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The staff

Reggio Lingua was created by Paola Garofoli e Daniela Vezzani, two instructors with degrees in Modern Foreign Languages and Literature who share a passion for teaching and a desire to promote knowledge about the Italian culture worldwide.



All our instructors are certified, experienced mother-tongue Italian speakers. They have experience teaching Italian at home and abroad, and speak one or more foreign languages.

They are flexible, available, and always ready to help students with any requests.



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ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Reggio Lingua organizes flexible Italian language courses for students of all levels. We always strive to respect the needs of our students and to organize courses to accommodate them.

Our offerings include group and personalized private lessons, preparatory courses for the CELI exams, intensive homestay programs, seminars in literature and art history, and art workshops. We give special attention to courses for businesses, held either on site or at Reggio Lingua. We are highly experienced in organizing specialinterest courses, such as the widely popular Italian language and cooking course.





Group lessons

Students can choose 20, 40, 60, or 80 hours of lessons. Each lesson lasts 55 minutes.

Courses can be intensive (Monday-Friday, 4 hours per day) or more protracted.

Before the beginning of the course students will take a test to evaluate their knowledge of Italian in order to form homogeneous classes.

The classes are small, with a minimum of 3 students and a maximum of 8, to encourage learning and participation and to create a pleasant, relaxed, informal atmosphere.

At the end of each didactic unit, students will be given a test to systematically evaluate progress. At the end of each course students will take a final exam to pass to the next level.





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Private one to one lessons

For students wanting a personalized, flexible course, Reggio Lingua organizes private lessons. Students can choose 20, 30, 40 or 50 hours of lessons with a weekly schedule adapted to the individual student's needs.







Preparation for the CELI exams

Reggio Lingua is one of the exam centers for CELI (Certification of Italian as a Foreign Language) and it is authorized by the University for Foreigners in Perugia. At Reggio Lingua is, therefore, possible to enrol to exams of all the levels based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages by the Council of Europe and recognized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reggio Lingua preparatory courses for the exams

The courses use practice tests (from previous vears) to simulate real examinations at the test centers. In the courses, you will have practice in all the major linguistic and communicative proficiency areas:

- listening
- reading comprehension
- written communication
- speaking
- knowledge of the Italian language and structure

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Learn Italian in Italy at the teacher's home: one-to-one homestay programs

One of our teachers will host the student and will be at his/her disposal not only to offer regular Italian language tutorials, but also to promote the different aspects of local culture and Italian family life. During this one-to-one Italian tutorial at a qualified Italian teacher's home, the student will have the opportunity to partecipate in the Italian tutor's social and family life and will therefore be able to learn Italian in every moment of the day, casually chatting with his/hes teacher or teacher's family, going to the cinema or theatre, visiting friends or shopping.

This is the ideal solution for those who need to learn as much as possible in a short period of time and for those interested in having direct contact with our country's family life and culture without language barriers.

This one-to-one homestay program also offers the advantage of flexible scheduling, and a custom program coordinated by the teacher and student together. The student will have a private bedroom and, when possible, a private bathroom. The rest of the house will be shared with the Italian host family. Italian tutors are carefully selected and constantly monitored.







Learn Italian in Italy at the teacher's home: where?

One-to-one homestay programs at the teacher's home offer a wide variety of locations and teachers to choose from .

- Reggio Emilia
- Como
- **Palermo**
- Roma
- Bologna
- **Pontremoli**
- **Procida**
- Sarzana





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SPECIAL ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Our small school organizes language stays for university and high school groups for one or more weeks. Students stay with carefully selected, local host families providing breakfast or half board. In addition to Italian language courses, the program provides conversational exchanges with other youth, activities tailored to the students' ages and interests, excursions and quided tours.



Study Abroad Programs for high school groups

The program includes 20 hours of language instruction, guided tours to various cities, conversational exchanges with other students, tours of Parmesan cheese and balsamic vinegar producers, tours to the Ferrari factory in Maranello or the Ducati plant in Bologna, etc.



Study Abroad Programs for university groups

Programs can be tailored to fulfill university requirements. Some suggestions: workshops with students and seminars with professors at the University of Reggio Emilia, tours of various cities like Florence, Venice, Bologna etc., tours of the Reggio Emilia preschools and other schools (with the possibility of a brief internship in primary schools), tour of the International "Loris Malaguzzi" Center and the ReMida Creative Recycling Center and of local cooperatives, businesses, and wine, Parmesan cheese or balsamic vinegar producers.







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Local Emilian cookery course

The school holds one week cookery classes on local Emilian cuisine with approximately 3 hours lessons per day, from Monday to Friday. Students are taught how to make homemade pasta and the secrets to preparing traditional Reggio Emilia dishes: stuffed pasta, for example tortelli, cappelletti, lasagne, local erbazzone spinach pie, a variety of sauces and beef and chicken main courses without forgetting traditional desserts, torta di riso, zuppa inglese, tiramisù, and ciambella. Students will also enjoy eating the food they have prepared together. The course includes tours of local Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, Balsamic Vinegar, Prosciutto ham and Lambrusco wine producers where students can sample and really appreciate the famous genuine specialities of the Emilia region.

Also available on request, one day cookery courses where students learn to prepare a classic 3 course Emilian meal.



Conducted in English or Italian, the courses are set on a holiday farm near Reggio offering optional board and lodging. It is located 4 kms from the center of Reggio Emilia and is easily reached by bus or bicycle. During your stay, the owners can offer many possible activities such as: golf, horseback riding, mountain biking, and nature hikes through the Reggiana hills. Italian lessons are available upon request. The cookery lessons can also be combined with an Italian language course held on the holiday farm or at Reggio Lingua.

Restaurant in the hills

The course is conducted in Italian in a restaurant in the hills to the south of the city with accommodation available in several local B&Bs. Situated 20 km from the centre of the city the area is of great historic and natural interest. Visitors also have the opportunity to explore the castles of Canossa and Rossena, take wonderful walks to age-old stone hamlets and ancient churches, fish in mountain torrents and visit local folk festivals and celebrations. The cookery lessons can also be combined with an Italian language course held locally or in Reggio Lingua. A car is recommended to get around.









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Talking, tasting and travelling

In order to bring the student into closer contact with Italian reality and everyday life, Reggio Lingua conducts a range of educational activities away from the classroom. Carried out under the guidance of a tutor, these activities encourage students to use their Italian in a practical satisfying manner by learning new words and linguistic structures to be put immediately into practice in day-to-day situations. Participants soon become familiar with the artistic heritage and cultural traditions of Italy and together explore the most characteristic places, and the way of life, of the city they are staying in.



The activity takes the form of a 2 hour Italian lesson held outside the classroom in the countryside where students walk and talk with a tutor. This alternative technique not only creates an interesting speaking situation but is also a simple, yet very effective way of, learning. The school proposes several itineraries through the city and its surroundings where students can practice useful shopping expressions and learn new vocabulary, everyday language and natural idiomatic Italian.

Talking and tasting: **Food Valley**

The student is invited to spend an afternoon with the tutor, speaking Italian and sampling traditional products. The experience is held on a nearby farm and includes demonstrations of local production methods and the opportunity to taste specialities.

Talking and Travelling: Curiosities and gems of the Emilia

The student is invited to spend half a day with the tutor speaking Italian and visiting important historic and artistic sites in the surrounding area of Reggio Emilia. The afternoon, spent entirely in Italian, might include visiting a city of art or another place of historic or cultural importance.











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LIVING IN REGGIO EMILIA

Reggio Emilia is a small, accessible town in the heart of Emilia Romagna that has topped the national charts in Italy for quality of life.

It is an ideal city for learning Italian, easy to get around by any means of transportation, with plenty of social life and recreational activities for leisure time.

It is rated among the top Italian cities for services, employment, and work opportunities in many industrial sectors.

We offer our students free assistance in finding accommodations.

We are happy to help students get involved in all the city has to offer, and to organize extracurricular activities giving students the opportunity to get to know each other and to practice Italian in their free time .









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Reggio Emilia is a perfect small city for a pleasant study vacation or business trip.

- Reggio Emilia is a very lively town that offers a wide range of cultural activities year round, from ballet to opera, jazz concerts to ethnic or classical music, and evenings at poetry readings or cabarets to those spent in little antique markets. Let's not forget theatre performances, activities for children, festivals with typical folk dances, feasts celebrating historical events, fairs and various celebrations in and around the city. Reggio Emilia has something for everyone.
- Reggio Emilia boasts an important and interesting historical heritage. It is the seat of the "Tricolore" Museum. It was Reggio Emilia that first adopted the "Tricolore", which then became the national flag.
- Reggio Emilia is conveniently located for tourists. From here you can make day-trips to Parma, Modena, Bologna, Florence, Mantua, Ferrara, Padua, Ravenna, Venice, Verona, and Milan. Both the Mediterranean and Adriatic coasts can be easily reached as well as Lake Garda.
- Nature hikes in the nearby Apennines or along the Po River can satisfy any active person's desires.

Reggio Emilia has a very famous cooking tradition including tortelli, cappelletti, and lasagne among its dishes. Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, Lambrusco wine, and balsamic vinegar are always highlighted in the local dishes.

- Reggio Emilia is renowned for the hospitality and warmth of its people.
- Reggio Emilia is the seat of Reggio Children, the international center for the defense and development of the rights and potential of children.
- The Reggio Children nursery and preschool system of education is studied worldwide, and respected for its pedagogic method and level of quality.









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Leisure time activities

The school organizes extracurricular activities, giving students the opportunity to get to know each other and to practice Italian in their free time.

Activities include:

- Lunches with the teachers
- Tours of Parmesan cheese and balsamic vinegar producers
- Showing of Italian films at the school
- End-of-course celebrations
- Excursions into the mountains and northern Italy's cities (Bologna, Florence, Parma, Venice, etc.)
- Attending local celebrations and festivals
- Evenings at the theatre or cinema

Reggio Emilia and its surrounding area offer a great variety of leisure time activities. Among the many cultural events, the most important ones are "Reggio Emilia e oltre", jazz and ethnic music performances, the international festival of ballet and the "REC", a festival of contemporary art (music, dance, drama, jazz, exhibitions and films).

There are also various small towns near Reggio Emilia of historic-artistic interest, such as Sabbioneta, Guastalla, Correggio, Scandiano, Novellara, as well as very interesting itineraries and visits to castles located in the land once owned by Matilde di Canossa.

Nature lovers can make fascinating excursions to both the Emilian Apennines and along the Po River. Those wishing to know more about Italian folklore can visit several fairs and markets selling local products.

For sportspersons, the province of Reggio Emilia offers mountain biking and road cycling routes, swimming, tennis, horseback riding, athletics, golf, climbing at Pietra di Bismantova, skiing in the Emilian Apennines, and canoeing on the Enza River.

On a day trip you can also reach towns such as Modena, Parma, Bologna, Ferrara, Mantua, Ravenna, Padua, Verona, Venice, Florence, seaside resorts (both on the Adriatic and Ligurian coasts) and tourist locations on Lake Garda.









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Bologna and Milan are the closest big cities to Reggio Emilia and are easily reached from abroad by both air and rail.

FROM BOLOGNA

If you arrive by plane, the nearest airport to Reggio Emilia is in Bologna (about 60 km). From the "G. Marconi" Airport in Bologna you have three options:

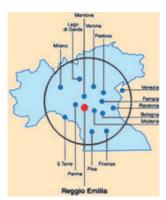
- 1. Take a train: the airport is 6 km away from Bologna's train station which is easily accessible by bus.
- 2. Rent a car. Take the highway A1 towards Milan and take Reggio Emilia's exit.
- 3. Take a taxi (tel. 051/372727; 051/534141)



FROM MILAN

You can also easily get to Reggio Emilia from the following airports:

- 1) Milan Linate is 30 minutes away by bus from the Milan Railway Station.
- 2) Milan Malpensa is about 40 minutes away by train or 50 by bus to the Milan Railway Station.



FROM VERONA

From the "Valerio Catullo" Airport there is a bus every 20 minutes from 6:35 am to 11:35 pm to Verona's railway station, where you can take a train to Reggio Emilia or you can rent a car and take Motorway A22 in Verona Nord towards Modena. In Campogalliano take Motorway A1 to Milan and exit at Reggio Emilia.

FROM PARMA

The airport "Giuseppe Verdi" is 30 minutes by car or 20 minutes by train from Reggio Emilia

How to reach Reggio Lingua

Reggio Lingua is located in Viale dei Mille 2 in the centre of Reggio Emilia, the school is just a 5 minute walk from the Stazione Centrale F.S. in Piazzale Marconi, 1. Guests arriving at the Mediopadana station can catch a bus or taxi from outside the station entrance to Reggio Lingua. The 4 km journey takes about 15 minutes.

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