



ENGLISH

*“La lingua italiana:
più la conosco,
più mi piace”.*

2009-2010



Italian language
and cultural
courses for
foreigners


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SOCIETA' DANTE ALIGHIERI
COMITATO DI ROMA

The Rome Branch of the Dante Alighieri Society

is situated in the XVI century Palazzo Firenze.



The Branch was founded in 1889, the same year in which the 'Dante Alighieri' was established. The Society was begun by a group of people motivated by common cultural and humanitarian interests.

Their purpose was to safeguard and to diffuse the Italian language and culture, as well as to keep alive the love for Italian culture among foreigners and Italians throughout the world.

Over the years, men of culture have assumed its presidency, each one leaving the mark of his own personality. The long and intense history of the Branch runs parallel to events which have characterized the cultural development of Italy.

Over the years, the Rome Branch has assumed a growing, significant importance in the spread of Italian language and culture.

Such promotional activities take place, first of all, as the result of a constant commitment to the organization of Italian language courses for foreigners, as well as courses in culture for both Italian and foreign members of the Branch. The high quality of these courses is perfectly in line with the needs of the students.

In addition, the Rome Branch initiates interesting cultural events in collaboration with several secondary schools in Rome and awards scholarships to students of the Dante Alighieri Society based in foreign countries. Besides attending courses, the students, as members of the Society, will receive a membership card which allows them to:

- participate in the activities of the Dante Alighieri Society,
- take advantage of the conventions drawn up by the Central Presidency,
- obtain reductions on ticket prices for shows at Rome's Teatro Valle,
- obtain discounts at some bookstores,
- participate in organized excursions and cultural visits,
- use the Branch's library where, amidst the magnificent Renaissance frescos and with a view of the garden of Palazzo Firenze, they can receive from the library staff assistance and advice in the selection of books.

All these advantages make the Rome Branch of the Dante Alighieri Society the most popular Studies Center in Rome for students coming from all parts of the world.



PROGRAM OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Italian language courses are divided into 6 levels: **BEGINNERS (A1) - ELEMENTARY (A2) - INTERMEDIATE (B1) - UPPER INTERMEDIATE (B2) - ADVANCED (C1) - POST-ADVANCED (C2).**

At the end of each course the student will have the competency expected by the corresponding level of the Common European Framework for Languages (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2).

BEGINNERS COURSE: for absolute beginners.

Program: pronunciation, spelling, first elements of language structure, reading and dictation, simple conversation, simple composition, simple video and audio comprehension.

ELEMENTARY COURSE: for advanced beginners.

Program: language structure, reading and dictation, short compositions, conversation on every-day matters, video and audio comprehension.

For Standard courses the elementary program also includes the elements of the BEGINNERS course.

INTERMEDIATE COURSE: for students who already have some knowledge of the language.

Program: language structure, reading, dictation, composition, conversation, video and audio comprehension.

UPPER INTERMEDIATE COURSE: for students who already have a good knowledge of the language.

Program: completion of language structure, elements of syntax, reading, dictation, composition, conversation, video and audio comprehension.

ADVANCED COURSE: for students who already have a very good knowledge of the language.

Program: review of the principal topics of language structure, systematic study of syntax, reading of newspaper articles and passages of contemporary Italian literature, dictation, composition, video and audio comprehension.

POST-ADVANCED COURSE: for students who have a near complete knowledge of the language.

Program: review and in-depth study of the main rules of language structure and syntax, reading of newspaper articles and passages of contemporary Italian literature, oral and written exercises, video and audio comprehension.

CONVERSATION COURSE:

conversation on topics pertaining to current events and every-day life in Italy.

Information

Before enrolling in language courses, non-beginning students will be able to take a placement test.

The lessons are conducted in Italian. A one hour lesson lasts for 50 minutes. No diploma or certificate is required for admission.

The school will be closed:

- for Christmas holidays from 24 December to 6 January (the lessons missed will be made-up),*
- during the month of August,*
- during the following civil and religious holidays: 8 and 25 December, 1 and 6 January, 5 April, 2 and 29 June.*

Lessons coinciding with these dates will not be made-up.





CALENDAR OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

The courses take place from 3 September 2009 to 30 July 2010 according to the following calendar:

STANDARD

Length: 32 hours for 2 months - 2 hours twice a week.
Levels: ELEMENTARY - INTERMEDIATE - UPPER INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m.
Starting: first days of October - December - February - April - Jun.
- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 6 to 8 p.m.
Starting: first days of September - November - January - March - May.

After the Advanced course it is possible to take an optional final exam.

SEMI-INTENSIVE

Length: 48 hours for 1 month - 3 hours four days a week (from Monday to Thursday).

Levels: BEGINNERS - ELEMENTARY - INTERMEDIATE - UPPER INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED - POST-ADVANCED.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 3 to 6 p.m.
Starting: 3 September - 5 October - 2 November - 1 December - 7 January - 2 February - 2 March - 6 April - 3 May - 3 June - 1 July.

Starting from Intermediate level, a video and a culture lesson are included in the course.

During the last lesson of Semi-intensive courses students can take an optional final exam.

• In December and January only, the Semi-intensive courses will take place from Monday to Friday.

INTENSIVE

Length: 60 hours for 1 month - 3 hours five days a week (from Monday to Friday).

Levels: BEGINNERS - ELEMENTARY - INTERMEDIATE - UPPER INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED - POST-ADVANCED.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Starting: 3 September - 1 October - 2 November - 1 December - 7 January - 1 February - 1 March - 6 April - 3 May - 3 June - 1 July.

Starting from Intermediate level, a video and a culture lesson are included in the course. During the last lesson of Intensive courses students can take an optional final exam.

• In December and January only: Intensive BEGINNERS AND ELEMENTARY courses will be organized in: 48 hours of Italian language (Monday to Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) + 12 hours of conversation (from 9 to 11 a.m. two days a week - optional for non-scholarship holders); Intensive INTERMEDIATE, UPPER INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED AND POST-ADVANCED courses will be organized in: 48 hours of Italian language (Monday to Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) + 12 hours of culture (from 9 to 11 a.m. two days a week - optional for non-scholarship holders).



COURSES OF 80 HOURS

GRAMMAR + CONVERSATION:

INTENSIVE COURSE

Length: 60 hours for 1 month - 3 hours five days a week.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

+ CONVERSATION COURSE

Length: 20 hours for 1 month - 2 hours or 2 and a half hours twice a week.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m. (beginners - elementary) and from 3:30 to 6 p.m. (intermediate - advanced).

GRAMMAR + CULTURE:

INTENSIVE COURSE

- ⌚ **Length:** 60 hours for 1 month - 3 hours five days a week.

Class hours: from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

+ HISTORY OF ART & ITALIAN HISTORY COURSE

Length: 20 hours for 1 month - 2 hours twice a week.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m.

POST-ADVANCED COURSES OF 16 HOURS

Length: 16 hours for 1 month - 2 hours twice a week.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m.
Starting: first days of October - November - December - January - February - March - April - May - June - July.
- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 6 to 8 p.m.
Starting: first days of September - October - November - December - January - February - March - April - May - June - July.

CONVERSATION COURSES

Length: 20 hours for 1 month - 2 hours or 2 and a half hours twice a week.

Levels: BEGINNERS - INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED.

- ⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m. (beginners - elementary) and from 3:30 to 6 p.m. (intermediate - advanced).

Starting: first days of September - October - November - December - January - February - March - April - May - June - July.

PREPARATORY COURSES FOR THE

P.L.I.D.A. TEST

Length: 24 hours - 8 lessons of 3 hours each.

Levels: A1 - A2 - B1 - B2

Length: 30 hours - 10 lessons of 3 hours each.

Levels: C1 - C2

The administration reserves the right to modify the above calendar and cancel those courses which do not reach the minimum number of 10 students.

PROGRAM OF ITALIAN CULTURE COURSES

HISTORY OF ART & ITALIAN HISTORY

1 Culture and Society in Europe during the XIX Century.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m. (20 hours for 1 month)

September: "Italy and France in the middle of the century".

2 From Late Baroque to Neoclassicism.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m. (20 hours for 1 month)

October: "Development and spreading of Baroque" / "Italy at the time of G.L. Bernini (1598-1680) first part".

November: "Between Baroque and Classicism" / "Italy at the time of G.L. Bernini (1598-1680) second part".

December: "Naples in the XVII Century" / "Spanish Naples".

January: "Architecture between the XVII and XVIII Century" / "Christina of Sweden, queen of Rome (1625-1689)".

February: "The XVII Century from Baroque to Rococò: Venice" / "Italy during the wars of succession".

March: "Painting in Venice" / "The decline of the Republic of Saint Mark: the age of Goldoni".

April: "The XVIII Century in Northern Italy" / "The Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle (18 October 1748) and the geopolitical map of Europe and Italy in the middle of the XVIII Century".

May: "Neoclassicism: Architecture" / "Illuminism and reforms".

June: "Neoclassicism: Painting and Sculpture" / "Italy and Europe on the eve of the French Revolution".

LITERATURE

1 From the origins to the contemporary age.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 4 to 6 p.m. (16 hours for 2 months)

October-November: "Middle Ages" - "Lectura Dantis (Hell)".

December-January: "Humanism and Renaissance" - "Lectura Dantis (Purgatory)".

February-March: "Baroque and Illuminism" - "Lectura Dantis (Paradise)".

April-May: "Romanticism and Contemporary Age".

HISTORY OF ART

During the lessons some films will be shown together with visits to museums, galleries and monuments.

1 Roman art.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (16 hours for 2 months)

October-November: "The birth of Rome. The Republican Age: the Roman forum, houses and temples".

December-January: "Imperial Rome and its monuments".

February-March: "The empire during its highest magnificence - Trajan and Adrian".

April-May: "Crisis of the Ancient Age: from the Severis to the age of Constantine".

2 Great centers of art in Italy in the XVI Century.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m. (16 hours for 1 month)

June: "Art in Rome, Florence and Venice".

3 Gods of the ancient world in art.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (16 hours for 2 months)

October-November: "Introduction to Greek myths, the creation of the world, the birth of gods".

December-January: "Gods of the sky, of the sea, of the earth and of the underworld".

February-March: "Heroes: the labors of Hercules, Theseus and the Minotaur, the myth of the Argonauts".

April-May: "Trojan War and its heroes".

4 Renaissance Age.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 4 to 6 p.m. (16 hours for 2 months)

October-November: "Humanism and early Renaissance in Tuscany".

December-January: "Renaissance in Central Italy".

February-March: "Renaissance in Southern Italy and Flemish painting".

April-May: "Renaissance in Northern Italy".

ITALIAN HISTORY

During the lessons some films will be shown together with visits to museums, galleries and monuments.

1 The Risorgimento.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (16 hours for 2 months)

October: "The Italian patriotic movement. G. Mazzini".

November: "Art and literature in Italy during the Risorgimento".

December: "Europe and Italy on the eve of the 1848 revolutions".

January: "1848-1849: from the first war of independence to the Roman Republic".

February: "The role of the Kingdom of Sardinia in the Risorgimento. C. Cavour".

March: "The second war of independence (1859)".

April: "Garibaldi, the 'obedient revolutionary' and the enterprise of the Thousand".

May: "Proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy (17 march 1861)".

2 Ancient Rome.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (16 hours for 2 months)

October: "Pre-Roman Italy. Etruscans. Greeks".

November: "Origins of Rome: legend and history".

December: "Monarchic Age. Rome during the reign of the Tarquins".

January: "The transition to the republican regime. The constitutional system of the Republic".

February: "Rome on its way to conquer Italy".

March: "The conflict with Carthago and the conquest of the Mediterranean sea".

April: "Society and culture in Rome during the III and II Century b.C.".

May: "Crisis of the Republic".

CALENDAR OF COURSES IN ITALIAN CULTURE

HISTORY OF ART & ITALIAN HISTORY

Length: 20 hours for 1 month - 2 hours twice a week.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m.

Starting: first days of September - October - November - December - January - February - March - April - May - June.

LITERATURE

Length: 16 hours for 2 months - 2 hours once a week.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 4 to 6 p.m.

Starting: first days of October - December - February - April.

HISTORY OF ART

Length: 16 hours for 2 months - 2 hours once a week.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m.

Starting: first days of October - December - February - April.

Length: 16 hours for 1 month - 2 hours twice a week.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 9 to 11 a.m.

Starting: 7 June.

ITALIAN HISTORY

Length: 16 hours for two months - 2 hours once a week.

⌚ **Class hours:** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Starting: first days of October - December - February - April.

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Certificates and Diplomas

Diploma of knowledge of the Italian language "P.L.I.D.A." PROGETTO LINGUA ITALIANA DANTE ALIGHIERI

The Rome Branch of the Dante Alighieri Society is an Official Center of examination for the issuing of P.L.I.D.A. CERTIFICATION.

The PLIDA certificate is officially recognized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (n. 1903 of 4 November 1993), by the Ministry of Labor and Welfare (decree of 18 October 2002), by the Ministry of Education, University and Research (11 February 2004), and is issued with the scientific approval of the University "La Sapienza" of Rome (29 June 2004).

Six levels of ability are provided:

A1 - A2 - B1 - B2 - C1 - C2.

The tests take place twice a year in two different sessions:

May Session: for which registration for the test is due no later than 10 April;

November Session: for which registration for the test is due no later than 10 October.

It is also possible to take an examination for the issuing of the BUSINESS PLIDA certification (level B1-B2-C1).

The tests take place once a year in June. The registration for the test is due no later than 10 May.

The Administration issues:

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

valid, within the limits provided by Italian law, for the granting of entrance visas and of residence permits (permessi di soggiorno);

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

to students who have attended the lessons of one or more courses;

STUDY DIPLOMAS

to students who have passed the requisite examination at the end of Intensive and Semi-Intensive language courses and at the end of all the Advanced courses.



Fees

Registration (for the Academic year) € 40.00

STANDARD courses (32 hrs for 2 months)
ELEMENTARY - INTERMEDIATE
UPPER INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED € 170.00

SEMI-INTENSIVE courses (48 hrs for 1 month)
BEGINNERS - ELEMENTARY - INTERMEDIATE
UPPER INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED - POST-ADVANCED € 230.00

INTENSIVE courses (60 hrs for 1 month)
BEGINNERS - ELEMENTARY - INTERMEDIATE
UPPER INTERMEDIATE - ADVANCED - POST-ADVANCED € 280.00

POST-ADVANCED courses of 16 hours
(16 hrs for 1 month) € 110.00

CONVERSATION courses
(20 hrs for 1 month) € 110.00

HISTORY OF ART & ITALIAN HISTORY courses
(20 hrs for 1 month) € 110.00

LITERATURE course
(16 hrs for 2 months) € 110.00

HISTORY OF ART courses
(16 hrs for 2 months) € 110.00

HISTORY OF ART courses
(16 hrs for 1 month) € 110.00

ITALIAN HISTORY courses
(16 hrs for 2 months) € 110.00

Exams at the end of ADVANCED courses € 30.00

Preparatory courses for the P.L.I.D.A. exam

Level A1 (24 hrs - 8 lessons of 3 hrs each) € 150.00

Level A2 (24 hrs - 8 lessons of 3 hrs each) € 150.00

Level B1 (24 hrs - 8 lessons of 3 hrs each) € 150.00

Level B2 (24 hrs - 8 lessons of 3 hrs each) € 150.00

Level C1 (30 hrs - 10 lessons of 3 hrs each) € 180.00

Level C2 (30 hrs - 10 lessons of 3 hrs each) € 180.00

Scholarships and easy terms of payment

Those exempt from the registration fee are:

- Students who have obtained a scholarship from the “Dante Alighieri Society” or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ERASMUS students.
- Students of the Pontifical Universities in Rome.
- Embassy officials.

Extra-curricular activities

Weekly cultural events (concerts, lectures, debates).

Monthly tours or visits to places of artistic, historical or naturalistic interest.

Method of enrolling in the course

Non EU students

To enrol it is necessary to pay the registration fee of € 40.00 valid for the whole academic year (3 September 2009 - 30 July 2010) as well as the fee for each course you wish to attend. The payment of fees can be done at the Secretary's office or from abroad at any local bank by means of a credit transfer made out to:

Comitato di Roma della Società Dante Alighieri

IBAN: IT 55B 03002 03245 000400454724

BIC SWIFT: BROMITR1745

Unicredit Banca di Roma

Agenzia Via del Corso C

Via del Corso, 374 - 00186 Roma

The credit transfer must be done with no charge to the payee. Upon receipt of the fee, the school administration will send a registration certificate which will confirm the period of attendance chosen by the student. This will facilitate requests for the necessary visa to enter Italy. The school administration is unable either to obtain visas or residence permits (permessi di soggiorno) for students or to provide help in finding employment of any kind in Italy.

On the other hand the school is willing to help students, on their arrival at the school, to find suitable accommodations, usually with a family.

For any information about living accommodation in Rome you can contact: AZIENDA DI PROMOZIONE TURISTICA - via Parigi, 11 - 00185 ROMA - tel. +39 06 488991 info@aptroma.com .

Students are advised to consult the local Italian Diplomatic Representation regarding their eligibility for an entry visa into Italy for study purpose before paying the above fees.

EU students

For EU students it is sufficient to pay registration and course fees upon arrival at the Secretary's office of the Branch (see page 10).





The Rome Branch of the Dante Alighieri Society

Location of the school

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Information

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Office hours

The secretary office is open:

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

How to reach the school

Bus: 53 - 61 - 62 - 71 - 80 - 85 - 850 - 160 - 175 - 492
Get off at the San Silvestro stop.

63 - 630 - 95 - 175: Get off at the Largo Chigi stop.

70: Get off at the Via di Ripetta stop.

913 - 224: Get off at the Piazza Augusto Imperatore stop.

116: Get off at the Via dei Prefetti stop.

Metro: Line A - Get off at the Piazza di Spagna stop.



