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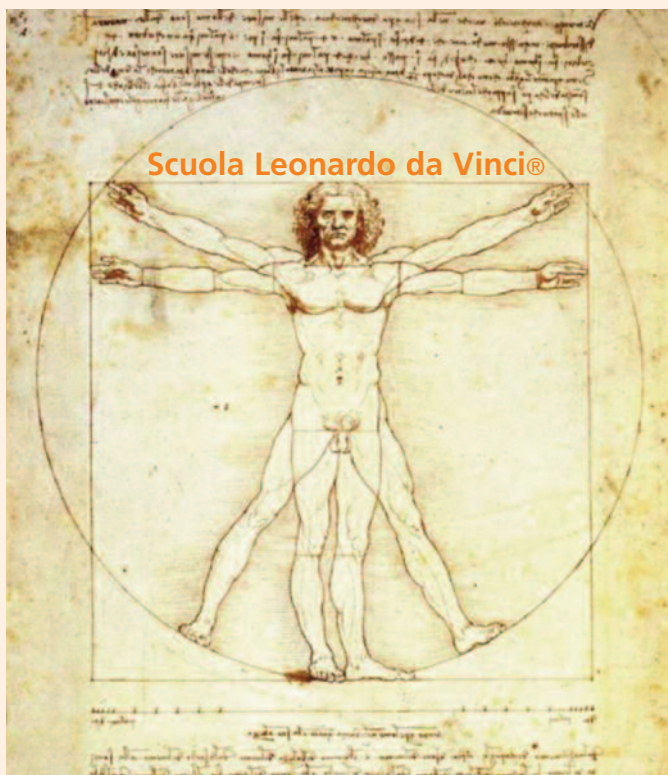
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- ALL – Accademia Italiana di Lingua
- ASILS – Official Association of Language Schools of Italian as a Foreign Language

Our schools are members of:

- EDUTALIA – International Education
- FIYTO – Federation of International Youth Travel Organisations
- ALTO – Association of Language Travel Organisations

We are recognized by:

- CSN – The Swedish National Board of Student Aid
- Bildungskarenz Austria
- Bildungsurlaub Germany

We collaborate with:

- NABA – Nuova Accademia di Belle Arti e Design
- ITALIAN CHEF ACADEMY
- IL TRILLO – Scuola di Musica
- DA – Domus Academy
- Accademia Costume e Moda
- Cantare l'Opera

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Scuola di Musica e Arte
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WELCOME TO THE SCUOLA LEONARDO DA VINCI!



Are you looking for an exciting and comprehensive Italian language program? Are you interested in visiting one of the most beautiful cities in Italy, such as for instance Florence, Milan, Rome or Siena? You have found what you are looking for! We offer a variety of high quality Italian language courses all year round. No matter what your profession or academic goal, whether a beginning student or a teacher of Italian, you will benefit from more than 40 years of dedicated experience. Courses start every Monday all the year round (except for beginners, for whom courses start every two weeks), and you can stay as long as you want. Most of our students come through recommendations of former participants who have appreciated our commitment to provide:

- a state-of-the-art, communication-oriented, flexible and highly effective instruction method;
- a friendly and personal atmosphere;
- enthusiastic, dynamic and highly qualified teachers;
- office staff and course coordinator always ready to help;
- small and diverse international groups (max. 14 participants per class);
- the internationally recognized language diplomas «Firenze»;
- a broad extra-curricular cultural and leisure program;
- the location of our schools in the old city centers of Florence, Milan, Rome and Siena;
- the recognition of our school centers by the Italian Ministry of Education;
- the recognition of our courses as educational leave (Bildungsurlaub) in most German federal states;
- the recognition of our courses as educational leave (Bildungskarenz) in Austria;
- competitive prices.



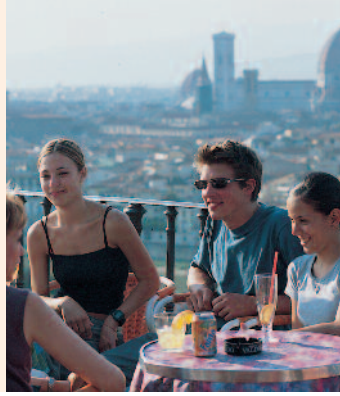
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FLORENCE

Florence, in the heart of Tuscany, is the cradle of the Renaissance and the classical Italian of Dante, Petrarch and Boccaccio. While other European cities continued to live in the Middle Ages, modern art and culture developed here under the reign of the Medici. Today in Florence one can visit and admire the masterpieces of artists like Botticelli, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci in world-famous museums (the Uffizi, the Accademia, Palazzo Pitti), in beautiful churches, or even on a casual walk through the city. The Ponte Vecchio connects the lively and historic city center around the Cathedral with the quieter neighborhood on the other side of the Arno river. Florence's urban landscape is distinguished by beautiful squares like Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza della Signoria, by small streets and winding medieval alleys, by various markets, and above all by the marvelous cupola of the Cathedral, visible from almost everywhere in the city. Today Florence attracts tourists from all over the world who find here, besides history, everything to feel at home: Tuscan food and the best Italian wines, numerous bars and discos, a traffic-free center and many inviting shops.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is situated in a beautiful historical palazzo with a magnificent view of the Cathedral in the heart of downtown Florence, only a few minutes walk from the most famous sights. A student lounge with coffee corner is at our students disposal and students have free access to our Internet Point.



MILAN

Milan is the most cosmopolitan and vibrant metropolis of Italy. It is composed of a fascinating mixture of tradition and modernity, design and fashion, culture and Southern European temperament. Its character is stamped by its historical past and its current booming industry. Milan is the city that sets the trends and that's what makes the metropolis so exciting. The area around the Cathedral of Milan, the largest gothic building in Italy, is considered to be the main attraction and an accumulation of superlatives. Here is the location of the "Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II", a catwalk of elegance and the longest arched walkway in Europe. Its Northern exit leads to the "Scala" - one of the most famous opera houses in the world. Not far from the "Scala" you will find the "Castello Sforzesco" - an impressive brick fort which holds the last opus of Michelangelo: the incomplete Pietà Rondanini.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is located inside a peaceful student campus in the Navigli zone. It is well connected to the city center by subway and by bus and Milan's Cathedral can be reached in 20 minutes on foot. All classrooms have air conditioning, and the campus boasts a park, a bar and a refectory. All students have free Internet access.

ROME

Rome is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and features more than 2600 years of European history and culture. It is the city that unites the splendor of its unique artistic, archaeological, and environmental heritage. It's a city of continuous change with all the services of any modern metropolis in the world. At the same time Rome is both a bustling city offering day and night an assortment of urban activities and a city where you can relax outside at a café in front of a breathtaking vision of ancient ruins. There's so much happening and so much beauty to behold.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is located in an attractive and elegant typical aristocratic building in the center of Rome, in the pedestrian area, halfway from the astounding Piazza Navona, Castel S. Angelo and St. Peter Basilica. Our student lounge «GUSTOLAB» has internet facilities and a cafeteria where our students can enjoy coffee, wine and Mediterranean cuisine.

SIENA

Surrounded by hills and the olive groves and vineyards of Chianti, Siena is for many people the most beautiful city of Tuscany. Its heart is Piazza del Campo, the center for feasts and colorful festivals, which since the 1950's has been largely closed to traffic. Siena offers many possibilities to satisfy a love for art: the Cathedral, Palazzo Pubblico, and the former hospital St. Maria della Scala, which serves today as a cultural center. But the visitor will find the special charm of Siena off the usual tourist's path, in the winding alleys and steep steps which connect the three hills of the city. Siena is famous for the annual historic horse-race, the Palio, which takes place in the Piazza del Campo on the 2nd July and 16th August but already causes excitement in the city many weeks before. In addition to the bustling daily life of the streets and squares of the city, Siena offers many cultural events, the theater, concerts, and cinema as well as a variety of sports facilities. The small towns of San Gimignano, Montalcino and Volterra are not far away from Siena and to the romantic beaches of the Maremma on the Mediterranean sea it is only 70 km.

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is located on a typical Siennese street in the historic center of Siena, next to Piazza San Domenico and Piazza Gramsci and a three-minute walk from Piazza del Campo. It is a small language school, known for its familiar and friendly atmosphere. After classes the sunny terrace of the school provides a scenic meeting place for the students. The school offers free Internet access for all students.



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ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Starting dates: every week;
beginners every 2 weeks
Duration: 1 to 4 weeks
Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels

INTENSIVE COURSE

The Intensive Course is held throughout the year at all six ability levels, from the absolute beginner to the very advanced. This course is designed for those who need to communicate effectively in everyday situations. Through various activities, practice drills and exercises you will gradually acquire and develop the necessary strategies to understand and communicate in Italian, oral as well as written. The four lessons are held daily from Monday to Friday, usually beginning at 9 am. Upon special circumstances, the Intensive Course may also be held in the afternoon. There are a maximum of 14 students in each class.

Starting dates: every week;
beginners every 2 weeks
Duration: minimum 5 weeks
Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels
Extras: special discount

«MIDDLE LENGTH» INTENSIVE COURSE

This is our Intensive Course with a 5-week minimum duration to deepen students knowledge of the Italian language ... at a very special price!

Starting dates: every week;
beginners every 2 weeks
Duration: minimum 12 weeks
Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels
Extras: special long-term discount; study in different cities

LONG-TERM INTENSIVE COURSE

Students wishing to study Italian for longer periods are especially welcome at our schools and receive special care and attention from our staff, as well as benefiting from our long-term discounted prices. With this course, students profit from all the advantages of learning a language in the country where it is spoken. Through our experience in teaching the Italian language, we know that the ideal minimum stay for a course is 12 weeks. Not only will you have more confidence in your language skills, but instead of feeling like you are on holiday, you will be completely immersed in the Italian culture and way of life. Many of our long-term students are preparing to enter university or rounding off their Italian Long-Term Intensive Course with the recognized ALL «Firenze» examination.

Starting dates: every week;
beginners every 2 weeks
Duration: minimum 24 weeks
Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels
Extras: special long-term discount; study in different cities

LONG-TERM SEMESTER COURSE

The Long-Term Semester Course lasts 24 weeks and is an extended version of the Long-Term Intensive Course. The general structure is similar, but the objectives are targeted on a long-term basis. You may start learning Italian for example in Florence, and after a few months you can move to Rome, Siena or Milan. The curricula are the same; thus you can change the course location any time you want and you will make the most of your stay in Italy. Last but not least, the Long-Term Semester Course has a particularly attractive price!

Starting dates: every week;
beginners every 2 weeks
Duration: minimum 48 weeks
Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week
Level: beginner and elementary
Extras: special discount; study in different cities

SABBATICAL YEAR

This program has a length of 48 weeks, especially appropriate for students who want to spend a very long period in Italy and take a break from their everyday life. During these weeks you learn the Italian language from the basis to the high proficient level. Since programs are the same in each Leonardo da Vinci branch, you have the possibility to live in different cities during your stay and so to enter in the Italian culture and way of living.



SUPER INTENSIVE GROUP COURSE

Florence, Milan and Rome

The Super Intensive Group Course consists of the Intensive Course and two extra group lessons per day. In the supplementary session you will have the opportunity to increase your knowledge with practice in speaking and conversing. The extra group lessons are held on three levels of ability: elementary, intermediate and advanced.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 1 to 24 weeks
Lessons: 6 per day, 30 per week
Level: elementary, intermediate, advanced

SUPER INTENSIVE «PLUS» ITALIAN COURSES

The Super Intensive Plus Courses consist of the Intensive Course, plus additional private lessons (one-to-one). The individual lessons are specifically designed for your specific needs. We offer two kinds of Super Intensive Plus Courses:

- Super Intensive Plus-5 Course: 20 lessons of Intensive Course and additional 5 private lessons per week;
- Super Intensive Plus-10 Course: 20 lessons of Intensive Course and additional 10 private lessons per week.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 1 to 24 weeks
Lessons: 4 lessons of Intensive Course plus 1 or 2 private lessons per day; 25 or 30 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels

SUPER INTENSIVE SMALL GROUP COURSE

Florence and Rome

If you want to learn, quickly and intensely, in a small group or wish to increase your knowledge, then the Super Intensive Small Group Course is tailor-made for your needs. Together with no more than four participants you will have six lessons daily of intensive language. This course is held in Florence and Rome.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 2 to 12 weeks
Lessons: 6 per day, 30 per week in small groups of 2 to 5 participants
Level: all 6 ability levels

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE «ITALY TODAY»

If you want to learn Italian and at the same time become acquainted with the culture and history as well as the current social and political situation of your host country, we suggest you choose the «Italy Today» Course. In addition to the four lessons Intensive Course daily, you will be introduced to the art and culture, history and folklore, media and films as well as the current political and economic situation of Italy. The cultural part of this course consists of five supplementary lessons per week.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: minimum 1 week, extendable
Lessons: 25 per week
Level: intermediate B1 and above

«ITALIAN TOUR» - LANGUAGE COURSE EVERY WEEK IN ANOTHER CITY

A program combining travel with a love for learning

Discover your Italy and select your destinations from four of Italy's most memorable cities: Florence, Milan, Rome and Siena.

The program consists of 20 group language lessons in each of the cities for 2, 3, 4 and more weeks. The schools all offer the same course structure but in varying architectural and historic settings.

You will learn about the Italian language and culture without the usual hassles of travel: The school will provide transportation assistance and take care of the appropriate class level, accommodation and extra activities.

Through your study of Italian language, culture and art and your immersion in contrasting landscapes, regional traditions and cuisine, you will find «Italian Tour» a profound and satisfying travel experience.

Starting dates: every week; beginners every 2 weeks
Duration: 2 to 5 weeks, extendable
Lessons: 4 per day, 20 per week
Level: all 6 ability levels
Possible Destinations: Florence, Milan, Rome, Siena



Starting dates: see special course dates
Duration: 1 and 2 weeks
Lessons: 20 in one week /
40 in two weeks
plus visits and excursions
Level: all 6 ability levels

SENIOR COURSE 50+ «LA DOLCE VITA»

This course is specifically designed for mature students of all ages. Students will learn Italian in a pleasant and relaxing environment, accompanied by a wide variety of cultural activities.

Participants can choose among the most beautiful Italian cities: Florence, Milan, Rome or Siena.

Morning Program: The morning course of Intensive Italian Language is designed to improve language and conversational skills, and heighten the awareness and appreciation of the Italian culture.

The **Afternoon Program** depends on the locality and course center. Some program examples: Orientation tour of the city; Guided tours of Museums; Traditional Italian dinner with program instructor; Tour of Artisan Workshops (Ceramics, Etching, Florentine paper, Shoemaker, etc.); Half-day excursion to a vineyard and other breathtaking areas of the Region; Professional lectures in History of Italian Opera; Wine tasting with professional sommeliers. Detailed programs are available upon request.

Starting dates: always one month
before the examination
dates;
see special course dates
Duration: 4 weeks
Lessons: 6 per day, 30 per week
Level: all ability levels

EXAMINATION COURSES FOR THE ITALIAN CERTIFICATES «FIRENZE»

At our schools you can also prepare for the Italian Diploma examinations «Firenze» of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua® (AIL). We organize different course cycles (Intensive Courses combined with preparatory courses) for beginners, intermediate and advanced students and those who already speak Italian fluently. The specific preparatory courses always start one month before the examination dates and consist of the Intensive Course plus two extra lessons of testing strategies and sample examinations per day. If you wish we can send you our entry test to check your knowledge of the language and to establish the time necessary to prepare yourself for the different exams. For more information on «Firenze» diploma levels, please see under the chapter «Academics». If you would like individual preparation for the «Firenze» Diploma examinations and to take the exam on a special date, please contact our school centers for further information.

Starting dates: January, May, September
Duration: 32 weeks
Lessons: 480 Intensive Course,
80 Preparation Course for
two «Firenze» Diplomas,
80 of Art, Culture
and Business Italian,
10 of tutoring for
Final Research.
Level: for beginner and
elementary level

ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR - «GAP YEAR»

Do you want to live 'all'italiana' and become the real connoisseur of Italian culture and society? Then you will definitely be interested in this course. It's a 32 week language and culture course which combines Italian language with Italian culture, art and history classes. Attending this course, you will have the opportunity to see at first hand the various aspects of Italy's rich history and culture. The course is composed of two elements: linguistics and academics.

The linguistic part consists of 480 lessons of the Intensive Italian language course and 80 lessons of preparation for two Diplomas «Firenze» AIL exams.

The academic part (80 lessons) treats a large number of major subjects like: Italian Civilization and History, Art History, Business Italian, History of Italian Fashion and Design. Furthermore, there will be 10 contact hours of tutoring for the Final Research. For more details, please contact our schools.

Starting dates: see special course dates
Duration: 18 weeks
Lessons: 320 Intensive Course,
40 Preparation Course for
«Firenze» Diploma,
20 Cultural lessons
Level: all 6 ability levels

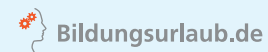
GAP SEMESTER

Our Academic Semester in language and culture combines an Intensive language course of 4 months with interesting cultural lessons (for example: History of Art, Literature, Fashion). Moreover, in the final course you will attend the preparatory course for an AIL-Italian Diploma, as the exam is an important part of the Academic Semester. The exam day is also the last day of the course. For more details, please contact our schools.



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN

Our schools organize special courses for business and professional purposes:



PROFESSIONAL ITALIAN COURSES

The professional courses consist of the Intensive Course plus two private lessons daily that focus on terminology from the selected professional field. You can choose among the following fields:

- Business Correspondence
- Business Italian
- Italian for Banking
- Italian for Law
- Italian for the Hotel Industry
- The Language of Wine and Food
- The Language of Tourism
- Italian for Flight Attendants
- Italian for Healthcare
- The Language of Fashion
- The Language of Architecture
- Italian Literature
- Italian Cinema
- The Language of the Libretti (Opera)
- The History and Language of Theatre

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 2 weeks (extendable)
Lessons: 4 lessons in Intensive Course plus 2 lessons of private tutorial per day, 30 per week
Level: intermediate B1 and above

Please ask for detailed information.

COURSES FOR ITALIAN-LANGUAGE TEACHERS

Florence, Milan and Rome

The main purpose of this course is to support Italian-language teachers by bringing their theoretical knowledge and teaching methods up to date. The emphasis is placed on revitalizing linguistic and didactic abilities and refreshing the teacher's socio-economic and political-cultural knowledge of Italy. This group course for teachers in Italian is held six times a year in our school centers in Florence, Milan and Rome, with the following program: The pedagogy of Italian as a foreign language: theoretical and practical use, techniques, teaching material / DITALS exam for Italian teachers preparation / Phonetics / Body language Workshop / Exercises / Lessons of observation and practice in Italian language classes.

"Ditals Exam for Italian Teachers Preparation Course": This preparation course is part of the Training Course mentioned above. It takes place during the first week of the course and contains the following subjects: The pedagogy of Italian as a foreign language; theoretical and practical use, techniques, teaching material / DITALS exam for Italian teachers preparation.

Please ask for the detailed Training Program.

PREPARATORY COURSES FOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN ITALY

Florence, Milan and Rome

These preparatory courses are intended for students who wish to attend Italian Universities. To be admitted to an Italian University, students must pass an entrance exam (science subjects - questions on the history and culture of Italy).

1. Students from EU-member countries may apply in time for the entrance exam directly at the University in Italy selected by the applicant.
2. Students from non EU-member countries must apply early to the entrance exam at the Italian Consulate in their country. Before attending the entrance exam, students must pass an Italian language proficiency test.

Please ask for detailed information.

IMAT - PREPARATION COURSE FOR MEDICAL STUDIES IN ENGLISH

Milan and Rome

Several Italian universities offer the option of medical studies in English. In order to access these academic programs, applicants have to pass the IMAT Admission test in English. Our school center in Milan provides a preparatory course also for this purpose.

In more than forty years we have prepared several hundred students to successfully pass the entrance exams for Italian Universities.



Starting dates: see special course date
Duration: 4 weeks
Lessons: 120
Level: intermediate B1 and above

PREPARATORY COURSES FOR FASHION AND DESIGN ACADEMIES

Florence and Milan

The course is intended for students who wish to attend Italian Fashion and Design Academies such as NABA, Domus Academy, Istituto Marangoni, Polimoda, Scuola Politecnico di Design, Fashion School Carlo Secoli, UptoDate Fashion Academy, Istituto Europeo di Design, etc.

You are taught by highly qualified and experienced lecturers. The main objective of the course is to enable the students to immediately take up their studies at the chosen academy and to help them to pass the entrance exam if required.

The participation of this preparatory course requires intermediate knowledge of Italian. We recommend participants without sufficient knowledge of Italian to attend first a language course to reach the required level.

Starting dates: every 4 weeks
Duration: min. 8 weeks
Lessons: 4 per week
Level: elementary, intermediate, advanced

PART-TIME-STANDARD COURSE

Milan and Rome

If you want to learn or improve your Italian, but you don't have time for an every day course, we offer you the possibility to attend our «Part-Time» Courses for two times a week. The course is held throughout the year on three ability levels. The daily two lessons are held on Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Starting dates: every 4 weeks
Duration: min. 4 weeks
Lessons: 2 per day; 10 per week
Level: elementary, intermediate, advanced

EXTENSIVE STANDARD COURSE

Milan

Especially for those who work during the day, we offer the possibility to attend our Italian language course which is held in the evening. The minimum duration is 4 weeks. The course is held from Monday to Friday throughout the year for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

Starting dates: see special course dates
Duration: 1 week (extendable)
Lessons: Instrumental and Canto courses:
 min. 5 lessons per week;
 Language of the Libretti course:
 60 lessons in 2 weeks

COURSES FOR MUSICAL SPECIALIZATION

Florence, Milan and Rome

Are you a musician, a singer or you simply want to further your studies in your instrument? Our centers offer you a possibility to take professional music lessons. Each course lasts for at least one week and can be extended.

We offer Instrument courses for Piano, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute and Piccolo, Oboe, Trumpet, Trombone, Sax, Horn, Guitar and Drums. All students have to bring their own instruments with them; only Piano and Drums are available at the school.

The course "Canto and Diction for Singers" is especially suitable for opera singers. They will be accompanied on the piano and the diction is strongly emphasised. Furthermore, the offer is completed with a course on "The Language of the Libretti".

The Instrumental and Canto courses are offered in three levels: Beginner (up to two years' study), Intermediate (from two to five years' study) and Expert (over five years' study).

The "Language of the Libretti" course is for students with an intermediate knowledge of Italian.

Please ask for detailed programs at the school center you are interested in.



ONE-TO-ONE TUTORIALS

If you want a course that suits your particular professional and personal needs, as well as your own time schedule, we suggest you to choose our tailor-made private tutorial program.

Continual language practice, maximum concentration through intensive work with your personal teacher and, especially, active practising of your communication skills guarantee you swift progress and success in the shortest possible time. Thanks to our proven individual system «LinguaKit», we are able to plan your private tutorial according to your needs regarding dates and areas of interest.

Course scheduling and duration:

You can start the course on any weekday of the year and decide the intensity from three to eight lessons per day. Private lessons during weekends and the weeks of Christmas and New Year only on request.

Two-to-One / Three-to-One:

Private tutorial can also be chosen by two or three colleagues, friends or family members if they have the same level of language ability.

Course, including lunch:

If you wish, the private tutorial can also be organized to include lunch with your teacher. Thus you are able to continue practising the new language during the lunch-break.

Vocabulary orientated to profession:

Should you already have sufficient knowledge of Italian, you can also learn vocabulary orientated to certain professions, such as general business Italian, banking, trading, import/export, law, insurance, marketing, medicine and so on.

Individual preparation for language Diplomas:

If you would like individual preparation for the «Firenze» Diploma examinations and to take the exam on a special date, please contact our school centers for further information.

Starting dates: any weekday

Duration: at least 1 week

Lessons: 3 to 8 per day,
15 to 40 per week

Schedule: Monday to Friday:
9 am to 6 pm;
Saturdays / Sundays /
holidays / other time
schedules on request

Tuition:

One-to-One 1 teacher, 1 student;
Two-to-One 1 teacher, 2 students;
Three-to-One 1 teacher, 3 students

Levels: from beginner up to
Mother tongue level

Offer:

personalized;
business orientated;
lunch with the teacher;
special management
courses

Some of our clients:

AFRICAN AIRLINES
ETIENNE AIGNER
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GERMAN EMBASSY
APPLE MACINTOSH
BANCA D'AMERICA E D'ITALIA
BBC LONDON
BSI-BANCA DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA
BASLER ZEITUNG
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COURSES IN ITALIAN CULTURE

At the Leonardo da Vinci schools you can do more than just learn Italian. In addition to our language courses, we offer courses that help you become acquainted with Italian culture while providing extra time to socialize with other students.

HISTORY OF ITALIAN ART

Are you fascinated by Italy's magnificent cultural works? Our course on the History of Italian Art will enable you to understand its history and social background. The course is designed to show, by means of slides and guided visits, the development of art in Italy in relation to the rest of Europe and offers you an introduction to the most important artistic styles (Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque). You will become acquainted with the most important works of artists such as Botticelli, Leonardo, Raphael and Michelangelo while learning about the most significant historical and social events that accompanied them.

Starting dates: every 2 weeks
Duration: 1 or 2 weeks
Lessons: 6 in 1 week
Level: Elementary A2 and above

CULINARY ART FOR AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS

Would you like to be able to cook Italian food at home? In our cooking course you will prepare typical Italian meals, based on a complete sequence of courses and recipes from various Italian regions. This course is shaped for all potential participants and is also for the novice who is interested in learning about cooking. The Culinary Art courses are organized so students can experience first hand cooking Italian style. Participants receive a recipe book including a vocabulary in several languages.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 1 week (extendable)
Lessons: 1 meeting of approx. 3 h
Level: all 6 ability levels

In addition to our Culinary Arts for Amateurs, our schools in Florence and Rome offer special cooking courses for professionals. In Rome, we collaborate with «CUOCHE PER CASO» and «ITALIAN CHEF ACADEMY» culinary arts schools, and in Florence with «INTAVOLA». Every month, the schools organize stages and special program courses which treat specific subjects. Some examples include: culinary tradition of the different regions of Italy, menus for special holidays, and many more! For more information, please ask our school centers.

«SIENA WITH GUSTO!» - Language and Gastronomy

Siena - A special program for closed groups

Siena is celebrated not only for its art and history, but for its traditional hearty cuisine and the excellence of its local products.

«*Siena with Gusto!*» is a course designed for both, students and professionals, who would like to extend their study of Italian to include the tastes of local traditional food. Instruction and tastings are led by native speakers and experts whose passion, knowledge and dedication will shape each lesson.

The «*Siena with Gusto!*» course consists of four language lessons every morning for one week. Afternoons are devoted to the appreciation and sampling of Sienese cuisine.

Starting dates: every week; reserved for closed groups of minimum 3 participants
Duration: 1 week
Lessons in Italian: 20 per week
Lessons in Gastronomy: in the afternoon
Level: Elementary A2 and above

ITALIAN WINES

Did you know that Italy is the largest producer of selected wines? Our wine course provides you an introduction to the art of vine cultivation, wine making and storing the most well-known Italian wines. The practical part consists of wine tasting which will allow you to get to know the wines from the different regions of Italy. When possible we will organize a visit to a renowned wine-cellar. During the course, several quality wines will be presented and tasted, accompanied with maps and illustrated materials. Other subjects will be discussed as well, such as combining food and wine and comparing Italian and non-Italian wines.

Starting dates: every week
Duration: 1 week (extendable)
Lessons: 1 meeting of approx. 3 h
Level: Elementary A2 and above



FINE ARTS COURSES

Our schools in Florence, Milan and Rome offer on a regular basis art and fashion design courses:

Starting dates: every week

Duration: min. 1 week (extendable)

Standard Art Courses:

Florence, Milan and Rome

Lessons: 3 times a week;

12 lessons in 2 weeks

DRAWING and PAINTING

During the drawing course the students will be introduced to the use of various materials such as: charcoal, sanguine and pencil. As regard to painting: studies include the use of tempera, oil and acrylic colors. Using these various materials they will learn to interpret the form of still life and figure drawings with live models.

PAINTING with ANCIENT TECHNIQUES

The course introduces to the painting techniques practised between 1300 and 1500 as well as the study of the major works of the period from Giotto to Leonardo and Michelangelo. The knowledge achieved will be put into practice by the copying of paintings. The student will learn the fundamental techniques used, such as egg tempera, gold leaf and oil colors.

PAINTING with CONTEMPORARY TECHNIQUES

This course is designed to teach the students to use the new language, through learning how to use new support materials (plastic, various canvases, wood, metal) and painting techniques, ranging from the old traditional colors to the use of mixed techniques (such as color applied with sponge, spatulas and rollers).

Semi-Intensive Art Courses:

Florence only

Lessons: 5 times a week;

20 lessons in 2 weeks

FASHION DESIGN

The purpose of the course is to introduce the students into the world of fashion. During the course, the students will plan their own personal fashion collections, taking inspiration from art, history, various cultures, environments, and present and past events. The students will then apply the studied materials to the planning of their personal portfolios. Students will also study the flux of fashion trends and tendencies.

SCULPTURE

This course allows the student to choose between a wide variety of techniques and media, including clay modeling, marble sculpture and wood cut. According to the student's level of study and course selection, it will be possible to either concentrate on a specific technique or to diversify techniques and materials. At the beginning of the course there will be an introduction to functional drawing for sculpture used in connection with the various techniques.

Intensive Art Courses:

Florence only

Lessons: 5 times a week;

40 lessons in 2 weeks

WALL PAINTING (Fresco)

During this course the students will be introduced to the materials used in the creation of a fresco using the medieval and renaissance technique applied by the old masters. They can also express their own ideas in a sketch using new techniques. The knowledge acquired will be used through the execution of one or more paintings.

Other Art Courses:

MOSAIC, INTERIOR DECORATION AND PAINTERLY EFFECTS, ETCHING:

Please ask for more information.

Nota Bene:

- Course center Florence: Standard Art, Semi-Intensive and Intensive Art courses
- Course centers Milan and Rome: Standard Art courses only



LEATHER WORKING COURSES

Florence

Leatherworking is one of the traditional crafts of Tuscany. Our school in Florence offers leather working courses in combination with our Italian language course. Duration: one day, 1, 3 and 6 months.

The Full Day course begins with a short lesson about the materials used in creating leather products. Afterwards participants assemble and finish a handsome leather handbag.

In the One Month course students will acquire knowledge of the working phases of a leather product, usually a bag, exclusively done by hand.

The 3 and 6 months courses begin in January and offer the opportunity to learn the art of leather working. Early registration for these courses is recommended.

Starting dates: Full day and One month courses: every week;
3 and 6 months courses: in January
Lessons: 6 for full day course;
36 for One month course;
360 for 3 months;
700 for 6 months
Level: Elementary A2 and above

LANGUAGE PREPARATORY SEMESTER IN DESIGN

Milan

Thanks to the collaboration with NABA (Academy of Art, Fashion and Design, one of the most prestigious Art Academies in Italy, recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education), we offer our students a semester preparatory course in order to enroll in one of NABA's three-year Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees. We also welcome those who wish to make only new experiences in the field of Italian design, without choosing the BA program of NABA.

The program includes: 300 Italian lessons in order to achieve the necessary language skills as well as a basic introduction in Painting and Visual Arts, Graphic Design and Art Direction, Fashion Design, Media Design and Multimedia Arts.

Starting date: February
Duration: 20 weeks
Lessons: 425
Level: Beginner A1 and above

Please ask for special information.

PROFESSIONAL COFFEE AND LATTE ART MAKING PROGRAMS

Milan

The cooperation with Flair Academy, a professional school for Barman and Coffeehouse operators, allows Scuola Leonardo da Vinci in Milan to offer a special course for Coffee and Cappuccino (Latte Art) maker.

The program provides two course sections: the first part of the course is designed to meet the linguistic preparation in Italian. In the second part of the course, the technical and practical part of the Coffee and Latte Art program is carried out.

Starting dates: Every Monday of the year, except August
Duration: 6 - 8 weeks
Lessons: 120 - 140
Level: Intermediate B1 and above



ACADEMICS

TEACHING METHOD

Our teaching method takes full account of modern didactics and is oriented towards the "Foreign Language Concept of the Council of Europe" and the "Guidelines of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL)". The Leonardo da Vinci schools teach according to the Communicative Approach Method (CAM): from the first day on, at all levels, only Italian will be spoken. We emphasize the spoken and living language. Continually stressing the use of verbal communication permits you to learn Italian 'naturally', to unite theory and practice easily and to increase your knowledge quickly and with confidence. Advanced courses also practise written language. Our teaching staff consists of young teams of experienced language teachers, all of whom have studied at University and who have been specially trained in teaching Italian to foreigners.

Most of the teaching material has been developed by our schools and is excellently suited to the needs and requirements of the students. Thanks to a permanent work group the didactic material is continuously updated and adapted to the newest research on teaching languages to foreigners. But learning Italian does not consist, for us at the Leonardo da Vinci schools, in just teaching grammar and vocabulary. We want to allow our students to gain insight into the Italian way of living and thinking. That is why we offer, in addition to the language courses, a whole range of extracurricular activities for our students.

ABILITY LEVELS

On the first day of the language course, your knowledge of Italian will be determined by an entry test and an interview. Students with no knowledge of Italian will be assigned to the beginner level. Text books and supplies are provided by the school, but you are expected to bring your own dictionary.

The time it takes to learn to use a foreign language varies from person to person. Therefore, regular progress tests at the end of each level enables us to measure your language development and evaluate your performance over a period of time.

Our schools offer courses on six ability levels, following the Assessment Grid of the European Language Portfolio (ELP/CEF: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) which is based on the assessment grid of Schneider/North:



Level	I Beginner		II Elementary		III Intermediate I		IV Intermediate II		V Advanced I		VI Advanced II	
CEFR	A1		A2		B1		B2		C1		C2	
S/N	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	N7	N8	N9	N10		
AIL EXAMS	DELI-A1		DELI-A2		DILI-B1 DILC-B1 <i>Business</i>		DILI-B2		DALI-C1 DALC-C1 <i>Business</i>		DALI-C2	

CEFR = Language ability scale according to the European Language Portfolio (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

S/N = Language ability scale according to Günther Schneider and Brian North



DIPLOMAS AND EXAMS

Our teachers will be checking on your progress continuously during your course and will discuss with you any particular difficulties which arise in the teaching program. At the end of each course and each level, your progress will be assessed with a written test.

Your studies at the Leonardo da Vinci schools can be concluded with the following diplomas and examinations:

«Scuola Leonardo da Vinci®» Certificates

The language school Leonardo da Vinci is internationally known and its name stands for quality language courses. All participants receive on request a certificate of attendance which is also a valid proof of their knowledge and communicative abilities in the Italian language.

- Certificato di Frequenza: Certificate of attendance at the end of the course.

«Firenze» Language Diplomas of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua® (AIL)

The Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL) is the professional Association of schools, institutions and experts in the field of teaching Italian as a Foreign Language. The members of the association guarantee and promote the high quality of Italian language teaching. The AIL has thus initiated the first diploma of modern Italian which effectively tests the language abilities of the candidates. The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is an authorized examination center.

AIL organizes in our Course Centers every time the following Diploma «Firenze» language examinations:

- **DELI-A1** - Diploma Elementare 1 della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL: basic level one (A1 • N2)*; at the end of the 1st level.
- **DELI-A2** - Diploma Elementare 2 della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL: basic level two (A2 • N4)*; at the end of the 2nd level.
- **DILI-B1** - Diploma Intermedio 1 della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL: intermediate level one (B1 • N6)*; at the end of the 3rd level.
- **DILC-B1** - Diploma Intermedio della Lingua Italiana Commerciale «Firenze» AIL: **Business Diploma**, intermediate level (B1 • N6)*; at the end of the 3rd level.
- **DILI-B2** - Diploma Intermedio 2 della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL: intermediate level two (B2 • N8)*; at the end of the 4th level.
- **DALI-C1** - Diploma Avanzato 1 della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL: advanced level one (C1 • N9)*; at the end of the 5th level.
- **DALC-C1** - Diploma Avanzato della Lingua Italiana Commerciale «Firenze» AIL: **Business Diploma**, advanced level (C1 • N9)*; at the end of the 5th or 6th level.
- **DALI-C2** - Diploma Avanzato 2 della Lingua Italiana «Firenze» AIL: advanced level two (C2 • N10)*; at the end of the 6th level.

*) Levels according to the European Language Portfolio and Schneider/North (see ability levels).

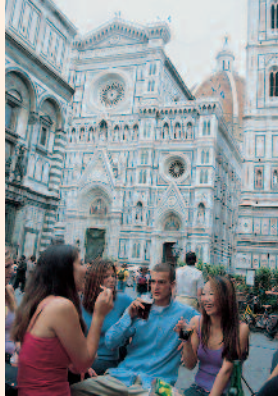
Other Language Diplomas

The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci organizes also personalized preparation courses for the following language diplomas:

- CELI - Perugia
- CILS - Siena
- DITALS - Siena
- 'Certificato in Italiano come L2' - Roma Tre
- PLIDA
- TELC - Language tests

Detailed information upon request.

The **AIL DILC-B1 Examination** has been recognized by the UFFT (Swiss Federal Office for professional education and technology) as the final Italian exam, it being the second national language, for all the professional commercial schools in Switzerland.



ACCOMMODATION

One of the free services offered by our schools is finding a suitable accommodation for you. Accommodations will be regularly checked by our schools. You can choose from one of the following possibilities:

- Single or double room in a host family with breakfast;
- Single or double room in a host family with half board (breakfast and dinner);
- Single or double room in an apartment, with bathroom and kitchen shared with other students or with the landlord;
- Upon request, we can also arrange rooms in Hotels of all categories as well as Private Apartments, Residences, B&B and Boarding Houses.

HOST FAMILIES

Most of the host families have worked with us for many years. The families know from experience what the role of a host is. Living with a host family offers you the opportunity to become integrated quickly into the Italian society. Nowhere else will you so directly experience real Italian life. The word «family» should not be taken too literally, because your family could also be a single parent who takes in students because he or she enjoys the company. You can choose between a room with breakfast or half-board (breakfast and dinner). It is obvious that you will have to adjust a little to the rules of the house. Apart from that, you are free to do what you want.

SHARED APARTMENT

Living in an apartment, together with other foreign or Italian students or with the landlord/landlady, allows you considerable independence. The apartments are not luxurious but they have all the basic amenities (a bed, table, chair and a wardrobe). You share the bathroom and the fully equipped kitchen with the room mates and you can cook on your own.

PRIVATE APARTMENT

Private apartments are more comfortable than shared apartments and therefore more expensive. They are available for one or more persons. Prices are available upon request. Please note that the private apartments must be reserved well in advance and the prices vary depending on the city and season.

HOTELS, B&B

We work with Hotels and B&B, situated close to the schools (basic offer always: bed and breakfast, rooms with shower or bathroom). Prices are available on request and according to the categories.

TRANSFER

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci also offers a Meet and Greet transfer service from the airports in Rome, Florence, Pisa and Milan and from the train stations in Florence, Milan, Rome and Siena to your accommodation.



SPORT AND LEISURE TIME

During your stay you may wish to practise your favourite sport or learn a new one. You have the following opportunities: gymnastics/fitness/yoga, swimming, jogging, tennis, squash, golf, horse-riding, biking and so on. Our guides for all athletic activities will help you organize your free time.

The cities and their surroundings offer a nearly unlimited variety of leisure activities, which you might undertake on your own. We offer some leisure activities ourselves and organize on a regular basis:

- dinners, which enable teachers and students to get to know each other better
- guided art history visits
- City tours and museum visits
- film evenings at school
- visit to a wine cellar
- half- and full-day excursions

Full-day excursions are normally organized on Saturdays.

You will be given your Leonardo da Vinci student card on your first course day. The school office will inform you about discounts in various restaurants, bookshops, cafés, gyms, museums, etc.

Every month our schools distribute their own calendars of culture activities. This way you will always be well informed concerning exhibitions, concerts, films and other events. Your stay in Italy should be memorable not solely on account of the language course.



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