Ca’ Foscari School for International Education
Where are we?

In the heart of Venice, the San Sebastiano campus is 5 minutes away from the main Ca’ Foscari building, and 2 minutes from the nearby Zattere boardwalk.
Our Mission

• Foster cross-cultural learning
• Develop internationalization initiatives for students, both local and international
• Support the creation of an international community at Ca’ Foscari University
• Promote Italian language and culture
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• **Summer and Winter Schools**, partnership programmes
Academic Preparation for Higher Education

Marco Polo - Turandot
Year-long programme for Chinese students

Foundation Year
Year-long programme for all international students
Marco Polo - Turandot

- Italian language classes for 10 months
- A1 – B1/B2
- CILS examination
- Preparation courses for future enrolment in various disciplines
- Students can apply to Universities Academy of Fine Arts, Music Conservatories
Foundation Year

- For students who are missing the eligibility requirements for enrolment at an Italian university
- Must have successfully completed high school
- Language courses + Italian history + Study Track

Study Tracks:
- Humanities
- Architecture and Design
- Science
- Economics and Management
Summer Schools

Joint Summer Schools with international Partner Universities

- Ca’ Foscari – Harvard Summer School
- Ca’ Foscari Columbia Summer Programme
- Classical Chinese and Japanese (in collaboration with Princeton University)
Summer School courses open to everyone from June-July

SIE Summer Session
- Global Studies
- Contemporary Art and Curatorship
- Study in Venice
- Management Innovation Studies
Other programmes for international students

Our partners

Colgate University (USA), Busan University (South Korea), INHA University (South Korea), University of Sydney (Australia), University of International Business Economics (China), Soochow University (China)
Free Italian courses for international students enrolled in Degree Programmes at Ca’ Foscari

Which levels do we offer?

- Beginner A1
- Elementary A2
- Pre intermediate B1

Who can take them?

1. First year Bachelor’s students
2. First year Master’s students
3. All other degree seeking students
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Course structure

- 50 or 70 hours (online) of language grammar and skills
- Direct streaming lessons using Zoom
- Remote teaching activities on the virtual platform Moodle
- Self-learning activities
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**Attendance and certificates**

- Attendance compulsory (at least 70%)
- Exit test
- Attendance certificate with final grade
- **No credits**
- Only one free Italian language course for each degree programme
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Enrolment

- We receive the names of the eligible students from our Ca’ Foscari offices
- We sent an enrolment form by email
- Enrolment opens today and ends on February 14th.
Free courses for Exchange students

Courses in English on Italian and Venetian culture

- 30 hours
- 6 ECTS
- Topics in literature, history, art history, design, ecosystem
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**Italian language at CEFR levels (A1-C1)**
- 30 hours of historical and sociolinguistic aspects of the Italian language
- 50 hours of language grammar and skills
- 6 ECTS
Italian language

Language and linguistics module (30 hrs)

- 2 x 90-minute lessons per week (8 weeks)
- Final exam after the course is over

Language practice (50 hrs)

- 2 x 2.5 hour lessons per week (10 weeks)
- Final test (oral and written) + mid-term evaluations
Courses in English

1. SIE001 Contemporary History of Venice
2. SIE036 Introduction to Classics
3. SIE037 Italian Culture and Made in Italy
4. SIE066 Venetian Art and Archaeology - 2
Schedule

• All courses start the fourth week of February
• Time-table and classroom information will be available online shortly
• All courses will be over by mid May
Registration

Registration is CLOSED

- An email was sent to all mobility students in December (deadline in January)

- Waitlist:
  - English-taught courses
  - Italian language courses (placement test required for students with previous knowledge)

- For the waitlist send an email to cfsie@unive.it
Standard Italian language courses

- Beginner A1
- Elementary A2
- Pre intermediate B1
- Intermediate B2
- Advanced C1
- Mastery C2

50 hours of language classes

70 hours of language classes
Standard Italian language courses

Our standard courses are currently entirely online.

This is intended to allow students to begin or continue their language training in Italian, despite the safety measures enforced to reduce the current pandemic.
International Certification CILS

• The Ca’ Foscari School for International Education (SIE), in agreement with the Università per Stranieri di Siena, is an accredited centre for the CILS examinations;

• The CILS exam is a proficiency examination and an official recognition of the attained level of linguistic competence of Italian as a foreign language (from A1 to C2).

• The CILS exam "CILS Due-B2" is recognized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research. Students who have obtained CILS Due-B2 are exempt from the language test organized by Italian universities.
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