

ONLINE SIGN LANGUAGE SUMMER COURSES

July 5-16, 2021

The Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies offers online Summer courses in Sign Languages

The courses are offered to deaf and hearing students, from Italy and from abroad. Intensive 2-week courses where students can share their experiences within an international context. Participants can choose from a list of intensive courses in Italian Sign Language, American Sign Language and, upon registration, in Italian language for deaf foreign students. These main courses can be combined with modules on Italian Deaf culture and on tactile Italian Sign Language.

Programme

The **30 hours sign language courses** will allow students to develop basic or intermediate competencies in LIS (Italian Sign Language) and/or ASL (American Sign Language). Besides the language courses, the Summer School offers an **insight into the Italian Deaf culture** leading students through the beginning and the growth of the cultural specificities of the Italian Deaf community by presenting its rich artistic and expressive components as well as in **Tactile Italian Sign Language**, used by deaf-blind people in Italy.

The Summer School offers courses taught by **expert instructors** for all types of students: deaf students, hearing students, Italian or international, as well as teachers or anyone interested in the topics.

Dates and course structure 2021

Course consisting of 30 hours will last from July 5th to July 16th from Monday thru Friday for 3 hours a day. Courses consisting of 10 hours will take place during the first or second week of the Summer School according to indications reported below each course description, for 2 hours a day.

Online courses 2021

Italian Sign Language (LIS) - basic level – 30 hours

Recipients: Hearing and Deaf students with no competence in Italian Sign Language.

Language used: Italian Sign Language (LIS)

Instructor: [Mirko Pasquotto](#)

The course aims at developing a basic competence in LIS. At the end of the course, students will be able to understand and produce simple declarative, negative and interrogative sentences in LIS and will be able to interact in simple conversations.

Topics covered: to produce and ask for personal information (name, last name, age, date of birth, geographical origin, hobbies, profession), lexicon connected to: time (past, present and future), geography (Italian cities), daily activities and free time, family, colors, emotions, animals, transportation.

Italian Sign Language (LIS) - intermediate level – 30 hours

Recipients: Hearing and Deaf students with a basic competence in Italian Sign Language (equal to 30 hours of basic course)

Language used: Italian Sign Language (LIS)

Instructor: Mirko Pasquotto

The course aims at developing an intermediate competence in LIS. At the end of the course, students will be able to understand and produce declarative, negative and interrogative sentences in LIS and will be able to interact in conversations on different topics.

Topics covered: the course will concentrate on enriching the lexicon and on the comprehension and production of sentences (declarative, interrogative, and negative) at an intermediate level. In particular, the topics covered will be:

- Identity card and personal information
- Means of transportation
- At the bar or restaurant
- Talk about the family
- Time: week, months, years
- Day's activities
- Emotions
- Needs and requests
- To give (indoor and outdoor) indications

American Sign Language (ASL) – basic level – 30 hours

Recipients: Hearing and Deaf students with no competence in Italian Sign Language.

Language used: American Sign Language (ASL)

Instructor: **Gabriele Caia**

The course aims at developing a basic competence in ASL. At the end of the course, students will be able to understand and produce simple declarative, negative and interrogative sentences in ASL and will be able to interact in simple conversations.

American Sign Language (ASL) – intermediate level – 30 hours

Recipients: Hearing and Deaf students with a basic competence in American Sign Language (equal to 30 hours of basic course)

Language used: American Sign Language (ASL)

Instructor: **Gabriele Caia**

The course aims at developing an intermediate competence in ASL in the following grammatical domains: type of sentence (declarative, interrogative, negative), time information, aspect, classifiers. Students will be engaged in conversations regarding daily activities and the description of places and objects.

Tactile Italian sign language (LISt) - 10 hours

The lessons will take place from July 5th to July 9th

Recipients: Deaf and hearing students whose competence in Italian Sign Language (LIS) is at least of level A1.

Language used: Italian and LIS

Instructor: **Laura Volpato**

The aim of the course is to provide basic information about the deaf-blind world so that students can gradually approach it. By the end of the course, students will be able to recognize and apply some of the main communication systems used by the Italian deaf-blind community, amongst which, tactile Italian Sign Language.

Italian deaf culture in Italian - 10 hours

The lessons will take place from July 12th to July 16th

Recipients: Deaf and hearing students

Instructor: **Rita Sala**

The Italian Deaf community has its origin in the Italian history and culture and has inevitably been influenced by these aspects and by the historical and social events that have affected our country. However, it also has its own history closely linked to the educational choices made in the past years, especially since the end of the 1800s.

The Italian deaf culture is the result of all this and its specific traits are inextricably linked to its history, but above all to the visual language that characterizes it, the Italian Sign Language. This course, starting from some historical premises, will lead the students to understand the beginning and growth of the cultural specificities of the Italian Deaf community, by presenting its rich artistic and expressive components. Further details will then be presented to describe the historical and political situation currently experienced by Deaf people in Italy.

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Registration

Courses fees:

Courses consisting of 30 hours: Euro 350

Courses consisting of 10 hours: Euro 150

In order for a course to be activated, we need to reach a minimum number of enrolled students. Registrations will close when reaching a maximum number of enrolled students. If we receive enough requests, we will consider activating two parallel courses of the same teaching (i.e., ASL or LIS).

Courses consisting of 30 hours: at least 10 students

LIS courses: not more than 24 students

ASL courses: not more than 15 students

Courses consisting of 10 hours: at least 12 students

Italian Deaf Culture course: not more than 20 students

Tactile Italian Sign Language course: not more than 15 students

We ask you to express your interest by registering to the online Summer courses by **May 21, 2021** through the following [link](#).

You will receive information about the activation of the courses by **May 28, 2021**.

Students will have to complete their registration by paying the registration fee by **June 4, 2021**.

Information on how to proceed with the registration fee will be sent on May 28, 2021.