

## **COURSE: ITALIAN LANGUAGE**

**LEVEL: A1 – Letter A**

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### **Course structure**

The Italian Language course (A1) consists of two Modules:

1. **Introduction to Italian language:** in-presence lessons (30 hours), taught by Prof. Paolo Nitti
2. **Language practice:** language learning activities (50 hours) taught by the language experts:  
A1 (Group 4) Dott.ssa Barbara Bonadio, A1 (Group 2) Dott.ssa Anna Toscano and A2 Dott.ssa Sarah Zilio.

Students are required to attend at least 70% of each module.

### **Learning objectives**

#### **Description**

The objective of the course is to bring the student closer to the Italian linguistics, in order to facilitate the study of the linguistic and grammatical characteristics of the language.

Besides the presentations of some specific structures of the Italian language, students will examine the principal strategies for the widening of metalinguistic competence, for the development of their vocabulary, for the comprehension of textual dimension, and to improve pronunciation, according to a linguistic perspective that does not renounce the comparative dimension between Italian, English, and their native languages.

The course includes one presidential and one distance part, through exercises and thematic forums within the Moodle platform, in order to verify the communicative competence of the students throughout the Italian language module.

#### **Topics**

- Elements of the Italian phonetics (the phonological repertoire of Italian, techniques for learning how to pronounce, the relationships between spelling and listening);
- Elements of Italian morphology (the concordance in general and in number of nouns and adjectives, the definite and indefinite articles, the verbal system, the formation of adverbs);
- Italian elements of syntax (the position of the syntagmatic indicators, the negative and interrogative sentences);
- The Italian vocabulary (strategies of classification);
- The organization of texts (types of texts);
- Pragmatic elements (development of interactional and pragmatic competence).

## Methodology

The classes and practice sessions require interaction. Students are required to actively participate in class and carry out all the tasks assigned by the Professor and the Language Experts.

## Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Only the students who will have attended at least 70% of both Module 1 and Module 2 will be admitted to the exam. Particularly,

- For Module 1 students are required to attend at least 8 lessons out of 12 (21 hours out of 30) and carry out the activities assigned.
- For Module 2 students are required to attend at least 14 classes out of 20 (35 hours out of 50).

## Examination

**The exam consists of 3 mandatory parts:**

**Deadline**

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| 1. Language test – listening and reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar (60% of the final grade). | To be announced. |
| 2. Oral presentation (20% of the final grade).   | To be announced. |
| 3. Written activities (10% of the final grade)   | To be announced. |
| 4. Participation (10% of the final grade)  |                  |

Students are required to take and pass all the parts of the grading system.

## Bibliography

- Module 1: handouts provided by the Professor in class, F. Gatti, S. Peyronel, *Grammatica in contesto*, Loescher, Torino 2006, ISBN 9788820128432.
- Module 2:  
A1 (Group 4 and Group 2) Farina, A., Tanucci V., *In Itali@, Corso di lingua e cultura italiana Livello A1*, 2015, Hoepli, Milano. ISBN: 9788820363598.  
A2 Farina A., Tanucci V., *In Itali@. Livello A2, Corso di lingua e cultura italiana*, 2015, Hoepli, Milano. ISBN: 9788820363604 .

## Office Hours

Prof. Paolo Nitti is available on Friday from 04.30 to 05.30 pm. Please send an email for confirmation.

A1 (Group 4) Barbara Bonadio is available on Monday from 5.00 to 6.00 pm at San Sebastiano, Room 117. Please send an email for confirmation.

A1 (Group 2) Dott.ssa Anna Toscano is available on Monday from 2.00 to 3.00 pm at San Sebastiano, Room 117.

A2 Dott.ssa Sarah Zilio is available on Friday from 2.00 to 3.00 pm at San Sebastiano, Room 117.