

ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE : LEVEL 1 BEGINNERS

AIMS

The main aim of our Italian language and culture courses is to offer to foreign students, who don't speak Italian, the basis of our language, grammar and vocabulary in order to teach them how to communicate in all situations of daily life. The courses will be organized in different levels, starting from a general introduction to Italian, focused on the study of the main structures of the spoken and written language and of most common uses.

LEVEL 1: BEGINNERS

This is a general introduction dedicated to beginner students and aimed at familiarizing with the acquisition of Italian language. Phonetics, the foundation of grammar structures and verbs are introduced with attention to their actual use in an authentic linguistic context.

COURSE MAIN AIMS:

To provide students with basic skills in understanding the spoken language through the use of an appropriate vocabulary related to specific situations

To acquire the basic structures to communicate

To be able to comprehend and write short paragraphs

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

To become aware of the basic structures of the grammar.

To be able to use the acquired grammar rules in authentic linguistic contexts.

To be able to ask simple questions and make simple statements.

To develop basic reading and comprehension abilities.

To be able to understand uncomplicated sentence-length and paragraph-length statements.

To develop basic writing abilities.

To build up an essential vocabulary.

TEACHING METHOD:

The teaching approach is comprehension-based. Participation and team working ability are encouraged in class. The role of the language professor is not only to provide the students with information, rules and correction of mistakes but also encourage them towards a challenging linguistic experience. Priority is given to comprehension and language production.

Each lesson must respect the following points:

- General introduction to Italian language.
- Main structures of Italian language.
- Common uses and situations.
- How to say/ how to translate.

During the course, the professor will check students' level of comprehension and learning through written and oral tests and homework assignments. At the end of the course there will be a final written and oral examination.

CLASS ACTIVITIES:

Learning Italian with songs.

Watching Italian movies with subs.

Role-plays.

Playing with language and words.

RECOMMENDED:

- Italian/English Dictionary;

- Texts and exercises will be given by the professor during the lessons.

LESSONS AND ARGUMENTS

BASIC POINTS (1)

ITALIAN ALPHABET:

VOWELS AND CONSONANTS: how to pronounce vowels, how to pronounce easy consonants, how to pronounce difficult consonants.

PRONUNCIATION RULES: Accents, double consonants, differences between Italian and English pronunciation.

ITALIAN ARTICLES:

Definite and indefinite articles.

ITALIAN PRONOUNS:

Subject, object, possessive, relative pronouns.

AUXILIARY VERBS: TO BE AND TO HAVE.

SINGULARS/PLURALS-MASCULINE/FEMININE.

CONVERSATION AND COMMUNICATION (1)

MEETING AND GREETING.

HOW TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES.

BASIC POINTS (2)

ITALIAN VERBS I: regular and irregular conjugations, present

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES.

ITALIAN NUMBERS.

ITALIAN COLOURS.

PARTS OF OUR BODY.

FAMILY.

CONVERSATION AND COMMUNICATION (2)

HOW TO DESCRIBE OURSELVES.

HOW OLD WE ARE.

MEETING AND GREETING (2)

THE ANIMALS.

THE WEATHER.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

BASIC POINTS (3)

ITALIAN DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVE AND PRONOUNS.

ITALIAN PREPOSITION.

DAYS OF THE WEEK.

MONTHS AND SEASON.

PART OF THE DAY.

CONVERSATION AND COMMUNICATION (3)

TIME AND DATE.

GOING AROUND THE CITY: how to ask/give information, city places.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING: trains and buses schedules, how and where to buy a train/bus ticket, how to book a room in a hotel, how to ask information into a travel agency.

BASIC POINTS (4)

ITALIAN VERBS 2: future.

CLOTHES.

FOODS.

CONVERSATION AND COMMUNICATION (4)

GOING SHOPPING: asking information in shops, buying articles, describing articles

AT THE RESTAURANT: how to reserve a table, how to order

VERBAL EXPRESSIONS, IDIOMS, AND SPECIAL CONSTRUCTIONS

ARRIVING AND LEAVING (2): how to book a room in a hotel, how to ask information into a travel agency.

ITALIAN FOODS (2)

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLOTHING

HOW TO DESCRIBE YOUR DAY.