

SUMMER SCHOOL

Palermo 2014

30th June - 26th September



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Palermo University
Italian Language School



Studying Italian in Palermo

Palermo, the biggest town of Sicily – one of the most fascinating islands of the Mediterranean, is famous for the rich artistic heritage, the good food, the enchanting coastline and the ideal weather to have a nice time in town and by the seaside.

Palermo is an acknowledged capital of art and culture, thanks to the Arab, Norman and Byzantine heritage, to the ancient stately mansions and also to the modern and contemporary art galleries and theatres, like the Massimo theatre that is one of the most important opera houses in Europe.

Palermo is also one of the world capitals of street food and boasts an important gastronomic tradition that reveals its multicultural past and present. Monreale, Mondello, Sferracavallo, Cefalù, Isola delle Femmine, Ustica, Scopello, San Vito Lo Capo and the Zingaro natural reserve are some of the most popular tourist destinations nearby Palermo. Other places of interest as Agrigento, Noto, Siracusa, Segesta, Piazza Armerina, Erice, the Aeolian Islands, the Egadi Islands and so forth are easily accessible from Palermo. Some of these places are included among the destinations of the excursions planned for the Summer School.



Studying Italian at Itastra

Since 2006, the Italian Language School offers semi-intensive and intensive language programs (Winter and Summer Schools) all the year round.

Intensive courses are organised in modules of 2 weeks, they allow you to learn quickly following high quality standards, and they include different and motivating extra-activities.

In addition to the classes with qualified and experienced teachers, the Summer School includes afternoon and evening informal activities.

These activities are organised by young Italian university students who collaborate with the School as trainees.

This structure of the courses helps the language learning process and gives you the chance to get in touch with the culture, the territory and native Italians.



Courses

STANDARD LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSES

INTENSIVE SPECIAL COURSES

Italian and art

Levels

From Beginners to Advanced

From Intermediate to Advanced

Dates

30th of June – 11th of July
14th - 25th of July
28th of July – 8th of August
18th – 29th of August
15th – 26th of September

28th of July – 8th of August
+ the weekend of the 2nd/3rd
of August and Saturday, the
9th of August

Cost

300 Euros (including registration,
learning materials and recreational
activities)

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and guided visits)

Hours of lesson

40 (including entry and final tests)

40 + guided visits

Description

The classes take place in the morning from Monday to Friday for 2 weeks. Each class has a maximum of 15 students and 2 teachers work every day with the same group of students to develop different skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, learning vocabulary and culture. The methods and the teaching materials belong to the communicative approach.

A fully qualified teacher in art history and Italian Language Acquisition proposes monographic programs to highlight the peculiarities of the Italian artistic and architectural culture (from the antiquity to the twentieth century) and to focus on the use of the specialised language of art. The theoretical classes are combined with guided visits to places of significant artistic interest in Palermo (4 afternoons) and elsewhere in Sicily (on the 2nd, the 3rd and the 9th of August) for a full immersion in the rich and varied Sicilian panorama.

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INTENSIVE SPECIAL COURSES

Literature and language

Advanced

28th of July – 8th of August
18th – 29th of August

300 Euros (including registration, learning materials, recreational activities and guided visits)

40

The course focuses on the Italian language structures and textuality in relation to the linguistic variation. Following the guidelines of the most advanced language teaching methodologies, the course combines the communicative dimension of language with pragmatics, grammar and syntax.

The texts are the real focus of the course and they are chosen among literary, academic and specialised texts on the basis of a selection that looks at the linguistic functions. Part of the course aims at enhancing the speaking and writing skills in specialised contexts through targeted workshops.

Areas of teaching: Advanced grammar, sociolinguistics and literature.

The activities will take place in the morning.

SHORT SPECIAL COURSES

Italian and cinema.
Sicily is cinema.

From Pre-Intermediate to Advanced

28th of July – 8th of August

200 Euros (including registration, learning materials and recreational activities)

20

“There were, there are and there will be films about Sicily because Sicily is cinema”, said the Sicilian writer Leonardo Sciascia, symbol of the fight against the Mafia. And Giuseppe Tornatore, Sicilian director and Oscar-winner, adds: “No other small region has ever attracted the interest and the interests of the film industry with such an insistence as happened to the island in the shape of a triangle.

Sicily could be defined as an authentic film location”. The course is based on the intertwining of literary texts, films and territory and it will investigate all the aspects related to film culture and territory.

Also, it will aim at developing the comprehension and the oral interaction skills, and it will include guided visits to the locations linked to famous films.

The activities will take place in the afternoon.

SHORT SPECIAL COURSES

Italian and cookery

From Beginners to Advanced

30th of June – 11th of July
15th – 26th of September

200 Euros (including registration, learning materials, recreational activities and grocery shopping for a meal)

20

It is a course of food culture and gastronomic tradition. Thanks to the practical classes, you will personally experience the preparation of traditional Sicilian dishes using quality ingredients and afterwards you will taste all together what you have cooked. Activities include six hours of lesson focusing on the culture and the traditions of Sicilian cuisine and 14 hours of lesson for workshops and educational culinary visits. The course will be run with a minimum of 6 participants.

The activities will take place in the afternoon.



Courses

SHORT SPECIAL COURSES

Italian and theatre. Free Words with the Newspaper Theatre

Levels

From Elementary to Intermediate

Dates

14th - 25th of July

Cost

200 Euros (including registration, learning materials and recreational activities)

Hours of lesson

20

Description

Media communication (TV, radio, newspapers, advertising) is never completely free and authentic. The “tools of communication” are often used to hide, persuade and deceive. Through the techniques of the Newspaper Theatre and the theatre exercise-games created by Augusto Boal, the inventor of the Theatre of the Oppressed, the course will guide you to reflect on the strategies of mass communication and to identify alternatives that make communication more authentic. Particular attention will be paid to the development of the reading comprehension skill, to the fluency of speech and to verbal and non-verbal expression.

The activities will take place in the afternoon.

SHORT SPECIAL COURSES

Italian and theatre. Scenic Improvisations and Creative Storytelling

From Elementary to Intermediate

18th – 29th of August

200 Euros (including registration, learning materials and recreational activities)

20

This course aims at improving the ability of managing the unpredictability of oral interactions through techniques of Improvisational Theatre. You will be guided to perform from simple scenes to more complex and unpredictable interactions with the introduction of paradoxical, conflicting or non-frequent elements. Storytelling will be the starting point of the activities. Real or invented stories of the students, together with stories proposed by the teacher, will be used to create spontaneous scenes, to emotionally involve the participants and to create credible characters. Pieces of Italian contemporary literature and gags/sketches of famous Italian theatre actors will be used to improve your listening and reading skills and to focus on elements of Italian culture (humour, gestures and so forth).

The activities will take place in the afternoon.





Cultural and recreational activities

Boat trip: a whole day on a boat together with teachers and tutors to explore the north-west coast of Sicily and to swim in the crystal clear sea.

A “Street food” walk: *Panelle, croccché, arancine, sfincione, cannoli* are the symbols of a thousand-year old gastronomic tradition that brings together Arabs, Jews, Spaniards, Normans and other populations who used to live in Sicily.

A gastronomic walk in Palermo, capital of Street Food.

Walks, days out and excursions: in collaboration with Italian trainees, the School organises activities in the afternoon, in the evening and during the weekends, including walks and excursions in and out of the city, *aperitivi*, beach trips, visits to malls, sport events, and so forth. Each course requires a compulsory contribution of 20 Euros for the organisation of recreational activities.

Charges for transportation, food and drinks, entrance fees to museums and sites of historical and artistic interest are extra costs and they are not included in the price.

Services for the students

On your request, the School will give you advice on arranging accommodation at affordable prices (B&B, rooms in a family, hostels and so forth) in the city centre and close to the School. The sooner you register, the better prices and the wider choice you will get!

On your request and just for a limited number of students, it is possible to use the cafeteria/ canteen of the University of Palermo.

For further information and details, please write to scuolaitalianostranieri@unipa.it

Special offers

If you register for more than one course, you will receive a discount on the total price. Also, you will receive a discount for the Winter and Summer School 2015.

For further information, please visit the website www.itastra.unipa.it

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