

Università degli Studi di Palermo  
Scuola di Lingua italiana per Stranieri

# SUMMER SCHOOL Palermo 2013



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## General Information

### Our courses

Italian and Culture 1 Standard Language Course

Italian and Culture 2 Standard Language Course

Italian and Art

Italian and Cookery

Italian and Theatre. Scenic Improvisations and Creative Storytelling

Italian and Theatre. Free Words with the Newspaper Theatre

Italian and Sea

### Board Service & Accommodation

## General Information

### Our location

The Italian Language School is located in the ex convent of Sant'Antonino, a building from the XVII century. The building has been recently and entirely refurbished and it is also the location of Palermo University Language Centre. The School is right in the heart of Palermo and it is well served by public transport. It is very close to the central railway station and to the historical market "Ballarò". Our classrooms are all air-conditioned and they all offer a well-equipped learning environment.

### Our teachers

Our mother tongue teachers are highly qualified and they all hold a university degree plus relevant qualifications in education – a postgraduate diploma or a PhD. The teaching staff is continuously trained through a life long learning programme on the most up-to-date teaching methodologies. The teachers are regularly evaluated through satisfaction questionnaires filled in by the students and through the supervision of senior teachers and trainers.

### Our trainees

Italian students from the University of Palermo will support you during your studies in Palermo, in social and entertaining activities. They will contribute to build up your relationship with the new cultural and social environment and they will contribute to develop your language learning process through non-formal learning.

### Our students

Our courses are especially planned for students, researchers, professionals, workers who are interested in learning Italian in a rich artistic and cultural context as the one Sicily and Palermo offer.

### Our teaching methodology

Our methodology, inspired to the most up-to-date teaching theories and practices, is based on the functional-communicative approach. The communicative approach is complemented with other methods that are different in terms of approach, teaching techniques and materials: the affective-humanistic approach, the project work for the realisation of collaborative projects and special programmes for the development of specific competences (academic writing, Italian for academic study skills and so forth). Special attention is given to curricular and extra-curricular activities aiming at discovering the local environment and the culture through classroom activities on the one hand, and through guided visits and workshops on the other hand.

### The entry test

Your level will be tested before you join a course through an entry test (a written task and an interview), unless you are new to the language, in which case you will be advised to join a beginners' course. Before you arrive in Palermo, you will receive a digital copy of the test. You will complete and send back the test to the e-mail address of the School.

When you arrive in Palermo, on the first Monday of each course (at 5 pm), you will have an interview with a teacher-coordinator who will evaluate your linguistic-communicative competence in Italian together with your general study needs. At the end of each course, on Friday (at 9 am) you will write a final test.

### Working inside the classroom

The maximum number of students in any class is 15. You will be guided through every step of your language learning process. Our courses combine face to face classes, creative and thematic workshops, guided visits. All learning materials are provided by the teachers.

### Working outside the classroom

In addition to the classroom work, each course includes:

- a day trip (paying a small extra contribution);
- a farewell party;
- afternoon and evening walks in town, guided visits and information on cultural and sport events.

### Special offers

A price reduction will be applied if you enrol in more than one course.





Our courses

|                | Italian and Culture 1<br>Standard Language Course   | Italian and Culture 2<br>Standard Language Course   |
|----------------|---|---|
| Levels         | All   | All   |
| Dates          | 01/07 – 12/07<br>15/07 – 26/07<br>19/08 – 30/08<br>09/09 – 20/09  | 29/07 – 16/08, no classroom<br>activities are planned for the third week of<br>the course. Guided visits and recreational<br>moments are planned for the 12th & the<br>13th of August   |
| Costs          | 300 euros   | 400 euros   |
| Teaching hours | 40  | 40  |
| Description    | Standard courses last 40<br>hours, they are intensive and<br>they are suitable to learn<br>or improve Italian in a short<br>time. There are courses for<br>every level of the Common<br>European Framework of<br>Reference for Languages<br>of the European Council<br>and they aim at developing<br>the four abilities in the<br>target language: listening,<br>speaking, writing and<br>reading.<br>For advanced levels,<br>university lecturers and<br>researchers will give<br>classes of Italian Literature,<br>History of Art, Linguistics of<br>Contemporary Italian. Also,<br>advanced courses include<br>academic writing workshops<br>and guided visits.<br><b>The activities will take place<br/>in the morning.</b> | Standard courses last 40<br>hours, they are intensive and<br>they are suitable to learn<br>or improve Italian in a short<br>time. There are courses for<br>every level of the Common<br>European Framework of<br>Reference for Languages<br>of the European Council<br>and they aim at developing<br>the four abilities in the<br>target language: listening,<br>speaking, writing and<br>reading.<br>For advanced levels,<br>university lecturers and<br>researchers will give<br>classes of Italian Literature,<br>History of Art, Linguistics of<br>Contemporary Italian. Also,<br>advanced courses include<br>academic writing workshops<br>and guided visits.<br><b>The activities will take place<br/>in the morning.</b> |



| Italian and Art   | Italian and Cookery  | Italian and Theatre<br>Scenic Improvisations and<br>Creative Storytelling  |
|---|--|--|
| Intermediate and Advanced   | Intermediate and Advanced  | Elementary and Intermediate  |
| 29/07 – 16/08   | 01/07 – 12/07<br>15/07 – 26/07   | 19/08 – 30/08  |
| 400 euros   | 350 euros  | 200 euros  |
| 40  | 18   | 20   |
| This 40-hours course has<br>a theoretical structure<br><b>(morning classes)</b> combined<br>with an extensive application<br>consisting of many<br>educational trips <b>(in the<br/>afternoon and during the<br/>weekends)</b> to discover the<br>masterpieces of Palermo<br>and Sicily. Your teacher<br>is fully qualified both in<br>History of Art and in Italian<br>as a Foreign Language.<br>The course has the aim of<br>introducing you to Italian<br>art and to the specialised<br>language of History of Art<br>and Art Criticism. | This course, in collaboration<br>with <i>Città del Gusto-<br/>Gambero Rosso</i> , combines<br>Italian language, culture<br>and gastronomy. Thanks to<br>the practical lessons with<br>professional chefs from the<br>cookery school <i>Gambero<br/>Rosso</i> in Rome, you will<br>prepare typical Sicilian<br>specialities using fresh local<br>products and immediately<br>afterwards you will taste<br>your own creations with your<br>course mates. <b>The activities<br/>will take place in the<br/>afternoons</b> in professionally<br>equipped kitchens at Palazzo<br>Branciforte, a prestigious city<br>museum and the location<br>of <i>Città del Gusto (City of<br/>Taste)</i> . This 18-hours course<br>has a theoretical structure<br>(6 hours for culture and<br>traditional Sicilian cookery<br>with a teacher of Italian<br>Language and Culture)<br>combined with an extensive<br>application (12 hours for<br>practical workshops in the<br>kitchen with a professional<br>chef and a teacher of Italian). | This course aims<br>at improving the<br>ability of managing<br>the unpredictability<br>of oral interactions<br>through techniques of<br>Improvisational Theatre. You<br>will be guided to perform<br>from simple scenes to more<br>complex and unpredictable<br>interactions with the<br>introduction of paradoxical,<br>conflicting or non-frequent<br>elements. Storytelling<br>will be the starting point<br>of the activities. Real or<br>invented stories of the<br>students together with<br>stories proposed by the<br>teacher will be used to<br>create spontaneous scenes,<br>to emotionally involve the<br>participants and to create<br>credible characters. Pieces<br>of Italian contemporary<br>literature and gags/sketches<br>of famous Italian theatre<br>actors will be used to<br>improve your listening and<br>reading abilities and to focus<br>on elements of Italian culture<br>(humour, gestures and so<br>forth). <b>The activities will take<br/>place in the afternoons.</b> |





Our courses

|                | Italian and Theatre<br>Free Words with the<br>Newspaper Theatre   | Italian and Sea  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Levels         | Pre-Intermediate,<br>Intermediate and Advanced  | All  |
| Dates          | 29/07 – 09/08   | 29/07 – 09/08<br>19/08 – 30/08   |
| Costs          | 200 euros   | 150 euros  |
| Teaching hours | 20  | 20   |
| Description    | «Our body thinks», says Augusto Boal who invented the Newspaper Theatre. Accordingly, «Our body speaks». Nevertheless, communication is not always free and authentic because we have learned to use our communication tools to hide or to defend ourselves and to convince or to deceive others. Getting rid of our masks and learning to recognize the mechanisms of communication can help us to develop our communication abilities, above all when we use a foreign language and we live in a new cultural context. The course aims at developing the four language abilities (listening, speaking, reading and writing) through a cooperative research work and the creation of written and audiovisual texts (articles, literary pieces, videos, spots, songs, slogans and so forth) on a specific topic. Thanks to theatre exercise-games that use the body and the voice, we will increase one's awareness of verbal and non-verbal communication.<br><b>The activities will take place in the afternoons.</b> | The course is available only if you attend at least one standard course of Italian Language and Culture. Italian and Sea is a programme for sport and nature lovers. Experts in marine biology will guide you to explore the beauty of Palermo coastline. <b>The course includes 4 afternoon</b> excursions to discover the protected areas of Capo Gallo and Isola delle Femmine, two famous seaside resorts of the Sicilian northern coast, very close to the city centre. During the 4 afternoons you will experience the following activities: Snorkeling to observe aquatic life and to develop the interest for underwater photography; Baptism of The Sea for a first scuba diving experience; Trekking to explore the Mediterranean vegetation, to enjoy breath-taking panoramas and to restore at the end of the walk with a relaxing swim in the natural reserve; Canoeing to reach an enchanting place of the natural reserve while swimming, diving and having fun. All the activities will be coordinated and supervised by professional marine biologists and specialised instructors of the Organisation Mondomare. |



Board Service

The use of the University canteen is available for our students. The cost of a meal is 1.50 €.

Accommodation

On your request, the School will give you advice on arranging accommodation. Based on availability, the School might arrange your accommodation in university houses, in shared flats and in other accommodation options.

University Houses

Accommodation in the Student Houses of Palermo University is available in single, double and triple rooms. The rooms are simple but comfortable. Bed sheets are provided and daily cleaning service is included in the price.

Shared Flats

Accommodation in a shared flat gives you the chance to live with students of different nationalities practising your Italian at home. All the flats are at walking distance from the School. Kitchen and bathroom are shared. Single, twin and double rooms are available. Bed sheets and blankets are provided and bills for electricity, gas and water are included in the price.

You room will be booked from the Sunday before the beginning of your course to the Saturday after the last day of your course.

COSTS FOR 15 DAYS

| TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION                                 | MINIMUM COST | MAXIMUM COST | EXTRA COSTS*** |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Single room in shared flat, use of kitchen            | 100          | 150          | 20             |
| Twin room in shared flat, use of kitchen              | 150          | 250          | 20             |
| Double room in shared flat, use of kitchen            | 150          | 250          | 20             |
| University House rooms (use of kitchen not available) | 120          | 120          | 10             |

\*\*\*Extra costs include: service for arranging your accommodation, assistance when you arrive and when you leave, cleaning service when you leave.

Other accommodation options

The School can also assist you in arranging other types of accommodation: B&Bs, Holiday Houses, Hotels, Hostels.

This service costs 30 euros. The prices of the stay will have to be agreed with the chosen structure.









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