

Università degli Studi di Palermo
Scuola di Lingua italiana per Stranieri

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



Italian and Art	Italian and Cookery	Italian and Theatre Scenic Improvisations and Creative Storytelling
Intermediate and Advanced	Intermediate and Advanced	Elementary and Intermediate
29/07 – 16/08	01/07 – 12/07 15/07 – 26/07	19/08 – 30/08
400 euros	350 euros	200 euros
40	18	20
This 40-hours course has a theoretical structure (morning classes) combined with an extensive application consisting of many educational trips (in the afternoon and during the weekends) to discover the masterpieces of Palermo and Sicily. Your teacher is fully qualified both in History of Art and in Italian as a Foreign Language. The course has the aim of introducing you to Italian art and to the specialised language of History of Art and Art Criticism.	This course, in collaboration with <i>Città del Gusto- Gambero Rosso</i> , combines Italian language, culture and gastronomy. Thanks to the practical lessons with professional chefs from the cookery school <i>Gambero Rosso</i> in Rome, you will prepare typical Sicilian specialities using fresh local products and immediately afterwards you will taste your own creations with your course mates. The activities will take place in the afternoons in professionally equipped kitchens at Palazzo Branciforte, a prestigious city museum and the location of <i>Città del Gusto (City of Taste)</i> . This 18-hours course has a theoretical structure (6 hours for culture and traditional Sicilian cookery with a teacher of Italian Language and Culture) combined with an extensive application (12 hours for practical workshops in the kitchen with a professional chef and a teacher of Italian).	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 abilities and to focus on elements of Italian culture (humour, gestures and so forth). The activities will take place in the afternoons.



Our courses

	Italian and Theatre Free Words with the Newspaper Theatre	Italian and Sea
Levels	Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate and Advanced	All
Dates	29/07 – 09/08	29/07 – 09/08 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. The activities will take place in the afternoons.	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. The course includes 4 afternoon 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.

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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