SUMMER SCHOOL
Italian, Sun and Culture
Palermo 2016
From July 4 to September 23

Scuola di Lingua italiana per Stranieri
Università degli Studi di Palermo
Palermo: a town where you can travel, a town where you can study

At the center of the Mediterranean Sea there is an island that has been a meeting point for people, languages and cultures, for three thousand years. That island is Sicily.

In Sicily there is a city, Palermo, that, more than any other, has witnessed a long vibrant history.

Palermo is the ideal place where you can study and also enjoy your summer. Thanks to its climate, its geographical position, its history, its artistic and natural treasures and its food.

In addition to a rich artistic heritage you can find an intriguing atmosphere and one of the largest historical centers in Italy. Palermo along with its culture offers many places of relaxation such as Mondello beach or among the rocks of Capo Gallo and Sferracavallo.

Or how about explore its monuments, museums, and theatres. Palermo declares home to one of the most important theatres in Europe, Teatro Massimo. Palermo is now a days considered as the capital of art and culture. The city’s historical and cultural importance has been recognised by UNESCO, whom have also declared the existence of monuments from the Arab-norman periods, heritage of humanity.

Palermo is one of the world capitals of street food. The cities gastronomic tradition is well-renowned, not only is it of great importance but it also reveals its multicultural past and present.

Studying Italian in Palermo is an opportunity to discover art, culture, one of the most popular beaches and also the food tradition, which is one of the most important in Italy and a model with Italian cuisine being imitated all over the world.

Studying Italian in the Summer School of ItaStra

Intensive courses at the Summer School of Italian Language School for Foreigners of the University of Palermo (ItaStra) are divided into two-week modules (40 hours of lessons per module) and are led by teachers who specialise in teaching Italian as a second and foreign language.

Courses run from Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 13.00.

This year you plan your own Summer

From this year, the Summer School offers the opportunity to attend optional afternoon workshops of Italian, Cooking, Opera, Photography, and Cinema, for more information on what the summer school offers (see below).

You can also participate in our evening activities (mostly cultural and gastronomic walks) organized by our tutors, who are Italian students attending courses at the University of Palermo.
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COURSES

**Standard Language and Culture Courses** *(morning classes)*

**Levels:** from Beginner to Advanced  
**Dates:** all modules  
**Cost:** 300 Euros (including registration, learning materials and recreational activities*)  
**Hours of lesson:** 40 (including entry and final tests)

**Description:**
Classes are held from Monday to Friday (9.00-13.00) for a duration of 2 weeks. Each class usually has a maximum number of 15 students which is taught by 2 teachers every day, who are working on developing different skills related to the understanding, speaking, writing, vocabulary and culture of the language. The previous methods and the materials are continually being adapted so that the approach is a highly innovative method of teaching to make sure that you as a student will be able to reach the goal you are seeking.

**Special advanced course – Literature, grammar, textuality, sociolinguistics of contemporary Italy** *(morning classes)*

**Advanced level**  
**Dates:** (from 22nd of August to 2nd of September) and (from 12th to 23rd September).  
**Cost:** € 300 (including registration, learning materials, recreational activities)

**Description:**
The course focuses on the structure of the Italian language and textuality in relation to the linguistic variation. Following the guidelines of the most advanced language teaching methods, 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 from 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 WORKSHOPS OF “ITALIAN & ETC…”**

The standard language course will be conducted by looking at the specific and important aspects of Italian culture. These training courses are intended to develop the student’s language, theoretical and practical skills in most of the specific areas. This will take place in the form of workshops that are conducted by teachers, assistants, and tutors. In this edition of the Summer School students can choose from varied and diverse workshops such as: Italian, cooking, photography, music, etc…!

* Workshops will start only if reaching at least 5 participants.

**ITALIAN & OPERA**

All levels  
**Dates:** July 4th to 15th  
**Cost:** € 390 (300 € + 90 € laboratory standard course)  
**50 hours of lectures:** (40 standard + 10 lab course)  
The School offers an immersion into the fascinating world of Opera. Students will discover this important aspect of the Italian culture, through Italian and music courses that also provide listening and practical demonstrations. The courses also provide the study of important “librettos” that have made the history of Italian melodrama. In fact, the laboratory includes moments of linguistic in-depth analysis (Opera dictionary and phonetic features of keywords) and moments of listening and musical analysis.

**ITALIAN & COOKING** *(Afternoon)*

Levels from Intermediate to Advanced  
**Dates:** July 18th to 29th  
**Cost:** € 390 (300 € + 90 € workshop standard course)  
**50 hours of lessons will be conducted:** (40 standard + 10 lab course)

**Description:**
The perfect combination to enjoy the best of Italian culture, which signified in Italy as being one of the most important experience, has to be through engaging in the cuisine and the passion for the Kitchent The practical classes will be held by qualified chefs. During the lectures a Professional teacher will provide an overview to the most famous Sicilian cooking traditions and the most famous regional dishes in the world. Participants will engage in preparing typical recipes, with the help of the Instructors.
ITALIAN & PHOTOGRAPHY: “Palermo view from a higher level”

All levels
dates: August 1st to 12th
Cost € 390 (300 € + 90 € laboratory standard course)
55 hours of lessons (standard course of 40 + 15 lab: 6 language hours, 9 hours of laboratory in field)

Description:
The course has several objectives:
1. Development of language skills.
2. Development of photographic skills; by the use of the territory and of the artistic heritage of Palermo.
A professor of the School will conduct workshops which will be overseen through written and speaking terms, based on the terminologies of photography.
An experienced photographer will be guiding photo labs in the area showing the students through the main photographic techniques, and particularly, regarding how to produce “higher level pictures”.
Photographic excursions will take place mainly in the evening hours.

ITALIAN & CINEMA

Levels: from A2 to advanced
dates: August 22nd to September 2nd
Cost: 390 (300 € + 90 € during standard workshops)
50 hours of lessons (40 standard + 10 lab course)

Description:
The laboratory provides a path that will immerse participants in the world of Italian cinema making them the protagonists for a film club that will involve all of the students of the Summer School. Will, in fact, those who are enrolled in the laboratory to prepare and manage the two evening screenings (once per week) that will animate the summer modules.
The route involves the construction, through the task-based language learning method, a mini film festival by the participants to the workshop. The students, led by teachers, will choose the film to be projected, it will prepare the introductory card and present it at the beginning of each evening. During this preparatory phase, the students will get to know the specific vocabulary related to Italian cinema.

* All the laboratories of “Italian & ...” They are activated with a minimum of 5 participants
“Street food” walk: Panelle, crocché, arancine, sfincione, cannoli: these gastronomic treasures are the symbols of a thousand-year old gastronomic tradition that bring 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.

Extra charges for transport, food and drinks, entrance fees to museums and historical-artistic interest are paid by the student. The school will strive to achieve, where possible, discounts and promotions.

SERVICES FOR THE STUDENTS

Food and accommodation:

At the student’s request, the School will be able to suggest accommodation in the center of the City and close to the school:

– B & B, family rooms, hostels with prices starting from € 12 per night
– Taverns and traditional restaurants

Teaching materials

Courses will be held in the monumental complex of S. Antonino, very close to the central station. All classrooms are equipped for language courses. The teaching material will be provided in the classroom by our teachers. Students will also be able to use the reading room of the library of the Department of Humanities.

Special offers:

Discounts are available for both single students and for groups:

– Discounts from 10% will be applied to students who purchase more than one course;
– Discounts from 15% will be applied to groups of at least five people
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