

## Proposal for Italian Language Course (minimum 11 students)



Dear Colleagues,

we are glad to introduce our Italian Language Courses to you and to welcome your students to our University.

We inform you that our Italian Language Courses aim to promote the study of Italian language, culture and society through its connection with the cultural history and the centuries-old Italian heritage.

### **TUITION & FEES (to be paid to the University)**

**Italian language and culture course 4 weeks (80 hours)\***

€ 570,00\* (the price refers to each student)\*

\*for groups with more than 11 students, the inscription fee is to € 470,00\*

\*for groups with more than 20 students, the inscription fee is € 440,00\*

\*it includes € 16 electronic stamp fee for the application form

**If your students need 6 ECTS for 90 hours we can offer 80 hours in Italian Classroom + additional 10 hours of training / activities**

**Period during:** calendar 2024

8 - 31 January, 5 - 29 February, 4 - 28 March, 3 - 24 April, 6 - 31 May, 3 - 28 June, 3 - 31 July, 5 - 30 August, 2 - 27 September, 1 - 31 October, 4 - 29 November, 2 - 20 December

The student can take the final exam if she/he does not exceeded the absences allowed.

The price of course includes:

- Welcome: assistance in accommodation search, placement test, student card issued, password for the university Wi-Fi.
- Access to the University library and to the town libraries (system ALEF)
- Access to media lab
- Access to the University canteens
- Access to all free activities of the University

## COURSE OVERVIEW

### Italian Language Course

At their arrival students will take a placement test in order to define their linguistic level and will attend our Italian language courses, available in six proficiency levels according to the standards of CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

Our language courses benefit from the innovative methodology of our lecturers, who integrate a variety of different approaches with the linguistic needs of learners. Students can take advantage of the most modern technologies available for language teaching, our multimedia language labs, audiovisual and IT resources.

The Italian Language classes consists of a:

- **BASIC LINGUISTIC MODULE:** aims to develop the general linguistic and communicative competence.
- **THEMATIC LINGUISTIC MODULE:** aims to develop the operative skills and the ability of studying and writing in Italian through topics of particular interest of Italian language and culture.

*Course program (sample for A2, B1, B2)*

#### **Level A2**

The students learns to understand and use common expressions to speak about the personal sphere (family and friends) and the social sphere, in order to fulfill immediate linguistic needs. Often written texts are presented with images: maps, weather forecasts, ads, or comics. The classroom activities create an atmosphere in which students make brief presentations for their peers on topics prepared ahead of time.

#### **Level B1**

The student is able to understand and to produce simple and coherent texts on familiar subjects and ones of personal interest. He/She is able to narrate events and experiences in some detail, managing to explain, briefly, his/her motivations and actions.

He/She can discuss both concrete and abstract

topics. He/She is able to speak about himself, to express needs and desires, feelings and states of minds, intentions and the ability to act.

### **Level B2**

The student is able to speak of him/herself, to express agreement and disagreement, to express personal opinions and speak of his/her own tastes and interests. He/She is able to oblige or convince someone to do something, or prohibit them from doing it. In telling about an experience or narrating a story, he/she has the necessary tools to discuss cause and effect. He/She is able to write clear, fluent texts on an ample range of topics related to her own field of study, and to compose texts from notes taken during a class, seminar or conference.

The class will deal with various topics which center upon a single subject, while experimenting with different textual genres (biography, monographs, newspapers, literary texts, song lyrics, etc.) with the additional goal of underlining the typologies of the texts themselves (narrative, explanatory, argumentative, regulatory, descriptive).

**Every month the University activates Italian Language courses for all CEFR levels: A1 (Beginners), A2, B1, B2, C1 (Advanced), C2 (Proficiency).**

### **HOUSING AND FACILITIES**

(Refer to: [accoglienza@unistrasi.it](mailto:accoglienza@unistrasi.it))

The University for Foreigners of Siena can help students in the research of an accommodation in Siena. The medium price for an accommodation in a double room is € 400,00/500,00 per person per month.

### **EXTRA SERVICES (upon request)**

**Pick - up service:** Upon request, the University can provide a pick-up service from/to the airport. The cost may vary according to the airport distance.

**Trips:** Upon request, the University can organize guided tours to the most beautiful Italian cities and other Tuscan treasures such as Montepulciano and San Gimignano. The cost for each trip is about € 90,00 per student for a group of 11 students;

### **ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR STUDENTS**

**Textbook:** € 35,00 per student

**Meals:** € 5,50 per meal at the University canteens (lunch and dinner).

Students have the possibility to have meals at the bars and restaurants nearby the University.

The cafeteria service is offered by:

Cafeteria Via S. Agata 1

Cafeteria San Miniato, Via de Nicola n. 9

Cafeteria Le Scotte

Tensostructure outside UNISTRASI upon reservation (Mon-Fri for lunch)

**NOTE: The prices may be subject to variations according to the exact number of students.**

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**Students enrolment** – It is necessary to send the list of students specifying name, surname, date and place of birth, nationality and attach a copy of each identity document to the enrollment form. The documentation will be sent via e-mail to the students secretary [segrstud@unistrasi.it](mailto:segrstud@unistrasi.it) at the time of payment and no later than one month before the beginning of the course.

Payment of the course: 50% on confirmation (3 months before the arrival and 50% one month before the beginning of the course).

Any activities on request (trips, transfer from the airport, sports activities, etc.) will have to be paid to the relevant agencies.

**Health insurance:** the students have to underwrite an health insurance before departure covering at least any emergency admissions.

Language courses take place mainly in the mornings, indicatively between 8.30 and 13.30; in the afternoons the students can spend their free time in different activities.

Participation in cultural, artistic and entertaining activities organized in the city.

### WHY CHOOSING SIENA?

- In Siena you can learn the best Italian
- You can meet students from all over the world
- You can live the experience of studying in a welcoming environment
- You can live in a safe city, in an area rich in history, art and culture
- You can live in an environment that promotes the learning of Italian
- We are open all year-round
- We offer tutors, support and organize welcoming activities
- We meet the linguistic needs of different learners
- We are an observatory of the Italian language and we work all around the world
- You can meet other friends learning a foreign language who can help you.

### MAIN AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- ✓ Awarded 10 times with the **European Label for Languages** by the Council of Europe
- ✓ Since 2015 the Language Centre (CLUSS) is Accredited Member of **EAQUALS (European Association for Quality Languages Services)**



Please feel free to contact us for further information!

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