

Diploma in Italian: Classroom-based, Year 1

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IT09 Italian Language – Level 1, Part 1

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Assessment: Written examination and continuous assessment

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List: *Parliamo Italiano*, Branciforte and Grassi

IT110 Italian Language – Level 1, Part 1

Students will continue to enhance their skills in the basics of Italian language in order to further competence. Audiovisual material will be used regularly to enhance oral and comprehension ability. Students will achieve a good level of fluency by the end of the year and will be able to understand and speak about the average everyday situations that people encounter in their daily living and when travelling abroad.

Assessment: Written and listening examinations and continuous assessment

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List: *Parliamo Italiano*, Branciforte and Grassi

IT111 Italian Culture and Language - Level 1

This course will introduce students to important trends in Italian culture including art, cinema, history and literature.

In conjunction with this, students will work on their oral skills and conversational ability in order, at the end of the year, to conduct a conversation in Italian.

Assessment: One essay on Italian culture to be submitted at the end of semester 2 and one oral examination at the end of semester 2.

Weighting: 5 ECTs

Reading List: *Material will be supplied by lecturers*