

Diploma in Italian: Online Beginners, Year 1

Students will be introduced to the basics of the Italian language in order to develop competence in relation to the common situations of everyday life. The course concentrates on all four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) and uses authentic material, carefully selected, to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. In addition, a cultural module will introduce students to the main trends in Italian art, cinema, history and culture.

IT128 Italian Language Skills Level 1, Part 1

The module caters for absolute beginners and focuses on the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) using regular practice based, as much as possible, on authentic material carefully selected to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language.

Assessment: Continuous assessment, oral examination and written examination

Weighting: 5 ECTS

Reading List: Collins Italian-English dictionary

Susanna Nocchi, Italian grammar in practice, Firenze: Alma Edizioni, 2003 (grammar notes will be provided online and as downloadable pdf files for every item covered during the course. Italian grammar in practice is however a useful reference text).

IT129 Italian Language Skills Level 1, Part 2

This module continues to develop the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) using regular practice based, as much as possible, on authentic material. At the end of the year students will have achieved level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference.

Assessment: Continuous assessment, oral examination and written examination

Weighting: 5 ECTs

Reading List: Collins Italian-English dictionary

Susanna Nocchi, Italian grammar in practice, Firenze: Alma Edizioni, 2003

IT130 Oral and Intercultural Skills

This module will introduce a number of everyday situations as well as aspects of Italian culture and society from both a linguistic and intercultural perspective and will promote intercultural awareness among students. This module is delivered entirely online.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment and essay/project work

Weighting: 5 ECTs

Reading List: Reading and reference material will be made available online.