

Diploma in Italian: Online Intermediate, Year 2

This course caters for students who have already obtained a Level A2 of fluency in Italian and wish progress towards level B2. The course 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 guide students towards the acquisition of more advanced structures and functions of the language.

A cultural module will present aspects of Italian culture and society from both a linguistic and intercultural perspective, introducing texts and personalities from Italian arts, music, cinema, literature and exploring societal issues.

IT8103 Italian Communication Skills 1, Part 1

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 module students will have consolidated and expanded on level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference and progressed towards level B2.

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).

IT8104 Italian Communication Skills 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 module students will have progressed to level B2 of the European Framework of Reference for Languages.

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

IT8105 Italian Cultural Landscape 1

The module will analyse Italian cinema (Semester 1) and opera (Semester 2). Semester 1 will concentrate on the film *Cento passi*, while in Semester 2 a selection from different operas will be presented.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment and project work

Weighting: 5 ECTs

Reading List: All material will be provided.

Participants should purchase the DVD *Cento passi*, Film by Marco Tullio Giordana, 2000 (in Italian).