

## WINTER 2022 CLASS SCHEDULE:

**10 weeks courses:** Jan. 10 to Mar. 28 &

**5 weeks courses: Session 1** – Jan. 10 to Feb. 14 &

**Session 2** – Feb. 16 to Mar. 24

### BEGINNERS

#### BEGINNERS 1 (A1)

For complete beginners

- **Session 1:** Tue/Thu. 10:00-12:00 (Bethesda) TBD
- Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena
- Wed. 10:00-12:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Annelise Brody
- Sat. 10:00am-12:00pm (Bethesda) Dario Penzo

#### BEGINNERS 2 (A1)

For students who already took Beginners 1 (A1) or studied Italian in the past and know the basics.

- **Session 1:** Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (Bethesda) Laura Granata
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Cristina Rampulla
- **Session 2:** Tue/Thu. 10:00-12:00 (Bethesda) Laura Granata

#### BEGINNERS INTENSIVE (A1)

For Spanish, French, Portuguese speakers

Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Carlo Ellena

### ELEMENTARY

#### ELEMENTARY 1 (A2)

For students who completed Beginners 1 and 2 (A1)

- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddo
- Sat. 11:05am-12:35pm (Virginia/hybrid/online) Laura Loddo
- **Session 2:** Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (Bethesda) Laura Granata

#### ELEMENTARY 1 INTENSIVE (A2)

This course is for Spanish, Portuguese or French speakers or whoever has been exposed to Italian and would like to review basic grammar. Must have completed Beginners 1 (A1) Intensive.

- Sat. 10:00am-12:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena

#### ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)

- **Session 1:** Mon./Wed. 10:00am-12:00pm (online) Cristina Rampulla

#### ELEMENTARY 3 (A2)

- **Session 2:** Mon./Wed. 10:00am-12:00pm (online) Cristina Rampulla

### INTERMEDIATE

#### PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2-B1)

Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Granata

#### INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1)

Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddo

#### INTERMEDIATE 2 (B1)

- Mon. 2:30-4:30pm (Bethesda) Laura Granata
- Tue. 12:30-2:30pm (online) Dario Penzo

#### INTERMEDIATE 3 (B2)

Textbook: Nuovo Contatto B2

- Mon. 12:30-2:30pm and Thu. 12:30-1:30pm with Valentina Asciutti (**Session 1 & 2**) - Grammar on Mondays and conversation on Thursdays. (Hybrid)
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Dario Penzo

#### INTERMEDIATE 4 (B2)

- Saturday 9:30-11:00am (Virginia/hybrid/online) L. Loddo

#### VIAGGIO IN ITALIA (A2-B2)

**NEW!**

Students will learn Italian through a "Grand Tour of Italy" discovering main cities, regions, history and historical characters, art, society, culture and pop culture. Speaking, reading and listening comprehension will be practiced in class. Grammar in context. A2-B2

Textbook: Nuovo Spazio Civiltà - Loescher Editore

Mon. 2:30-4:30pm (hybrid) Antonella Pellegrino

#### L'ITALIANO VIEN LEGGENDO (B1-C1) Session 1 & 2

Reading, discussing and analyzing articles from magazines, students will practice and improve their knowledge of the language and will learn more about nowadays Italy. Grammar review. Textbook: Via della grammatica. Drop-ins are welcome.

Tue. /Thu. 10:00-12:00pm (hybrid) Antonella Pellegrino

#### LEGGERE L'ITALIA E GLI ITALIANI (B1-C1)

Reading Italy and the Italians through memoirs, creative non-fiction, journalistic books and short stories. Book: *Trame: a contemporary Italian reader*.

Wed. 11:00am-1:00pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

#### ITALY TODAY (A2-B2)

Learn about the Bel Paese by reading and listening to

contemporary stories and news; includes grammar review in context.

Tue. 10:00-12:00pm (online)

Nicoletta Nencioli

#### PRE-ADVANCED (B2)

- Wed. 4:00-6:00pm (hybrid) Dario Penzo
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Dario Penzo

#### CIRCOLO DI LETTURA (B2-C1)

**NEW!**

Students will read and discuss short novels from well-known authors of 20th century Italian Literature. Each author will be introduced by a short description by Jhumpa Lahir.

Thu. 2:30-4:30pm (hybrid) Antonella Pellegrino

#### PRE-ADVANCED GRAMMAR & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)

Fri. 10:00am-12:00 pm (hybrid) Sofia Caligiuri

### ADVANCED

#### **DAYTIME CLASSES:**

#### ADV. GRAMMAR REVIEW & CONVERSATION (C1-C2)

Textbook: Nuovo Contatto C1-C2

Mon. 10:00am – 12:00pm (Hybrid) Cristiana Fabiani

#### LIVE FROM ITALY: ADVANCED CONVERSATION & WRITING (B2-C2)

Learn Italian daily news, lifestyle & culture through news media. Intermediate/advanced conversation and writing with Italian journalist and teacher.

Thu. 3:00-5:00pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

#### IL SEGRETO DI PETRARCA E LA NASCITA DELLA POESIA MODERNA (C1-C2) (Also for Italians) NEW!

In the West, modern love poetry originates from Petrarch, who perfected the sonnet form subsequently used by all poets in the rest of Europe. He was also the first one to introduce modern introspection in his secret diary *Secretum*. His *Canzoniere* also called "The scattered fragments of my soul" bears witness to the transformations of Petrarch as a human and of his lifetime, which encompassed the black death of 1348. Petrarch was also the first humanist, starting the science of philology and unearthed many important manuscripts of ancient Roman authors that had gone lost for many centuries.

Tue. 10:00am-12:00pm (Hybrid) Annelise Brody

#### ORTOPIA, ARTICOLAZIONE & DIZIONE (B2-C1) NEW!

Una buona pronuncia si basa principalmente su due pilastri: articolazione e dizione. La prima si occupa essenzialmente della 'chiarezza' nella pronuncia delle

parole, la seconda della 'correttezza' di questa pronuncia. The main objective of this course is to learn to pronounce words correctly in Italian.

Thu. 10:00-11:30am (Hybrid)

Sofia Caligiuri

#### ITALIAN CINEMA (B2-C2) (Also for Italians)

This class is a deep dive into the great masters of Italian cinema (Rossellini, De Sica, Visconti, Germi and Fellini), with an eye to the socio-cultural aspects of Italy portrayed in these classical movies. Students will watch one movie per week while in class we will analyze videoclips of the same movie.

Fri. 11:00am-12:30pm (Hybrid) Annelise Brody

#### ALLA RICERCA DEI TESORI D'ITALIA (B2-C1) NEW!

Discovering Italy's treasures through reading comprehension, conversation and grammar review.

Textbook: Caccia ai tesori (Loescher editore)

Mon. 10:00am-12:00pm (Hybrid) Valentina Asciutti

#### ITALIAN BOOK CLUB (B2-C1)

**NEW!**

"La mia casa è dove sono" by Igiaba Scego. Lettura, analisi, conversazione e un pizzico di grammatica.

Thu. 10:30am-12:00pm (Hybrid) Valentina Asciutti

#### ITALIAN THROUGH LITERATURE (B2-C2) - Sess. 1 & 2

Reading, discussing and analyzing articles and excerpts from Italian prose, drama and poetry, students will practice and improve their knowledge of the language.

Textbook: Caleidoscopio Italiano

Mon./Wed. 10:00-12:00pm (Hybrid) Dario Penzo

#### ADVANCED CONVERSATION, READING & GRAMMAR REVIEW (C1-C2) Session 1 & 2

Advanced conversation and reading: "Testimone inconsapevole" by Gianrico Carofiglio. In-depth review of grammar and syntax with materials provided by the teacher.

Tue./Thu. 10:00am-12:00pm (Hybrid) Cristiana Fabiani

#### NARRATIVA CLASSICA E CONTEMPORANEA (C1-C2) Session 1 & 2

(Book club - excellent fluency required). Session 1: "La Ciociara" by A. Moravia. Session 2: "Amadeo Peter Giannini, Il banchiere galantuomo" by Giorgio Chiarva.

Mon./Wed. 10:00-12:00pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

#### **EVENING CLASSES (6:30-8:30pm):**

#### ADVANCED GRAMMAR REVIEW & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)

Wed. (Hybrid)

TBD

## [ISOLE INTORNO ALLA PIU' BELLA PENISOLA DEL MONDO \(B2-C2\) – seconda parte](#)

Learn about the islands around the most beautiful peninsula in the world: Arcipelago del Sulci, Capri, Ischia. Listening, reading and advanced conversation with grammar review.

Mon. [\(online\)](#) Silvana De Luca

## [ITALIAN THROUGH READING \(B2-C2\)](#)

"La testa degli Italiani" di Beppe Severgnini - seconda parte. Un viaggio per conoscere gli Italiani. Listening, reading and advanced conversation with grammar review.

Tue. [\(online\)](#) Silvana De Luca

## [ISOLE INTORNO ALLA PIU' BELLA PENISOLA DEL MONDO \(B2-C2\) – prima parte](#)

Learn about the islands around the most beautiful peninsula in the world: Isole Borromee, Arcipelago Toscano, Isole Pontine, Arcipelago della Maddalena. Listening, reading and advanced conversation with grammar review.

Thu. [\(online\)](#) Silvana De Luca

## [VIRTUAL TOUR OF DANTE'S CITIES \(B2-C2\)](#)

Virtual Tour of Dante's cities: Florence, Verona and Ravenna. History, culture, art and literature, with some grammar review using: Essential Italian Grammar in practice- Marco Mezzadri – Guerra Edizioni

5 weeks: Jan. 12-Feb. 9  
Wed. 6:00-8:00pm [\(online\)](#) Camilla Presti

## **SATURDAY CLASSES:**

### [BEGINNERS 1 \(A1\)](#)

For complete beginners.

Sat. 10:00-12:00pm [\(Bethesda\)](#) Dario Penzo

### [ELEMENTARY 1 \(A2\)](#)

Sat. 11:05am-12:35pm [\(Virginia/hybrid/online\)](#) Laura Loddo

### [ELEMENTARY 1 INTENSIVE \(A2\)](#)

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Sat. 10:00am-12:00pm [\(online\)](#) Carlo Ellena

### [INTERMEDIATE GRAM. & CONVERSATION \(B1-B2\)](#)

This course uses Via della Grammatica to review grammar at the intermediate level.

12:00-2:00pm [\(online\)](#) Sofia Caligiuri

### [ITALIAN CONVERSATION, READING AND CULINARY DISCOVERY \(B2-C1\)](#)

This course will focus on conversation sparked by a book

reading and the discovery of seasonal foods and recipes – specifically, food and culture of Piemonte. It will also include grammar review. Materials: "Una barca nel bosco" (Paola Mastrocola); Via della Grammatica.  
10:00am-12:00pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) Cristiana Fabiani

### [ADVANCED GRAMMAR & CONVERSATION \(B2-C1\)](#)

Textbook: Nuovo Contatto C1-C2 (starts at Unit 7)

10:00am-12:00pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) TBD

## LUNCH CONVERSATION

### [ELEMENTARY LEVEL ITALIAN \(A2\)](#)

A2 level Italian practice at an easy pace, focused on conversation with some grammar.

Thu. 12:15-1:15pm [\(Bethesda\)](#) Cristina Rampulla

### [L'ITALIA, PARLIAMONE \(B1\)](#)

For Intermediate students who are eager to practice their communication skills but don't have the tools to work on complicated texts yet. We will read and analyze articles on different cultural aspects in its broadest term.

Wed. 12:15-1:15pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) Valentina Ascitti

### [INTERMEDIATE LEVEL CONVERSATION \(B1-B2\)](#)

Tue. 12:15-1:15pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) Antonella Pellegrino

### [PRE-ADVANCED LEVEL CONVERSATION \(B2-C1\)](#)

Mon. 12:15-1:45pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) Cristiana Fabiani

### [ADVANCED LEVEL CONVERSATION \(C1-C2\)](#)

Mon. 12:15-1:15pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) Sofia Caligiuri

### [VASARI E L'INVENZIONE DEL RINASCIMENTO \(B2-C2\)](#)

This course will investigate Vasari's legacy as the inventor of the Renaissance and his book *The lives of the Artists*. With this book, Vasari established the canon of the arts of his time. In addition, he helped raise the status of art workers to "painters and sculptors". We will analyze the artworks he is talking about in a fascinating art tour of Italy. **NEW!**

Wed. 12:00-1:00pm [\(Hybrid\)](#) Annelise Brody

## SPECIAL COURSES & COURSES IN ENGLISH

### [COOKING CLASSES \(See also Cooking at your home\)](#)

Learn the secrets of authentic Italian cuisine from your home, with an Italian cooking teacher with a passion for food. Minimum 3 participants. (in Italian/English)

Session 1: Sat., January 22

Annelise Brody

Session 2: Sat., February 26

TBD

Session 3: Sat., March 19

TBD

Time: 2:00-4:00pm [\(online\)](#)

### [COME SI DICE? \(all levels\)](#)

**NEW!**

This mini course is intended for students of all levels. It doesn't aim to enter the intricate realm of grammar but rather to provide the student with a list of ready-made sentences and expressions. Come to class prepared with all your "come si dice" questions! [\(5 classes; hybrid\)](#)

Wed. 10:30-11:30AM

Valentina Ascitti

### [THE ART FORM OF DANCING TANGO](#)

**NEW!**

This advanced class is for students who have already mastered the fundamentals and wish to dive deeper in the dance as an art form, on how to interpret and express the music as well as to improve the quality of the movements and the interaction with their partner.

[\(Bethesda\)](#) \* starts Jan. 31 (5 weeks); drop-ins are possible

Mon. 8:00-9:30pm

Annelise Brody, Marcelo Gutierrez

### [DISCOVER VENETO: history and folklore](#)

**NEW!**

Venice, from swampy refugee islands to the Most Serene Republic that controlled the Mediterranean.

An introductory course to discover its millennia of history, art, culture and unknown treasures of one of the most visited regions of Italy. (in English)

Thu. 12:00-1:00pm [\(Hybrid\)](#)

Dario Penzo

### [TANGO HAPPY HOUR](#)

Learn the first steps and the fundamentals of tango dancing.

[\(Bethesda\)](#) \* starts Feb. 3 (5 weeks); drop-ins are possible

Thu. 5:30-7:00pm

Annelise Brody, Marcelo Gutierrez

### [LATIN](#)

Learn the basics of the Latin language and Roman History. Fundamentals of grammar and syntax will be studied, and emphasis will be given to Latin as a source of linguistic performance in other languages, particularly English and Italian. For Teens/Adults (in English).

**Latin- Beginners 2:** Tue. 5:30-7:00pm [\(online\)](#) Luigi De Luca

**Latin- Interm. 1:** Mon. 5:30-7:00pm [\(online\)](#) Annelise Brody

**Advanced Latin:** Thu. 5:30-7:00pm [\(online\)](#) Luigi De Luca

### [YOGA IN ITALIAN](#)

This 10-week yoga course will help whip you into shape while lengthening your muscles, improving your balance and your strength. Classes will cover vinyasa yoga flow, yoga fusion, yoga sculpt, kundalini yoga, ashtanga yoga, ying yoga and restorative yoga. Drop-ins are available.

Fri. 9:00-10:00am [\(Hybrid\)](#)

Annelise Brody



## Italian Language Program

**Winter 2022**  
**In person-hybrid-online**

### Schedule of Classes

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