

## FALL 2023 CLASS SCHEDULE:

**10 weeks courses:** (Sept. 25-Dec. 9 evening/Sat.)

**5 weeks courses: Session 1** – Sept. 25 - Oct. 27

**Session 2** – Oct. 30 - Dec. 8 (**only courses listed under Fall Session 2**)

## BEGINNERS

### BEGINNERS 1 (A1)

For complete beginners.

- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) TBD
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddò
- Thu. 3:50-5:20pm (Herndon, VA) \*\* Laura Granata  
\*\*For adults and teens
- Sat. 12:10-1:50pm (Bethesda) \* 9/23-12/16 F. Deigan
- **Sess. 1:** Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (online) S. Mattocci
- **Sess. 1:** Wed./Fri. 11am-1:00pm (Bethesda) F. Deigan

### BEGINNERS 2 (A1)

- Wed. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) TBD
- Thu. 5:30-7:30pm (Herndon, VA) Laura Granata
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) TBD
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddò
- **Sess. 2:** Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (online) S. Mattocci
- **Sess. 2:** Wed./Fri. 11am-1pm (Bethesda) F. Deigan

### BEGINNERS INTENSIVE (A1)

This course is for Spanish, Portuguese or French speakers or whoever has been exposed to Italian and would like to review from the beginning at a fast pace.

- Thu. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) TBD

## ELEMENTARY

### ELEMENTARY 1 (A2)

For students who completed Beginners 1 and 2 (A1)

- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Tarita Colella
- Sat. 11:00am-1:00pm (Bethesda) S. Vergassola
- **Sess. 1:** Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino

### ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)

- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Granata
- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino

### ELEMENTARY 3 (A2)

- **Sess. 1:** Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda)  
Federica Deigan \*starts October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- **Sess. 2** Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda)  
Federica Deigan \*starts Nov. 14th

### ELEMENTARY 1 INTENSIVE (A2)

This course is for Spanish, Portuguese or French speakers or whoever has completed the Italian beginner courses (A1).

- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Irene Sorensen
- Wed. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena

### ELEMENTARY 2 INTENSIVE (A2)

- Mon. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Annelise Brody

## INTERMEDIATE

### PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2-B1)

- Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena
- Sat. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) Samantha Mattocci

### INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1)

- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Annelise Brody
- **Sess. 1:** Tue/Thu. 12:15-2:15pm (online) A. Pellegrino

### INTERMEDIATE 3 (B2)

Wed. 6:30-8:30 (online) Laura Loddò

### PRE-ADVANCED (B2-C1)

Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 4 (Alma Edizione)

- Mon. 2:00-4:00pm (Bethesda) Laura Granata
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Granata

### VIAGGIO IN ITALIA (A2-B2)

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 with grammar in context. Textbook: Nuovo Spazio Civiltà - Loescher Editore  
Mon. 2:00-4:00pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

### LEGGERE, ASCOLTARE, PARLARE (B1-C1)

Students will gain a deeper knowledge of Italian society, the language, and its structures by reading and analyzing anthological literary passages by classical/contemporary authors. Emphasis on oral communication with one hour dedicated to grammar study, plus conversation, listening and reading exercises. Caleidoscopio Italiano (Loescher)  
Fri. 10:00-12:00pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

### ITALY TODAY: READING, LISTENING AND CONVERSATION ON CURRENT EVENTS (A2-B2)

This intermediate-level course includes grammar review in context.

Thu. 10am-12pm (Bethesda/online) Samantha Mattocci

### BEST ITALIAN SHORT STORIES (B1-C1)

Reading and conversation based on short stories chosen and introduced by Pulitzer Prize author Jhumpa Lahiri.

Book: *Racconti Italiani—scelti e introdotti da Jhumpa Lahiri.*  
Wed 11am-1pm (online) Nov. 8-Dec. 13 (5 weeks) N. Nencioli

## ADVANCED

### DAYTIME CLASSES:

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

Fri. 10:00am–12:00 pm (Bethesda/online) Sofia Caligiuri

### ADVANCED CONVERSATION, WRITING & GRAMMAR REVIEW (C1-C2)

Advanced conversation and grammar review based on readings and exercises from the textbook: *Le vie dorate* - Loescher Editore.

Mon. 10:00am – 12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

### ITALIAN LITERATURE - MEDIEVAL TO CURRENT TIMES: PART 1 - DANTE'S JOURNEY (C1-C2) (Also for Italians)

This University level course will cover the main Italian literary authors, starting with Dante Alighieri and through modern times.

Tue. 11:00am-1:00pm (Bethesda/online) Annelise Brody

### 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. **Dates: Nov. 7-Dec. 12**  
Tue. 3:00-5:00pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

### CONVERSAZIONE E CONSIDERAZIONI SUI RITRATTI ATTRAVERSO I SECOLI (B2-C2)

A portrait is a painting, photograph, sculpture, or other artistic representation of a person, in which the face and its expression is predominant. We'll discuss the likeness, personality, clothing, age and the mood of the person.

Wed. 12:00-2:00pm (Bethesda/online) Sofia Caligiuri

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

Grammar review through reading, speaking, listening, and targeted exercises. Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 4 (Alma Ediz.)  
Mon. 10:00am–12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Valentina Ascitti

### ITALIAN BOOK CLUB (B2-C1)

Students will read "*L'Inverno dei Leoni*" di Stefania Auci, (part I). Lettura, analisi, conversazione e un pizzico di grammatica.

Thu. 10:15-11:45am (Bethesda/online) Valentina Ascitti

### ALLA RICERCA DEI TESORI D'ITALIA (B2-C2) -session 1

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

Textbook: *Caccia ai tesori* (Loescher editore)

Mon/Wed. 10:00am–12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Laura Granata

### PARLIAMO DI ARTE (B2-C2) (Also for Italians)

Curious to know more about the secrets of Italian art and be able to talk about it? For example, why an artist would sign or not sign his own work, the difference between a Greek or Roman portrait, how to decipher a painting by looking at its iconographic symbols and use of colors, the importance of portraits in the Renaissance, their characteristics, etc.! Book: *Parliamo d'arte* – Loescher Edit.  
Fri. 10:30am-12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Annelise Brody

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

Conversation and reading of the novel "*La luna e i falò*" di Cesare Pavese, with grammar review in context.  
Tue/Thu.10:00am-12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

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

Students will read "*Seta*" di Alessandro Baricco. One hour is dedicated to the book and one hour to conversation on current events/grammar.

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

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

### GLI OCCHI DELLA GIOCONDA (B1-C1) – seconda parte

Students will continue reading "*Gli occhi della Gioconda*" di Alberto Angela. This course includes reading, speaking, and listening comprehension exercises and grammar review.  
Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

### ADV. GRAMMAR REVIEW & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)

Advanced conversation and grammar review using the textbook: *Nuovo Contatto C1* (Loescher Editore).  
Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Tarita Colella

### FAVOLE AL TELEFONO (B1-B2) – seconda parte

Students will continue reading and discussing some of Rodari's fanciful fables, focusing on conversation and grammar review.  
Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

### GLI OCCHI DELLA GIOCONDA (B1-C1) – prima parte

Students will read "*Gli occhi della Gioconda*" di Alberto Angela. This course includes reading, speaking, and listening comprehension exercises and grammar review  
Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

## [THE COLLECTIONS OF THE BARBERINI PALACE IN ROME \(B2-C1\)](#)

Learn about the works of art conserved in Palazzo Barberini through historical and costume descriptions. The second hour will focus on grammatical aspects in context.

Thu. 6:30-8:30pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Sofia Caligiuri

## [VIRTUAL TOUR OF FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA \(B2-C2\)](#)

Learn about areas of the region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia where several languages are spoken due to the cultural and artistic impact of the European states which bordered it, including the Altopiano Carsico with its memories of World War I, the seacoast, some cities, among which the Roman Aquileia, Udine, San Daniele di Friuli, with the well-known "prosciutto", the "mitteleuropea" Trieste with its important history and literature, and the longobard Cividale del Friuli. There will be readings from Slataper, Svevo, Saba, Fulvio Tomizza, with grammar review in context. **5 weeks: Oct. 11-Nov. 15 (skipping Oct. 25)**

Wed. 6:00-8:00pm ([online](#)) Camilla Presti

## **SATURDAY CLASSES:**

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

Special dates: **Sept. 23-Dec. 16 (12 classes, skipping Nov. 25)**

Sat. 12:10-1:50pm ([Bethesda](#)) Federica Deigan

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

Sat. 11:00am-1:00pm ([Bethesda](#)) \* starts 10/7 S. Vergassola

### [PRE-INTERMEDIATE \(A2-B1\)](#)

Sat. 11:00am-1:00pm ([Bethesda](#)) Samantha Mattocci

### [PRE-ADVANCED GRAM. & CONVERSATION \(B2\)](#)

Grammar review and conversation at the intermediate level. 12:00-2:00pm ([online](#)) Sofia Caligiuri

### [ADV. GRAMMAR REVIEW & CONVERSATION \(B2-C1\)](#)

Textbook: Nuovo Contatto C1 (Loescher Editore) 9:30-11:30am ([online](#)) Laura Loddo

### [STORIA DELLA LETTERATURA ITALIANA E DELIZIE CULINARIE \(B2-C1\)](#)

Dive deeper into Italian literature and its culinary delights. Storia della letteratura from the textbook: Le vie dorate - Loescher Editore.

10:00am-12:00pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Cristiana Fabiani

## LUNCH CONVERSATION

### [PASSEGGIATE NELLA GRAMMATICA \(A1-B1\)](#)

Learn how to avoid common errors in Italian. Students

will practice grammar, vocabulary and reading exercises to improve their pronunciation and comprehension.

Textbook: Punti Critici (Loescher)

Mon. 12:15-1:15pm ([online](#)) Antonella Pellegrino

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

For Intermediate students who are eager to practice their communication skills.

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

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

We will discuss a wide variety of topics relating to Italian Culture, History and Foods. Materials provided by the teacher and students' research.

Mon. 12:15-1:45pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Cristiana Fabiani

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

Students will discuss a wide variety of topics relating to Italian Culture, History and Foods.

Mon. 12:15-1:15pm ([online](#)) Carlo Ellena

## FALL SESSION 2

Dates: Oct. 30-Dec. 8

### [BEGINNERS 2 \(A1\) – sess. 2](#)

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

• Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm ([online](#)) S. Mattocci

### [ELEMENTARY 2 \(A2\) – sess. 2](#)

Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm ([online](#)) \* starts Nov. 9 A. Pellegrino

### [ELEMENTARY 3 \(A2\)-sess. 2](#)

Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 2 (Alma Edizioni) \* starts Nov. 14  
Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm ([Bethesda](#)) F. Deigan

### [INTERMEDIATE 2 \(B1\) – sess. 2](#)

Tue/Thu. 12:15-2:15pm ([online](#)) A. Pellegrino

### [ADV. CONV. READING & GRAM. REVIEW \(C1-C2\) – sess. 2](#)

Tue./Thu. 10:00-12:00pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Cristiana Fabiani

### [NARRATIVA CLASSICA E CONTEMPORANEA \(C1-C2\) -sess. 2](#)

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

## SPECIAL COURSES & COURSES IN ENGLISH

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

Learn the secrets of authentic Italian cuisine from your

home or in person, with an Italian cooking teacher with a passion for food (in Italian/English). Min. 4 participants online or 6 in person. Details and dates are on our website.

### [ANCIENT GREEK](#)

Learn the basics of the ancient Greek language within the context of ancient Greek culture. Fundamentals of grammar and syntax will be studied. Emphasis will be given to ancient Greek as a source of linguistic performance in other languages, including its influence on the English language. For Teens/Adults (in English).

Wed. 12:15-1:45pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Laura Granata

Sat. 3:45-5:15pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Laura Granata

### [ITALIAN HISTORY THROUGH LITERATURE, Part I](#)

#### [Rinascimento vs. Risorgimento](#)

**NEW!**

Italy was proclaimed a unified nation under Savoy King Victor Emmanuel II on 17 March 1861, the final act of the decades-long unification process called Risorgimento. We will read a historical tragedy in English translation, set in Renaissance Venice but replete with references to the time it was written, 1820, when the Risorgimento was in full swing. Book: Alessandro Manzoni's *The Count of Carmagnola and Adelchis*, translated into English by Federica Brunori Deigan. Part I (5 weeks) followed by Part II (5 weeks).

Wed. 6:30-8:00pm ([Bethesda/online](#)) Federica Deigan

### [UNA GITA A ... VENEZIA](#)

Instructor Laura Loddo will take you on a virtual tour of Venice, and share her insider knowledge about this picturesque city, its winding canals, striking architecture, and beautiful bridges.

Thu. 6:30-8:30pm **Dates: Oct. 26, Nov. 2, 9** Laura Loddo

### [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 1:** Thu. 5:30-7:00pm ([online](#)) Annelise Brody

**Latin-Beginners 3:** Tue. 6:00-7:30pm ([online](#)) Annelise Brody

**Latin-Advanced 3:** Mon. 5:00-6:00pm ([online](#)) Annelise Brody

### [YOGA IN ITALIAN](#)

Classes will cover vinyasa yoga flow, yoga fusion, yoga sculpt, kundalini yoga, ashtanga yoga, ying yoga and restorative yoga. Drop-ins are available. ([Bethesda/hybrid](#))

Fri. 9:00-10:00am and/or Sun. 5:00-6:00pm Annelise Brody



## Italian Language Program

Fall 2023

In person-hybrid-online

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