

WINTER 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE:

10 weeks courses: (Jan. 8-Mar. 25 evening/Sat.)

5 weeks: only courses marked Sess. 1 or Sess. 2

Session 1 – Jan. 8-Feb. 12

Session 2 – Feb. 13-Mar. 20 * See **Winter Session 2**

BEGINNERS

BEGINNERS 1 (A1)

For complete beginners.

- Tue. 12:15-2:15pm & Thu. 12:15-1:15 pm (online) **2 hrs. on Tue. & 1 hr. practice/review on Thu.** A. Pellegrino
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Diego Rodriguez
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Diego Rodriguez
- Sat. 9:15-11:15am (Bethesda) Diego Rodriguez
- **Sess. 1:** Tue./Thu. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) D. Rodriguez

BEGINNERS 2 (A1)

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

- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddo
- Sat. 12:10-1:50pm (Bethesda) Jan. 6-Mar. 23 F. Deigan
- **Sess. 2:** Tue./Thu. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) D. Rodriguez

BEGINNERS 3 (A1)

- **Sess. 1:** Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (online) S. Mattocci

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.

- Mon. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena

ELEMENTARY

ELEMENTARY 1 (A2)

For students who completed Beginners 1, 2 & 3 (A1)

- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddo
- **Sess. 2:** Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (online) S. Mattocci

ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)

- 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 3 (A2)

- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino

ELEMENTARY 1 INTENSIVE (A2)

This course is for Spanish, Portuguese or French speakers or whoever has completed Italian beginner courses (A1).
Thu. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena

ELEMENTARY 2 INTENSIVE (A2)

Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Irene Sorensen

INTERMEDIATE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2-B1)

- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Granata
- **Sess. 1:** Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan

INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1)

- Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Carlo Ellena
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Annelise Brody
- Sat. 11:30am-1:30pm (Bethesda) *starts 01/20 Samantha Mattocci
- **Sess. 2** Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda) F. Deigan

INTERMEDIATE 2 (B2)

- Mon. 6:30-8:30 pm (Bethesda) Annelise Brody

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

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.
Fri. 10am-12pm (Bethesda/online) Sofia Caligiuri

WHICH MOOD ARE YOU IN? (B2)

Crash-course on CONGIUNTIVO and CONDIZIONALE: in-depth grammar explanation, practical use and literary examples. **4 weeks: Jan. 22-29 and Feb. 5-12**
Mon. 12:45-2:15pm (online) Valentina Ascitti

ADVANCED

DAYTIME CLASSES:

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

Advanced conversation and grammar review based on readings and exercises. Textbook: Le vie dorate (Loescher).
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.
Wed. 10:30am-12:00pm (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.
Tue. 11:00am-1:00pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

TUTTI ALL'OPERA (B2-C2)

NEW!

This course is a unique opportunity for students to explore Italian opera and develop a deep connection to Italian art and culture. Whether you are a music lover, a lover of the Italian language, or simply wish to enrich your cultural knowledge, this course offers an engaging and stimulating experience. (5 weeks)
Tue. 12:30-2:30pm (Bethesda/online) Diego Rodriguez

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 II). Lettura, analisi, conversazione e un pizzico di grammatica.
Thu. 10:15-11:45am (Bethesda/online) Valentina Ascitti

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

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

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

Textbook: Caccia ai tesori (Loescher editore)
Wed. 10:00am–12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Laura Granata

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

Patrons, *comuni, repubbliche*, courts and patronage: a fascinating journey into the history of the great families and cities who competed to secure the best artists who created the masterpieces we still admire today. Why was art so paramount and what sort of delicate diplomatic relationships did it entail? Why were certain artists so successful at securing commissions and others struggled? D'Este, Gonzaga, Sforza, Malatesta, Medici, Scaligeri, Montefeltro, La Serenissima, la Roma dei papi, Sforza, and then again Svevi, Angioini, Aragonesi, Borboni just to name a few. 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 second part of the novel "La Mennulara" di Simonetta Agnello Hornby, with grammar review in context. *starts Jan.16-Feb.15
Tue/Thu.10:00am-12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

NARRATIVA CLASSICA E CONTEMPORANEA (C1-C2) Session 1

Students will read "La Portalettere" di F. Giannone. 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):

MERAVIGLIE: ALLA SCOPERTA DELLA PENISOLA DEI TESORI (B1-C1)

Students will read "Meraviglie: alla scoperta della penisola dei tesori" di Alberto Angela (first part). This course includes reading, listening comprehension exercises and grammar review; short videos of Italian treasures will also be shown.
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

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
Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

GLI OCCHI DELLA GIOCONDA (B1-C1) – second parte
Students will continue reading "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

VIRTUAL TOUR OF ROME (B2-C2)
A Virtual Tour of Rome and lesser well-known historical places including among others L' Auditorium di Mecenate, I Sotterranei di San Giovanni in Laterano e il Palazzo Lateranense, La Chiesa di San Lazzaro in Borgo, Il Palazzo Silvestri Rivaldi. An historical and artistic path through the great city of Rome, with some grammar review in context.
Wed. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Camilla Presti

SATURDAY CLASSES:

BEGINNERS 1 (A1)
For complete beginners.
9:15-11:15am (Bethesda) Diego Rodriguez

BEGINNERS 2 (A1)
For students who already took Beginners 1 (A1) or studied Italian in the past and know the basics.
Special dates: Jan. 6-Mar. 23 (12 classes)
12:10-1:50pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan

ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)
11:00am-1:00pm (Bethesda) Samantha Vergassola

INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1)
11:30am-1:30pm (Bethesda) *starts 01/20 S. 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

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 Edit.
Fri. 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. 11:15am-12:15pm (online) Carlo Ellena

WINTER SESSION 2

Dates: Feb. 13-Mar. 20

BEGINNERS 2 (A1) – sess. 2
Tue./Thu. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) D. Rodriguez

ELEMENTARY 1 (A2)-sess. 2
Tue./Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (online) S. Mattocci

ELEMENTARY 3 (A2) – sess. 2
Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino

INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1) – sess. 2
Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda) F. Deigan

ADVANCED CONVERSATION, READING & GRAMMAR REVIEW (C1-C2) – sess. 2

Conversation and reading, with grammar review in context.
*starts Feb. 20-Mar. 21
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

TUTTI ALL'OPERA **NEW!**
This course is a unique opportunity for students to explore Italian opera and develop a deep connection to Italian art and culture. Whether you are a music lover, a lover of the Italian language, or simply wish to enrich your cultural knowledge, this course offers an engaging and stimulating experience. (in English) (5 weeks)
Thu. 12:30-2:30pm (Bethesda/online) Diego Rodriguez

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. (in English) (online)
Wed. 6:30-8:30pm Dates: TBC 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 1: Fri. 12:30-2:00pm (online) V. Ascitti
Latin-Intermediate 1: Tue. 6:00-7:30pm (online) A. 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

Winter 2024
In person-hybrid-online

Schedule of Classes

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