

## SPRING 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE:

**10-week courses:** Apr. 2-Jun. 17 (evening/Sat.)

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

**Session 1** – Apr. 2-May 2

**Session 2** – May 6-Jun. 10 \* See **Spring Session 2**

## BEGINNERS

### BEGINNERS 1 (A1)

For complete beginners.

- Fri. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) TBD
- **Sess. 1:** Tue./Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) \* starts Apr. 9 Giuliana Zanoni
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Chiara Monticelli

### BEGINNERS 2 (A1)

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

- Tue. 12:15-2:15pm (online) \* starts Mar. 26 A. Pellegrino
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Diego Rodriguez
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Diego Rodriguez
- **Sess. 2:** Tue./Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino
- Sat. 9:15-11:15am (Bethesda) Diego Rodriguez

### BEGINNERS 3 (A1)

- **Sess. 1:** Tue./Thu. 10:00-12:00pm (Bethesda) D. Rodriguez
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Laura Loddo
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan
- Sat. 12:10-1:50pm (Bethesda) Apr. 6-Jun. 22 F. Deigan

### BEGINNERS 1 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.

Wednesday 6:00-8:00pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

### BEGINNERS 2 INTENSIVE (A1)

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

Mon. 6:00-8:00pm (online) TBD

## 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 (Bethesda) D. Rodriguez

### ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)

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

### ELEMENTARY 3 (A2)

- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (online) S. Mattocci
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Irene Sorensen
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Tarita Colella
- Sat. 11:10am-1:10pm (Bethesda) S. Vergassola

## INTERMEDIATE

### INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1)

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

### INTERMEDIATE 2 (B1)

- Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Diego Rodriguez
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Annelise Brody
- Sat. 11:30am-1:30pm (Bethesda) S. Mattocci
- **Sess. 2** Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda) F. Deigan

### INTERMEDIATE 3 (B2)

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

### PRE-ADVANCED (B2-C1)

Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 4 (Alma Edizione)

- Mon. 3:45-5:45pm (Bethesda) \*starts Apr. 1 L. 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)

Intermediate-level course with grammar review in context.  
Fri. 10:00am-12:00pm (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: Apr. 15, 22, 29 and May 6**  
Mon. 12:45-2:15pm (online) Valentina Asciutti

## 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).

\* starts Apr. 1st

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

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)** \*Also available in English on Thu. 12:30 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 5* (Alma Ediz.)  
Mon. 10:00am–12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Valentina Asciutti

### ITALIAN BOOK CLUB (B2-C1)

Students will read *“L’Inverno dei Leoni”* di Stefania Auci, (part III). Lettura, analisi, conversazione e un pizzico di grammatica. \* starts Mar. 28  
Thu. 10:15-11:45am (Bethesda/online) Valentina Asciutti

### I PROMESSI SPOSI (B2-C2)

**NEW!**

Reading of Alessandro Manzoni's *I Promessi Sposi* in Italian. The first modern Italian novel is not only a page-turner, but also a gateway to the history of Italy before its national unification, a study in the Italian character and mentality, and an in-depth portrayal of the Catholic Church. Recommended edition: Alessandro Manzoni *I Promessi Sposi*, a cura di Lanfranco Caretti (Mursia). \*  
Wed. 1:00-2:30pm (Bethesda/online) Federica Deigan

### 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)  
Tue. 3:45-5:45pm (Bethesda/online) Laura Granata

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

Conversation and reading of the second part of the novel *“Le perfezioni provvisorie”* di Gianrico Carofiglio 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 *“Come un respiro”* di F. Ozpetek. One hour is dedicated to the book and one hour to conversation on current events/grammar. \* starts Mar. 25  
Mon./Wed. 10:00–12:00pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

## EVENING CLASSES:

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

Students will read *“Meraviglie: alla scoperta della penisola dei tesori”* di Alberto Angela (second part). This course includes reading, listening comprehension exercises and grammar review; short videos of Italian treasures will also be shown. \* starts Mar. 25

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) – 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.

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

### ADVANCED READING & CONVERSATION (B2-C2)

Advanced reading and conversation based on newspaper articles dealing with BUONE NOTIZIE: successful stories and facts of Italian society such as improvements of the environment in Italian cities, interesting and alternative jobs for young people in the South, revival of beautiful but abandoned villages and much more. Some review of grammar. **5 weeks \*starts Apr. 10**

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

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

### **SATURDAY CLASSES:**

#### BEGINNERS 2 (A1)

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

#### BEGINNERS 3 (A1)

For students who already took Beginners 1 and 2 (A1) or studied Italian in the past and know the basics.  
Special dates: Apr. 6-Jun. 22 (12 classes)  
12:10-1:50pm (Bethesda) Federica Deigan

#### ELEMENTARY 3 (A2)

11:10am-1:10pm (Bethesda) Samantha Vergassola

#### INTERMEDIATE 2 (B1)

11:30am-1:30pm (Bethesda) 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.  
Thu. 12:15-1:15pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

#### L'ITALIA, PARLIAMONE (B1)

For Intermediate students who are eager to practice their communication skills. \* starts Mar. 27  
Wed. 12:15-1:15pm (online) Valentina Ascutti

#### 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. \* starts Apr. 1st  
Mon. 12:15-1:45pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

#### I PROMESSI SPOSI (B2-C2)

**NEW**

\*Read the description under Advanced Level Courses  
Wed. 1:00-2:30pm (Bethesda/online) Federica Deigan

#### 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) Samantha Vergassola

## SPRING SESSION 2

Dates: May 6 – June 10

#### BEGINNERS 2 (A1) – sess. 2

Tue./Thu. 10am-12pm (online) A. Pellegrino

#### ELEMENTARY 1 (A2) – sess. 2

Tue./Thu. 10:00-12:00 pm (Bethesda) D. Rodriguez

#### ELEMENTARY 3 (A2) - sess. 2

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

#### INTERMEDIATE 2 (B1) – sess. 2

Tue. 11am-1pm & Thu. 1-3pm (Bethesda) F. Deigan

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

Conversation and reading of the third part of the novel "Le perfezioni provvisorie" di Gianrico Carofiglio with grammar review in context.  
Tue./Thu. 10:00-12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

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

Students will read a book (TBD). 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

## 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).  
Fri. 4:30-6pm or Sat. 3-4:30pm (online) Laura Granata

#### TUTTI ALL'OPERA (in English)

**NEW!**

Read description under Advanced level courses. (5 weeks)  
Thu. 12:30-2:30pm (Bethesda/online) Diego Rodriguez

#### DISCOVER SARDEGNA

**NEW!**

You will learn the geography, history, traditions, food, and more of one of the most breathtaking destinations in the world: Sardinia! Get the tools you need to be an insider rather than just a tourist. (in English) (online)  
Wed. 6:30-8:30pm May 1-8-15 Laura Loddo

#### 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)

Mon. 6:30-8:30pm May 6-13-20 Laura Loddo

Sat. 12:00-2:00pm May 11-18-25 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-Beg. 2:** Fri. 12:30-2pm (online) \*starts Mar. 29 V. Ascutti

**Latin-Intermediate 2:** Tue. 6:00-7:30pm (online) A. 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. 11am-12pm Annelise Brody



## Italian Language Program

Spring 2024  
In person-hybrid-online

### Schedule of Classes

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