WINTER 2027 CLASS SCHEDULE:
10-week courses: Sat., Jan. 9 – Mon., Mar. 22
5 weeks: only courses marked Sess. 1 or Sess. 2
Session 1 – Mon., Jan. 11-Thu., Feb. 11
Session 2 – Tue., Feb. 16-Mon., Mar. 22

BEGINNERS

BEGINNERS 1 (A1)

For complete beginners.

- **Sess. 1**: Mon/Wed. 10-12pm (Bethesda) Erika Antonelli
- **Sess. 1:** Tue/Thu. 11:30am-1:30pm (online) E. Antonelli
- Mon. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Mariangela Rodilosso
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Antonella Amelang
- Sat. 9:00-11:00am (online) Laura Granata

BEGINNERS 2 (A1)

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

- **Sess. 2:** Mon/Wed. 10-12pm (Bethesda) Erika Antonelli
- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 11:30am-1:30pm (online) E. Antonelli
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Ornella D'Angelo
- Thu. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Mariangela Rodilosso
- Sat. 9-11am (Bethesda) Elena Griffin
- Sat. 9-11am (Vienna) Patrizia Nave

BEGINNERS 3 (A1)

This course is the continuation of Beginners 2 (A1)

- **Sess. 1:** Mon/Wed. 12-2pm (online) Laura Granata
- **Sess. 1:** Tue/Thu. 10-12pm (Bethesda) Ornella D'Angelo
- Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Giulia Schiavon
- Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Rosario Vicidomini

BEGINNERS 1 INTENSIVE (A1)

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

- Wed. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Elena Griffin
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Francesca Scrimieri

BEGINNERS 2 INTENSIVE (A1)

This course is the continuation of Beginners 1 Intensive (A1).
Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Antonella Amelang

ELEMENTARY

ELEMENTARY 1 (A2)

For students who've completed Beginners 1, 2 and 3 (A1)

- Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Alessia Riccardi
- **Sess. 2:** Mon/Wed. 12-2pm (online) Laura Granata
- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 10-12pm (Bethesda) Ornella D'Angelo

ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)

For students who've completed Elementary 1 (A2)

- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Elena Griffin
- Thu. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Giulia Schiavon
- Fri. 4:30-6:30pm (Leesburg) Ornella D'Angelo
- Sat. 11:15am – 1:15pm (Bethesda) Gerardo Albanese

ELEMENTARY 3 (A2)

For students who've completed Elementary 2 (A2)

- **Sess. 1:** Tue/Thu. 12:05-2:05pm (Bethesda) C. Fabiani
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Irene Sorensen
- Wed. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Giulia Schiavon

ITALIAN CONVERSATION COURSE: BEYOND THE HEADLINES (A2-B1)

Boost your speaking fluency while exploring Italy beyond mainstream news in this 20-hour online course. Using articles from blogs and independent media as a launching pad, each session offers open discussion on modern culture, society, and current trends, with brief grammar tune-ups along the way. For Elementary to Intermediate students looking to build confidence in conversational Italian.
Fri. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Diego Rodriguez

INTERMEDIATE

PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2-B1)

- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 12:05-2:05pm (Bethesda) C. Fabiani
- Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Melanie De Vincentiis
- Sat. 9:00-11:00am (Bethesda) Gerardo Albanese

INTERMEDIATE 1 (B1)

- **Sess. 1:** Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (online) Giulia Schiavon
- Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Diego Rodriguez
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Ornella D'Angelo

INTERMEDIATE 2 (B1)

- **Sess. 2:** Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (online) Giulia Schiavon
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Nicoletta Nencioli

INTERMEDIATE /ADVANCED REVIEW & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)

Strengthen your Italian through conversation and students' presentations. Focus on Italian Geography. Grammar will follow the Intermediate 3 (B2) program at a slower pace to allow for more conversation.
Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Irene Sorensen

INTERM. CONV. & GRAMMAR REVIEW (B1-B2)

Thu. 12:00-2:00pm (Bethesda) Alessia Riccardi

INTERMEDIATE 4 (B2)

Sess. 1: Mon./Wed. 12-2pm (online) Samantha Mattocci

PRE-ADVANCED (B2)

- **Sess. 2:** Mon./Wed. 12-2pm (online) Samantha Mattocci
- Wed. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Diego Rodriguez

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

You will explore contemporary Italian culture while strengthening your language skills through grammar review and writing practice.
Fri. 10:00am-12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Sofia Caligiuri

LA GRAMMATICA VIEN LEGGENDO 2 (B2)

Sess. 1: Reading and analysis of literary text excerpts, including reading comprehension and targeted grammar exercises. Students will practice both their oral and written language skills. (5 weeks)
Textbook: Raccontare Il Novecento (Units 12-16).

ADVANCED

DAYTIME CLASSES:

ADVANCED 4 - GRAMMAR & CONVERSATION (C2)

Grammar review through reading, speaking, listening, and targeted exercises. Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 6, Units: 9-10
Mon. 10:00am–12:00pm (online) Valentina Asciutti

READING AND CONVERSATION ON ITALIAN-AMERICAN STORIES (B2-C2)

Italiani d'America is a high-intermediate/advanced reading and conversation course exploring the Italian language through the personal stories of thousands of women and men who emigrated from the *Bel Paese* between 1870 and 1940 in search of the American Dream.
Mon. 4:30-5:30pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

ITALIAN RISORGIMENTO AND THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY (B2-C1) NEW!

Explore the fascinating history of Italy's Risorgimento and the movement that led to the unification of Italy in the 19th century. Students will learn about key figures, events, and ideas, from Giuseppe Garibaldi and Giuseppe Mazzini to the Kingdom of Italy and beyond. A great opportunity to develop Italian language skills while gaining a deeper understanding of Italy's history. This course will be taught in Italian, and includes the reading of excerpts from *Il Gattopardo*.
Tue. 3:30-5:00pm (online) Mariangela Rodilosso

ADVANCED CONVERSATION FOCUSED ON FAMOUS FIGURES AND PLACES (B2-C2)

In this advanced-level conversation course, students will take turns selecting a famous figure—such as an artist, writer, designer, singer, etc. – or place to introduce and launch a class discussion. Each session will revolve around the chosen person's life, work, and cultural significance, allowing for rich conversation, vocabulary expansion, and deeper insights into Italian history and society.
Mon. 10:00am – 12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

NARRATIVA CLASSICA E CONTEMPORANEA (C1-C2)-Sess. 1

Students will read *L'inverno de leoni,* di Stefania Auci (part 1)
One hour is dedicated to the book and one hour to conversation on current events and grammar review.
Mon./Wed. 10:00–12:00pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

ADV. CONV., READING & GRAM. REVIEW (C1-C2)-Sess. 1

Conversation and reading the novel *"Io non ho paura"* di Niccolò Ammaniti (part 1), with grammar review in context.
Tue/Thu.10:00am-12:00pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

ADVANCED 4 - GRAMMAR & CONVERSATION (C2)

Grammar review through reading, speaking, listening, and targeted exercises. Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 6, Units 9-10
Wed. 9:45-11:45am (Bethesda) Valentina Asciutti

ITALIAN BOOK CLUB (B2-C1)

Students will read "*L'amante senza fissa dimora"* di Fruttero & Lucentini. Lettura, analisi, conversazione e un pizzico di grammatica.
Thu. 10:15-11:45am (online) Valentina Asciutti

EVENING CLASSES:

INTERM. /ADVANCED REVIEW & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)

Please see the Intermediate courses section.
Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (Bethesda) Irene Sorensen

ADV. READING & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)– Part 2

Students will read "*Cleopatra, la regina che sfidò Roma e conquistò l'eternità*" di Alberto Angela (chapters 4-7).
This course includes discussion, listening and reading comprehension, and some grammar review in context.
Mon. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

ADVANCED 4 - GRAMMAR & CONVERSATION (C1)

Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 6, Units 6-7.
Tue. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Tarita Colella

I PROMESSI SPOSI: Episodi e Personaggi (B2-C1)
Students will read some excerpts from *"I Promessi Sposi"* by Alessandro Manzoni. This course includes discussion, listening and reading comprehension, and some grammar review in context.
Tue. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

ADVANCED READING & CONVERSATION (B2-C1)
Students will read "*Cleopatra, la regina che sfidò Roma e conquistò l'eternità*" di Alberto Angela (chapters 1-3). This course includes discussion, listening and reading comprehension, and some grammar review in context.
Thu. 6:30-8:30pm (online) Silvana De Luca

SATURDAY CLASSES

BEGINNERS 1 (A1)
For complete beginners.
Sat. 9:00-11:00am (online) Laura Granata

BEGINNERS 2 (A1)
For students who have already taken Beginners 1 (A1) or have studied Italian in the past and know the basics.
- Sat. 9:00-11:00am (Bethesda) Elena Griffin
- Sat. 9:00-11:00am (Vienna) Patrizia Nave

ELEMENTARY 2 (A2)
For students who've completed Elementary 1 (A2).
Sat. 11:15am-1:15pm (Bethesda) Gerardo Albanese

PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2-B1)
Sat. 9:00-11:00am (Bethesda) Gerardo Albanese

ADVANCED CONVERSATION & GRAMMAR (B2-C1)
Conversation and grammar based on the textbook Nuovo Espresso 5 (Alma Edizioni).
Sat. 11:15am-1:15pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

LUNCH CONVERSATION

ELEMENTARY LEVEL CONVERSATION (A2-B1)
For students at level A2-B1 who want to practice conversation. Material provided by the instructor.
Fri. 12:15-1:15pm (online) Mariangela Rodilosso

LIVE FROM ITALY – NEWS IN SLOW ITALIAN (B1-B2)
Students will expand their vocabulary and strengthen their speaking and listening skills while discussing current events, interesting personalities, and compelling stories from Italy, by reading and listening to news articles presented in slower-paced Italian. For Intermediate-level students.
Thu. 12:15-1:45pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

PRE-ADVANCED LEVEL CONVERSATION (B2-C1)
We will discuss a wide variety of topics relating to Italian Culture, History, and Foods. Materials are provided by the teacher and students' research.
Mon. 12:15-1:45pm (Bethesda/online) Cristiana Fabiani

ADVANCED CONVERSATION ON CURRENT EVENTS WITH GRAMMAR REVIEW IN CONTEXT (B2-C2)
Tue. 12:15-1:45pm (online) Nicoletta Nencioli

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. 16 – Mar. 22

BEGINNERS 2 (A1)
For students who have already taken Beginners 1 (A1) or have studied Italian in the past and know the basics.
- Mon/Wed. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) Erika Antonelli
- Tue/Thu. 11:30am-1:30pm (online) Erika Antonelli

ELEMENTARY 1 (A2)
For students who've completed Beginners 1, 2 and 3 (A1)
- Mon/Wed. 12-2pm (online) Laura Granata
- Tue/Thu. 10am-12pm (Bethesda) Ornella D'Angelo

PRE-INTERMEDIATE (A2-B1)
Tue/Thu. 12:05-2:05pm (Bethesda) Cristiana Fabiani

PRE-ADVANCED (B2)
Mon./Wed. 12-2pm (online) Samantha Mattocci

LA GRAMMATICA VIEN LEGGENDO 2 (B2)
Reading and analysis of literary text excerpts, including reading comprehension and targeted grammar exercises. Students will practice both their oral and written language skills. New textbook: TBC (5 weeks).
Fri. 12:00-1:30pm (online) Valentina Asciutti

NARRATIVA CLASSICA E CONTEMPORANEA (C1-C2)
Students will continue reading *L'inverno de leoni,* di Stefania Auci (part 2). One hour is dedicated to the book and one hour to conversation on current events and grammar review.
Mon./Wed. 10am–12pm (online) Antonella Pellegrino

SPECIAL COURSES

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). Details and dates are on our website.

ANCIENT GREEK For Teens/Adults: **(in English)**
Students will develop an understanding of the basics of the ancient Greek language - including grammar and syntax – while exploring aspects of ancient Greek culture.
Part 4 - This course is a continuation of Part 3 (last Spring).
Thu. 1:00-2:00pm (online) Laura Granata

DISCOVER PIEMONTE **(in English with some Italian)**
Discover Piemonte, a region of extraordinary landscapes, historic cities, and rich cultural heritage. From the majestic Alps to the rolling hills of the Langhe and Monferrato, explore its history, art, traditions, and literary treasures. Along the way, uncover the stories behind its famous landmarks, and discover its most authentic culinary specialties. A journey through the many faces of this fascinating Italian region!
3 weeks: Feb. 10, 17 and 24
Wed. 6:00-8:00pm (online) Erika Antonelli

ITALIAN POETRY, TRADITIONS & SEASONS
(in English with some Italian)
This three-part lecture course explores Italy's literary and cultural traditions through poems connected to each month of the year. Each of the three classes will focus on at least four poems, introducing students to their authors and exploring the historical events, customs, and seasonal themes that inspired them. Poems will be provided in advance, and discussions will be conducted in English. No previous experience with literary analysis is required.
Thu., January 21, 6:00-8:00pm (online) Laura Loddo
Thu., February 18, 6:00-8:00pm (online) Laura Loddo
Thu., March 18, 6:00-8:00pm (online) Laura Loddo

LATIN **For Teens/Adults (in English)**
Learn the basics of the Latin language (grammar and syntax), Roman History, and Latin as a source of linguistic performance in other languages, particularly English.
Latin-Beginner 1: Tue. 6:00-7:30pm (online) Annelise Brody
Latin-Advanced 4: Wed. 6:00-7:30pm (online) Annelise Brody

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