

Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: Italian Beginner Part 2 (A1.2)

Course descriptor/objectives

Participants will continue to develop some basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours.

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

1. Understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases related to concrete needs.
2. Introduce themselves and others and ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know, and things they have.
3. Interact in a simple exchanges, provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language-specific learning strategies. The role of the instructor is to facilitate this process, provide useful tools, and encourage participants to become independent learners and basic users of the languages.

Language-specific information:

Italian is spoken by around 85 million people worldwide, with approximately 67 million native speakers in Europe, making it one of the most widely spoken national languages in the EU. It is an official language in Italy, Switzerland, San Marino, and the Vatican, and there are significant Italian-speaking communities in many other countries, including the United States. The British Council has also identified Italian as one of the ten most important languages for the UK in its *Languages for the Future* report.

Italian is strongly associated with rich cultural traditions in art, music, and cuisine, and many Italian terms have become part of international vocabularies through these fields.

Derived from the Latin of the Roman Empire, Italian retains many linguistic features that reflect this heritage. Historically, varieties of Italian used by medieval trading powers also served as an important lingua franca across the Mediterranean, leaving a lasting influence and contributing loanwords that persist today.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit-bearing weekly course is intended for learners who have completed our Beginner Part 1 (A1.1) or an equivalent course comprising approximately 20 contact hours.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.