Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: Italian Beginner Part II (A1.2) – on campus

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to further develop basic speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes.

The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *A1.2* level of the **Common European Framework**, i.e. by the end of the course learners will be able to:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete typ.
- introduce themselves and others.
- ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have.
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

In seminars, participants will have to 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 too.

Language-specific information:

Italian is often cited as being the major modern language most similar to the Latin of the Roman empire. With 85 million speakers worldwide and 67 million speakers in Europe alone, Italian is the second-most-widely spoken native language in the European Union and the British Council has named Italian as one of the ten most important languages to the UK over the next twenty years. It is an official language in Italy, Switzerland, San Marino, and the Vatican, with significant communities in many others, including the United States. Driven by trade in the Middle Ages, Italian became the *lingua franca* in much of Europe and the Mediterranean, replacing its predecessor Latin. In modern times, loanwords from Italian persist in many languages, especially in areas such as the arts, music, and cooking.

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for beginners who have completed a 10-week course (20 contact hours) or equivalent.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.