



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2024/25

Course title: Italian Plida B1 Exam Preparation Course

Dates/Time:

Tuesdays, 29th April – 3rd June, 4:30-6:00pm (6 weeks, 9 contact hours)

Course Objectives:

The aim of the course is to help participants to prepare for the PLIDA (Progetto Dante Alighieri) B1 level exam, looking at the content and format of the different parts of this exam (listening, reading, writing and speaking) and to familiarise participants with the structure of the exam and help build confidence in sitting the exam.

General Description:

Are you thinking of sitting the Plida B1 exam in one of the examination centres around the world or in Exeter?

Our course aims to prepare you for this exam by making you practice the 4 skills tested in this examination (reading, writing, listening and speaking), specifically for the B1 level, the level required to apply for Italian citizenship, to access university education and to apply for work.

During this 6 week course, you will familiarise yourself with the content, the structure and the duration of each task that makes up the B1 exam.

The course will also be a chance for you to consolidate your language skills and specific areas of knowledge required for this level of examination.

Each week you will have a 1 hour and 30 minute meeting. The course will be delivered online.

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 language learners who are already working at B1 or B2 level and wish to prepare for the B1 Plida exam.

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:

Worksheets, materials and resources are provided by the teacher.