



University
of Exeter



Evening language programme 2023/24

Course title: Italian Post-Beginner Part I (A2.1)

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to develop basic speaking, writing, listening and reading skills, extend vocabulary and consolidate grammar for communication purposes. Therefore, by the end of the course (Part I & II) participants will be able to:

1. Understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment).
2. Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters.
3. Can describe in simple terms aspects of their background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

Participants will develop basic reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions, and will be provided with informal formative feedback during lessons. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the A2.1 level of the **Common European Framework**.

In seminars, participants will engage in practical exercises and group interaction in order to develop relevant language learning strategies. The tutor will facilitate this process, provide useful tools and encourage participants to become independent learners and confident users of the language.

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 Italian language learners who have previously completed a Beginner A1.2 course in the ELP (have completed A1 level) or equivalent.

Coursebook and/or learning resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher.