

Società Dante Alighieri

Comitato di Siena

SCHEDULE 2008 - for absolute beginners only

January	7, 21	February	4, 18	March	3, 17	April	7, 21
May	5, 12, 19	June	3, 16, 23, 30	July	7, 14, 21, 28	August	4, 11, 18, 25
September	1, 8, 15, 22	October	6, 13, 20	November	3, 17, 24	December	1, 9

SCHOOL CLOSURE : 24th March, 25th April, 1st May, 2nd June, 15th August, 1st November, 8th December. Lessons on these days are not made up for. On the afternoons of 2nd July and 16th August the school is closed but lessons will be held on other days. Christmas Holidays - The school will be closed from Saturday 20th December 2007 to Sunday 4th January 2009 inclusive. The school will be open from Monday 5th January 2009;

LESSON LENGTH: Lessons last 60 minutes, giving our students more teaching time.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS PER CLASS: For group courses the minimum number of students is 5; maximum 12; average 10

COURSE COSTS INCLUDE : didactic material except text books (the cost of the books is from 20,00 to 35,00 according to the level), certificate of attendance, full orientation upon arrival, social activities (except transport fees, meals and entrance tickets), assistance with Police registration.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES: administration fee of Euro 70 for students who book accommodation in Siena, Euro 70 for students who book home-tuition course in Viterbo

F.A.Q's

- **How much Italian can I expect to learn during the courses?**

Obviously this depends on the level of Italian already known, and the amount of time you spend with us. As all our courses are specifically planned to meet the needs of our students, and all lessons are held in the Italian language, you can be sure to learn the most amount of the Italian that you require, in the time given.

- **What's the weather like in Italy?**

The summer months are very warm throughout Italy. The south is always a few degrees warmer than the Centre and the North. The average temperatures for the summer are between 18°C – 30°C (64°F – 86°F), and for the winter 4°C – 16°C (39°F – 61°F). During the winter it is best to bring warm clothes, also for wearing around the house, as Italians tend to turn off the heating at night, due to the high costs.

- **What is the time difference in Italy?**

Italy is on the Middle European Time (MET). Rome is 1 hour ahead of London, 6 hours ahead of New York, and 8 hours behind Japan. During the summer months (March-October) the clocks are set one hour forward.

- **When are the shops open?**

Most shops are open between 9:30-13:00 and 15:30-19:30. During the summer, many shops stay open all day during the week, but close Saturday afternoon and Monday morning, but this differs from shop to shop. On Sundays, shops and banks are closed all day, so it is a good idea to make arrangements if you arrive on Sunday.

- **Where can I go for medical help?**

The First Aid (Pronto Soccorso) service at the hospital is free for anyone who needs it. In the city-centre there is always one chemist open 24-hours. Chemists take it in turns for this 24-hour service, but the timetable is clearly shown outside each one.

- **How can I travel around Italy?**

Siena is linked to Florence, Pisa and Rome by train and bus. Special discounts on trains are sometimes available for Under-26s. It is possible also to buy a season ticket, saving you money on your travel. Siena is also very close to the main motorway system, making it easy to travel around during your stay. Cars are not allowed in the city-centre, and parking is outside, but the city is small and it is easy to travel around on foot.

- **What happens if I want to change class?**

It is no problem if the student want to change class at any time. It is important for the students to be happy with the level and rate of progress of the class and if the students are not happy for any reason, they can speak to their teacher or the Director of Studies.

- **What is Continuous Enrolment?**

Continuous enrolment means that it is possible to start and stop any week. We have a system where the syllabus is divided into separate weekly modules. Each teacher is given a study program that should be covered for each level so the Director of Studies knows exactly what the students are doing. She also visits every class each week to check the levels and the students' progress.

- **How is it possible to start on any Monday?**

On Mondays all classes start (and end) 1 hour later than usual so that there is time for all new students to be given a full placement test before the classes start. The weekly module starts on Monday and ends on Friday. There is some time allocated for special requests and to revise topics that the teacher feels need further practice.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Every month the Committee organizes social and cultural activities, such as Italian film-shows, lectures and talks on various aspects of Siennese and Italian culture (for example, the history of Siena and the Palio, Italian Opera, music, politics, fashion etc.), excursions to places of relevant cultural interest and guided tours of Siena.

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Courses price

ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

ALL HOURS OF LESSON LAST FULL 60 MINUTES

GROUP COURSES

	Code	Hours of group lessons per week	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	Each extra week
Standard	G6	15	150,00	280,00	420,00	540,00	135,00
Intensive	G8	20	200,00	380,00	530,00	650,00	155,00
Super intensive	G1	20+4	250,00	480,00	680,00	850,00	205,00

COMBINED COURSES (Group course + Individual lessons)

	Code	Hours of lessons per week		1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	Each extra week
		Group	One-to-one					
Standard	C4	15	4	310,00	515,00	775,00	999,00	245,00
Intensive	C8	15	8	430,00	755,00	1.135,00	1.465,00	365,00

LONG TERM COURSES

	Code	Duration in weeks	Price in Euro
Trimester	LT1	13	1.575,00
Semester	LT2	26	3.135,00
Academic Year	AY	35	5.320,00

CULTURAL COURSES

	Code	Hours of lessons per week	1 week	2 weeks	Each extra week
Conoscere Siena	CS	4 hours max 6 students	140,00	250,00	100,00
Siena Magnifica	OC	View the program	460,00	640,00	n.a.

ONE-TO-ONE & MINI-GROUP LESSONS

	Code	Group size	Price in Euro min. 2 hours
Individual	IND	1	40,00 Euro per hour
Mini-group (2 people)	MG2	2	52,00 Euro per hour (26,00 Euro per person per hour)
	MG3	3	60,00 Euro per hour (20,00 Euro per person per hour)

SPECIAL COURSES

	Code	Duration of the course	Price in Euro	Each extra week
C.S.N. (Swedish people only)	CSN	13	Starting on 1.575,00	
B.U. (German people only)	GBU	2	475,00	n.a.
PLIDA exam preparation	PLIDA	2	590,00	n.a.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

	Code	Duration of the course	Price in Euro	Each extra week
Theatre	LD	3	1.300,00	n.a.
Opera	OP	3	1.500,00	n.a.
Internship	IN	8	1.380,00	100,00 (each 4 weeks)

HOME TUITION

		Code	Hours of lesson per week	1 st week and each extra week	
				1 person	2 people
General Italian	Standard	VG1	15	1.100,00	840,00
	Intensive	VG2	20	1.285,00	1.030,00
	Super intensive	VG3	25	1.390,00	1.040,00
Italian for business, commerce & Tourism	Intensive	VI2	20	1.340,00	1.040,00
	Super intensive	VI3	25	1.440,00	1.100,00
Speak culinary	Intensive	VC2	20	1.495,00	1.240,00

TRADITIONAL GASTRONOMY COURSES

EVENING CULINARY SESSION

Reserved to our Italian language students, owners of the Dante Alighieri's card

Code	Session/s	1 session	2 sessions	Each extra session
KC	1	55,00	100,00	50,00

AMATEUR CULINARY COURSES

Type of cuisine	Code	Starting date	Ending date	Weeks	Sessions	Price in euro
Spring	CC1	7 apr	18 apr	2	8	750,00
Summer	CC2	14 jul	18 jul	1	4	500,00
Traditional	CC3	18 aug	29 aug	2	8	750,00
Autumn	CC4	8 sep	26 sep	3	12	1.250,00
Winter	CC5	1 dec	12 dec	2	8	750,00

PROFESSIONAL CULINARY COURSES

Type of cuisine	Code	Starting date	Ending date	Weeks	Sessions	Price in euro
Traditional	CP1	11 feb	7 mar	4	16	1.440,00
Spring	CP2	5 may	30 may	4	16	1.440,00
Winter	CP3	20 oct	14 nov	4	16	1.440,00

COOKING TRAINING

Code	Level of Italian requested	N° of weeks	N° of culinary sessions	Language lessons	week length of internship	Price in Euro
CT1	A1-C2	47	24	320	24	6.000,00*
CT2	A1-A2	47	40	500	12	7.750,00*
CT3	B1-C2	35	40	340	12	6.600,00*

* The price includes the language course + culinary sessions. During the internship the accommodation is charged to the restaurant

ACCOMMODATION IN SIENA

Type		Price per person in euro			
		1 week 6 nights	2 weeks 13 nights	Each extra week 7 nights	Each extra night
Apartment Shared kitchen and bathroom	Double	110.00	210.00	100.00	25,00
	Single	170.00	290.00	120.00	30,00
Family – Breakfast only Breakfast included	Double	110.00	210.00	100.00	25,00
	Single	170.00	290.00	120.00	30,00
Family – Half board Breakfast & dinner included	Double	190.00	350.00	160.00	30,00
	Single	210.00	400.00	190.00	35,00

Hotel / Villa / Residence	Price per person in euro
	On request

Please note that the school adds the **administration fee** (70,00 euro for courses in Siena, 70,00 euro for the home-tuition) only if the student requests the accommodation.

TERMS & CONTITIONS

MINIMUM AGE – The school accepts a student under the age of 17 years, it's not responsible for the supervision of these minors after lesson time. This remains the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians.

FEES INCLUDE - Lessons, Certificate, use of library and self-study center, Social activities if not various indicated.

FEES DO NOT INCLUDE - Textbooks, Accommodation, Examination Fees, Transfer from and to the railway / Airport, Bank charges, Insurance, Internet-point access and other fees not expressly mentioned under the title "fees include".

ENROLMENT AND PAYMENT - Applications should reach the school office at least 30 days before the beginning of the course together the **deposit** (30% of the TOTAL fee; course fee + administration fee + accommodation fee). In case of last-minute enrolment (less than 15 days of the beginning of the course) it is necessary to pay the total fee in full (sending us by fax/email copy of the bank transfer) or sending us credit card details in writing, authorizing us to charge the total fee immediately (in case of no show no refundable is possible).

BALANCE - The balance must be paid at least 15 days in advance of the course's starting date. In case of **no show** the student authorizes us to charge on its credit card (without any extra request of charging by the school) the total fee.

METHODS OF PAYMENT - To be admitted into the course you will have to produce evidence of payment. Payment can be made by: Bank transfer, Cash or Credit card.

ACCOMMODATION – The accommodation is booked from the day before the beginning of the course (usually Sunday) until the day after it finishes (usually Saturday). Different arrival or departure days must be request in writing and confirmed from the school in writing. For any accommodation reservation the school requires a credit card information as guarantee. The school will send you (by email or fax) the address of your home in Siena usually 2 weeks before the beginning of your course and only if you have paid the TOTAL fees (course + accommodation + administration fee). If any damage is incurred by the student to property of the school or belonging to third parties contracted by the school, the cost of these damages must be settled immediately and payable to the school. SDA Siena expects all students to respect the right of follow students to a safe and orderly environment within the school and host families. Students are responsible for the day to day cleaning of their room/apartments. Check in time is 02:00 pm and Check out time is 11:00 am

TRANSPORT - Monthly bus passes are available to our students at a discounted price. We offer, at charge, an airport pick-up service to Siena from Pisa, Florence, Bologna and Rome.

POSTPONING – In case of postponing the beginning course date the following penalties will be applied: between 2 and 1 week (any penalty fee for the course, 50,00 € of penalty fee for the accommodation; less than 1 week: any penalty fee for the course, one week accommodation fee as penalty.

STUDY GRANTS - 30% reduction (minimum registration 4 weeks) for grants awarded by the **Italian Foreign Office**, 10% discount on all course prices to **members of the Clergy**, members of the **Società Dante Alighieri** (minimum registration 4 weeks), **Erasmus students** based in Siena (minimum registration 4 weeks)

LANGUAGE COURSES – in keeping with communicative teach methodology, all of our lessons (language/cooking/etc) are conducted in Italian if not otherwise specified

STUDENT VISA - Western European citizens do not require a visa to enter Italy, if they don't plan to stay longer than 90 days. Citizens of other countries should contact their nearest Italian Embassy or Consulate to check the details regarding entry permits. Our Certificate of enrolment fulfils one of the requirements to obtain a visa. This certificate can only be issued by our Committee after a registration has been received and the registration fee paid. You are responsible for obtaining visas and for any visa-related expenses. Federal express cost (Euro 35,00) will be added to the fees

COURSE CHANGES - If the student decides not to attend classes or to shorten the course, he/she is not entitled to any refund. Deposit and fees are not transferable from person to person. Course level: If you wish to change your course level, you must consult the Director of Studies, Minimum numbers: The school reserves the right to offer an alternative course of equal value in the event of insufficient applications for a course.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - No lessons will take place on public holidays as indicated on the Date & Price page. No refund will be made for these lessons.

RESPONSIBILITY - The school reserves the right to exclude a student from the school or accommodation if they are acting in a way which is detrimental to the school or other students. In such cases, the school is under no obligation to make any refund or cover any expense brought about by this action. The school is not liable for the loss, damage or injury to persons or property.

INSURANCE - Students are advised to take out medical and personal insurance before leaving their home country. Moreover, students are also advised to insure themselves against loss of fees through non-arrival, absence for any reason or unforeseen termination of their courses.

PERSONAL DATA - The participant authorizes Sieningue srl to include her/his personal data on a mailing list for the purpose of enrolment. The participant may also periodically receive informative, publicity or promotional material. The participant may at any time, in accordance with Italian law (art. 13, 675/96), request that her/his personal data be removed from the mailing list of the School.

CHANGING IN COURSE PROGRAMMES AND PRICES - The schools reserve the right to modify their course programmes and prices.

ACCEPTANCE - By signing the registration form or any other written form of registration, the participant accepts the "General Conditions of Participation" and in particular in case of no show he/she authorizes us to charge on his/her credit card (without any extra request of charging by the school) the total amount.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Notice of cancellation must be given by registered letter, telegram, fax. We will issue the refund directly to your agency and we will ask the students (or whoever paid for the course) to contact you directly for the refund. The refund will be in the form of a Credit Note or check. Of course refunds will be paid within 30 days of the cancellation date just as before. More than 30 days before the beginning of the course only the registration fee is non refundable; From 30 days and 15 days before the beginning of the course 30% the deposit (30% of total fee) is non refundable; Less than 15 days before or after the start of the course 100% of the TOTAL fee is not refundable.

The programmes shown in our web-site are only indicative, the management reserves the right to alter dates, times and contents of courses at any time. On your arrival at the school we will give you the revised schedule. The school reserves the right to adjust fees in the event of particular international monetary situations.