




A Door To Italy
Scuola di Italiano


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Italian Language and Culture
Italian Language Certificates
Long-term courses
Specialised courses



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If you want to learn Italian, and at the same time to be fully immersed in the culture of Italy, the 'Bel Paese', then Genoa is the city for you. The capital of Liguria has in recent years become one of the most sought-after destinations for the language learner, second only to the great historical cities of Rome, Venice, Milan and Naples.

*Arrivederci a Genova at A Door to Italy,
the oldest established language school in Genoa.*



The School

ADoortolItaly–ScuoladItalianoperStranieri, founded in 2002, is the oldest established language school in Genoa. It specialises in the successful organisation of every aspect of study holidays: your outward journey; your accommodation (whether a home-stay with a family, in a 'bed and breakfast', a hotel, or an apartment); language courses, taught by specialised and experienced teachers in spacious premises; and a programme of additional social activities such as guided tours of the city, visits to museums, and an opportunity to enjoy the special cuisine and products of Genoa. All the courses are offered all year round in our new premises in the heart of the town. The school is located in an elegant and fascinating 19th century

building and offers to its students large and sunny classrooms, a long balcony to a lounge area with coffee and snacks, daily newspapers, free internet points and also wireless internet available, a furnished library and an information point about cultural and leisure activities.



Piazza de Ferrari



Genoa

Genoa, the capital of the region Liguria, is a city with a lot to offer to those who have the desire and time to discover its secrets and to experience its fascinating history and traditions, as well as a lively and ever-changing present, with a vision towards the future. The Porto Antico (old port) is one of the most attractive tourist places and also one of the most visited in Italy and it is just a few steps from the school.

Genoa's old town is the best example of an entirely preserved Medieval town in Europe and in The Mediterranean area: a large part has been declared a World Heritage site by Unesco. Your stay in Genoa will also give you the possibility of visiting the world-renowned village of Portofino and the marvellous Cinque Terre.

The origin of the name Genoa has different interpretations, but the most fascinating of them is that it comes from the latin word janua, which means door... we like to think of the city as if it were a doorway as it has always been, where ships arriving at its port find a safe shelter and an entryway to the commercial streets of the continent. It can be considered a door to the cultures that throughout the centuries have created

the city such as it is today. Following this interpretation, our desire is that Genoa and the school A Door to Italy serves as the door to Italy for all people wishing to learn Italian language and culture!





The teachers and the method

The teachers are highly qualified and experienced. All are native speakers of Italian who are career language teachers, often with experience of teaching Italian in other countries. They all have recognised qualifications.

At school we use the communicative method, preferring oral communication but not disregarding aspects of written communication, focusing on the four language abilities (listening, speaking, reading, writing).

The didactical material is rich and various. The official book is created and provided by the school. Each level has its own book, which is supplied at the beginning of the course. All additional didactical material is drawn from newspapers, magazines, multimedia material and video.

At the end of any course, by a minimum frequency of 80% of the lessons, the school gives a certificate of attendance.

The Courses

A Door to Italy offers a wide variety of general and specialised courses, geared to the specific needs of our students. Courses are catered for groups or individuals and for people coming from different countries and with different purposes. Groups are mixed and open to a maximum of 8 students, each with different language and cultural backgrounds, which makes the group and the lessons very interesting and the learning process particularly fast. Courses are available all year round, with starting dates every other Monday.

The general Italian language courses have six levels (corresponding to the Common European Framework of languages). To assess the level each new student is required to take the entry test, both written and oral.

We also offer courses combining Italian language and culture, ranging from



literature and history to cookery and local crafts, other classes cover the language of wine and food.

More targeted courses offer Italian for professionals, such as Italian for business (spoken and written), Italian for law, Italian for healthcare, Italian for hoteliers and for the tourist industry, Italian language of opera.

The general Italian Language and Culture Courses

STANDARD COURSE Code: SG

The Standard course is the best way for students of every level to join grammar and conversation.

Groups are small, heterogeneous and multilingual, helping students to better their understanding and knowledge of the language.

*Lessons are held in small groups (3-8 students)
20 hours of lessons from Monday through Friday
Schedule: every day from Monday through
Friday 09.10 - 13.00*

INTENSIVE COURSES Codes: INT_4 / INT_6 / INT_8 / INT_10

The intensive course is best for all students who desire to learn as much as possible in a short period of time.

This intensive programme has always been successful because the individual lessons are very good at establishing and fixing new aspects of the language. During private lessons teachers pay attention to "your" particular difficulties during the study of the Italian language, which is not always possible to do when you are with other students in one classroom.

*Lessons are held in small groups (3-8 students)
and are combined with individual lessons. Choice
is among 4, 6, 8 or 10 hours of individual lessons
per week.
Schedule: Group lessons from Monday through
Friday 09.10 - 13.00
Individual lessons 14.00 - 16.00 or 16.00 - 18.00*



INDIVIDUAL or DUO COURSE Codes: IND / DUO

The program is constructed around the student's knowledge and needs.

Considering the extreme flexibility of the schedule and attendance, it is particularly suitable for busy people. The individual course is also suitable for those people who attend a standard course, but having little time to stay in Italy, they desire to use the individual hours to dive as deep into the language as possible.

Individual and semi-individual classes can also focus on cultural programs and sector languages.

Lessons are 'one-to-one' or in very small groups with a maximum of 2 students with similar language ability. The program can be completely personalized.

Schedule: *The day and time can be fixed with the schools didactical director whilst registering*

CONVERSATION COURSE Code: SG

This course is organized at three levels (Beginner – Intermediate – Advanced) and it is a good occasion to work on oral ability and to "chat" in an informal way in real life situations.

The course is in fact the perfect combination of lessons at school plus practical lessons walking

around the ancient streets of Genoa. What could be better than learning Italian whilst having an Italian aperitivo by the sea and talking about culture, cinema and literature?

Lessons are held in small groups (5-12 students) 10 hours of lessons from Monday through Friday

Schedule: *Every day from Monday through Friday 14.00 - 16.00 or 16.00 – 18.00*



CERTIFICATION COURSES CELI, CIC, CILS, PLIDA

The standard course or the Intensive courses are already a good preparation especially in the long period but our experience has taught us that attending a preparation Certification Course, focused on the past papers, dramatically helps students to pass Italian language exams.

Specific preparation courses for Italian language certification can be attended individually or in groups. The group course is organized and held at school just 2 weeks before the exam sessions and it can be easily combined with the standard language course held in the morning.

The Council of Europe states that the course levels are structured by level of difficulty. The exams consist of a set of five components: reading comprehension, writing, structural competence, listening comprehension and speaking.

*Lessons are held in small groups (3-8 students)
24 hours of lessons from Monday through Friday
Schedule: Monday through Thursday
14:00 – 16:00 - Friday 14:00 – 18:00*



BUSINESS COURSE

The business Italian course is designed for students who already have a good knowledge of Italian language and use, or would like to use Italian for business.

The program is tailored upon student's particular needs and is focused on the Italian language of business, starting from the resume to formal letters and formal speeches. Official past papers from CIC (certification business Italian) will be used and analyzed.

- Students are requested to have at least B1 level Italian.

*Lessons are „one-to-one“.
The program can be completely personalized.
Schedule: The day and time can be fixed
with the schools didactical director whilst
registering.*

Long Term Courses

THREE MONTH COURSE - SEMESTER COURSE - ROUND YEAR COURSE

With these courses, students profit from all the advantages of learning a language in the country where it is spoken. Through our experience in teaching the Italian language, we know that the ideal minimum stay for a course is 12 weeks. Not only will you have more confidence in your language skills, but instead of feeling like you are on holiday, you will be completely immersed in the Italian culture and way of life. Many of our long-term students are studying to enter university or rounding off their Italian Long-Term Standard Course with an internationally recognized certification (CELI, CILS, PLIDA)

*Lessons are held in small groups (3-8 students)
20 hours of lessons from Monday through Friday
Schedule: 09.10 - 13.00*

Specialised courses

GENOVA PER NOI

This course guides students through ancient Genoese culture, introducing the famous people who proudly dominated the Mediterranean sea for thousand years with their traditions.

During lessons, teachers will develop an interesting programme based around music, theatre, cinema, literature and curiosity: a course, which travels deep into the Genoese spirit...

- Students are requested to have at least B1 level Italian.

*Lessons are held in small groups (5-12 students)
10 hours of lessons from Monday through Friday
Schedule: In the afternoon from 14.00 to 16.00
or 16.00 – 18.00*



LA DOLCE VITA

Looking at Italy in relation to famous Italian film directors ... this course is a tool for understanding the Italian spirit and the Italian people... who were the Italians and who are the Italians today? We will look at cult films of the past and present popular films; from the old Italy after World War II and neo-realism to the young generation represented by the last great Italian directors, such as Muccino, Ozpetek or Soldini. Is La Dolce Vita still alive?

- Students are requested to have at least B1 level Italian.

*Lessons are held in small groups (5-12 students)
10 hours of lessons from Monday through Friday
Schedule: in the afternoon from 14.00 to 16.00 or
16.00 – 18.00*

SONO SOLO CANZONETTE

Italian is the language of the Opera but also of pop music. Eros Ramazzotti and Laura Pausini are Italian icons throughout the world. With this course you will learn Italian singing: a perfect way to improve and train the intonation, the pronunciation and to learn new words in order to better understand the culture of the country. Every week lessons are dedicated to a different Italian town with its song-writers and its history made of music.

- *This course is available to all level students.*

*Lessons are held in small groups (5-12 students)
6 hours of lessons three times per week
Schedule: In the afternoon from 14.00 to 16.00 or
16.00 – 18.00*



ITALIAN COOKING

Gastronomy is one of the fundamental aspects of civilization and culture. To travel and to visit new countries means also to sample national tastes and flavours.

The kitchen course is carried out at a teacher's home. Teachers' warmly welcome all students on the course and demonstrate in particular the secrets and techniques of the Italian and Genoese gastronomy, providing a space to all for practical preparation.

At the end of the lesson, the prepared plates are offered for dinner. This is also considered a great experience and an unforgettable moment of socialization.

It is also possible to follow special cooking lessons based upon special recipes. These lessons are held at the cooking school, our partner. More info upon request.

- *This course is available to all level students.*

Lessons are held either individually or in small groups (3-8 students) + small groups for cooking lessons (2-4 students).

Schedule: Group lessons from Monday through Friday 09.10 - 13.00
Cooking lessons 15.00 - 18.00



ITALIAN + DIVING

For adventurous people wishing to combine a full cultural experience with a unique dive vacation exploring the Ligurian Sea, gulf and its beauties.

It is possible to take the Open Water Dive Certificate (for those who have not dived before) or the Advanced Open Water Dive certificate, with PSS / PADI instructors.

All didactical materials and the equipment regarding the diving lessons are provided by the diving school and are included in the price.

- Students are requested to have at least B1 level Italian

Italian lessons are held in small groups (3-8 students) + small groups for diving lessons (2-6 students) or individually

Schedule: *Group lessons from Monday through Friday 09.10 - 13.00, following the standard course schedule.*

Diving lessons 15.00 – 18.00



The accommodation

A Door to Italy offers participants a variety of housing options in Genoa upon request for the duration of their course. Our students can choose to live with an Italian family, in a hotel of various categories, in shared apartments with other students or

in private apartments.

All of our accommodation arrangements are carefully selected and conveniently located close to the school.

The Services - The Student card

Apart from its language courses A Door to Italy can help you in every other aspect of your stay in Genoa. As a student of A Door to Italy you will receive the STUDENT CARD to access all our services. We pay particular attention to the didactical tutoring as well as to the welcome and assistance services. We can provide access to the many local partners: host families, hotels of all categories, letting agencies to help you find an apartment, and tourist service providers such as guides or transport companies. It's our aim to involve all the students in taking part in the programme of exhibitions, concerts and cultural events for which Genoa is famous. Thanks to the

student card you'll be given very special prices for restaurants, museums, theatres and it is possible to take advantage of all the convenient rates even after the course is finished. With the Student Card you'll also receive all didactical material for free and the possibility to access our partners' assistance services at a very special price for all A Door to Italy's members: upon request they will be able to give you assistance for Permit to Stay – Italian Basic Insurance – Student Cell phone Service – Student's Legal Assistance at convenient rates.



Extra curricular activities

Living in Italy - even if it is only for a short time - is a unique experience, full of opportunities. Genoa is a lively city, with an exciting cultural scene.

The city offers a broad range of events throughout the year to satisfy the tastes of all age groups.

The school's cultural program makes it possible for you to enjoy the city and its events while learning Italian. The following activities are offered on a regular basis:

- Introduction to Genoa,
- Welcome cocktail,
- Visits to some of the most famous and interesting museums.
- Visit to the aquarium (the biggest

aquarium in Europe, main centre of the scientific biological studies of the last decades)

- Sing the song: Italian and Genoese songs to exercise pronunciation.
- Soirées to the theatre: opera, drama or comedy.
- Dinner or "aperitivo" the Italian way...
- Excursion by boat

Students have also other interesting places to visit and discover. The school staff are able to give all necessary information to plan visits and excursion within the city or in the surroundings.





Study grants are available

- For students in Sweden: our courses are recognized by Swedish CSN (Swedish National Agency for Higher education).
- For workers and employees in Germany, our courses are recognized by the German BILDUNGSURLAUB in Hamburg.
- For people from all over the world: Every year the A Door to Italy offers SCHOLARSHIPS to give where possible an economical aide. Scholarships are available at the Italian Cultural Institutes abroad, Universities and high schools. For application, we kindly ask that students apply to their closest Italian Institute or Italian Embassy.

If you are a school or university student, you may apply directly to our school, enclosing a reference letter from your Italian teacher. Alternatively, you may ask the Italian Department of your university or school to contact us.

International Course Enrolment Centres for Registration & further Information: □

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(toll-free number) □

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