

1982-2012
30 YEARS
ABC

Learn Italian in Florence

ABC - Palazzo Malvisi School

Center for Italian Language and Culture



WHY STUDY ITALIAN AT THE ABC SCHOOL OF FLORENCE

- **SINCE 1982**

- **EXPERIENCE:** The ABC School of Florence has been successfully teaching Italian since 1982.

- **SMALL CLASS SIZES** a **maximum of 8 students per class** (average 6/7 students per class).

- **QUALIFIED TEACHERS**, professional, friendly and welcoming.

- **STUDENT CARE:** a warm and welcoming staff is at your disposal.

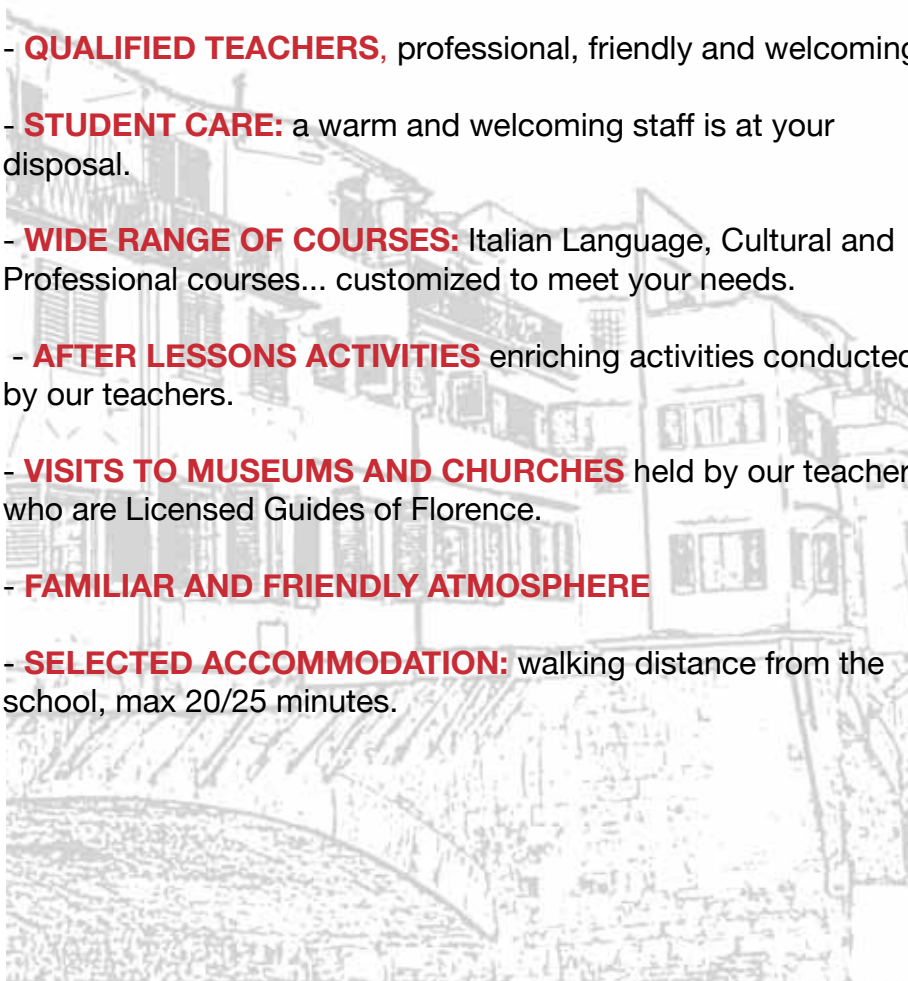
- **WIDE RANGE OF COURSES:** Italian Language, Cultural and Professional courses... customized to meet your needs.

- **AFTER LESSONS ACTIVITIES** enriching activities conducted by our teachers.

- **VISITS TO MUSEUMS AND CHURCHES** held by our teachers who are Licensed Guides of Florence.

- **FAMILIAR AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE**

- **SELECTED ACCOMMODATION:** walking distance from the school, max 20/25 minutes.



THE SCHOOL



The ABC School of Florence has been teaching the Italian Language and Culture to students from all over the world **since 1982**.

In all these years we have improved our offerings to better face the real needs of our students.

THE METHOD

The ABC School of Florence carries out research in the field of linguistics and pedagogy according to the “Direct Teaching Method” and takes into account the various existing trends in didactics with a special attention to a solid grammar base. We provide both **grammar** and **conversation** lessons.

The teachers frequently attend courses covering new methods: their knowledge is always up to date.

Moreover teachers are selected carefully with attention to their teaching abilities as well as personality.

They are welcoming, friendly and put the students at their ease.



STUDENTS LEARN QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY

- CLASS OF MAXIMUM 8 STUDENTS.

- Students have to do a written and oral test to be placed accurately in a class.

- Levels according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

COURSES FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS

- Standard or Intensive courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced levels.

- Professional courses, cultural courses and art courses.

- A wide range of opportunities to learn and improve the Italian language.

WHERE WE ARE

The school is located in the heart of Florence, in the colourful neighbourhood of Santa Croce with its many stores, artisans' workshops and nearby the most important monuments and museums of the city.

From the windows of the beautiful frescoed classrooms of Palazzo Venerosi Pesciolini, you can enjoy the view of Palazzo Vecchio from one side and Piazza Peruzzi from the other.





OUR COURSES

STANDARD GROUP COURSE

20 LESSONS / WEEK

2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning.

INTENSIVE GROUP COURSE

30 LESSONS / WEEK

2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
2 group lessons/day in the afternoon.

STANDARD PLUS ONE-TO-ONE COURSE

25 or 30 LESSONS / WEEK

2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
PLUS 5 or 10 one-to-one lessons/week in the afternoon.

In the plus lessons you can deepen **the Italian language** and/or choose one of these specific subjects:

- **business**
- **hotel and tourism**
- **flight attendant**
- **literature**
- **art history**
- **cooking**
- **fashion**
- **healthcare**
- **your specific need.**

STANDARD PLUS ONE-TO-ONE COURSE PREPARATION FOR CILS / CELI / AIL EXAMS

25 or 30 LESSONS/WEEK

2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
PLUS 5 or 10 one-to-one lessons/week in the afternoon.

- In the plus lessons you will prepare for the AIL / CILS / CELI exams.

The ABC School of Florence is an authorized exam center of A.I.L. (The Italian Language Academy).

SPECIFIC GROUP COURSE

10 LESSONS / WEEK

2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
or 2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning.



OUR COURSES



INDIVIDUAL COURSE

5 / 10 / 15 / 20 / 25 / 30 / 35 / 40 LESSONS / WEEK
One teacher and one student.

DUETTO COURSE

5 / 10 / 15 / 20 / 25 / 30 / 35 / 40 LESSONS / WEEK
One teacher and two students with the same level of Italian.

TRIETTO COURSE

5 / 10 / 15 / 20 / 25 / 30 / 35 / 40 LESSONS / WEEK
One teacher and three students with the same level of Italian.



STANDARD GROUP COURSE PLUS LUNCH

23 LESSONS / WEEK
2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
PLUS 3 LUNCHES/week with a teacher in trattoria.

STANDARD GROUP COURSE PLUS COOKING WITH MAMMA

2 group grammar lessons/day in the morning
2 group conversation lessons/day in the morning
Cooking lessons starting at 18.00 with your host mamma.
1 week (4 cooking lessons)
2 weeks (7 cooking lessons).



COURSES FOR TEACHERS

For individuals or groups.
Teachers can request a course that suits their needs.
Write us: we can organize every kind of program.



OUR COURSES

50 + GROUP COURSE

For students over 50 who want to study Italian and learn more about Italian and Florentine culture, the ABC School offers 1 or 2 week-programs.

15 LESSONS/WEEK (3 Italian group lessons/day)

CULTURAL PROGRAM:

- Florence city guided tour
- Visit: San Miniato church and Piazzale Michelangelo
- Cooking course and dinner at the teacher's house
- Excursion on Saturday to Siena or Lucca or Pisa or San Gimignano (with all the other students).
- Visit: the Uffizi Gallery (or the Accademia Gallery);
- Visit: the Oltrarno
- Visit: the Cathedral
- For 1 week program we suggest to stay 7 nights in order to take part in the excursion on Saturday.



JUNIOR GROUP

Dedicated to groups of minimum 6 students, age 12-16 years old, accompanied by a teacher.

1 week - It is possible to extend the period.

SCHOOL and COLLEGE GROUP

Dedicated to school and college groups of minimum 6 students, accompanied by a teacher.

1 week - It is possible to extend the period.



FAMILY WITH CHILDREN

If you want to join our courses, your children (under 16) can study Italian at the same time. While you are in class your children will study Italian with a teacher following a special program partly in class and partly outside: taking a walk; visiting markets, gardens, parks and touring; science, anthropology and art museums.

TAILOR-MADE COURSES

The Italian language course you have always desired.

- one-to-one or group lessons
- art or cultural activities
- theatre, spa, golf
- art visits with licensed guide at your disposal
- cooking and wine

We are specialized in organizing whatever type of study / travel program you wish and for the number of weeks you like.



OUR COURSES



STANDARD GROUP COURSE PLUS ART VISITS **COURSE A) Wandering in Florentine Churches and Museums**

20 LESSONS/WEEK

2 group grammar lessons/day in the morning
2 one-to-one lessons/day to Churches and Museums in the morning.

COURSE B) Wandering in Florentine Art History

20 LESSONS/WEEK

2 group grammar lessons/day in the morning
2 one-to-one lessons of Art History/day in the morning.

COURSE C) Relax in Florence

14 LESSONS/WEEK

2 group grammar lessons/day in the morning
4 one-to-one lessons/week at Churches and Museums.



STANDARD GROUP COURSE PLUS ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES

20 LANGUAGE LESSONS / WEEK PLUS ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES LESSONS

2 grammar group lessons/day in the morning
2 conversation group lessons/day in the morning
plus lessons in the afternoon of drawing and painting, gilding, trompe l'oeil, decoration laboratory, sculpture, pottery decoration.



STUDY IN FLORENCE AND TAORMINA

Enjoy Florence and discover Taormina (Sicily).
2 weeks at the ABC School in Florence and 2 weeks at the Babilonia School in Taormina.
Also possible: 1 week ABC and 1 week Babilonia and to extend the period.

STUDY IN FLORENCE AND BAGNO DI ROMAGNA

Enjoy Florence and discover Bagno di Romagna.
2 weeks at the ABC School in Florence and 2 weeks at the Palazzo Malvisi School in Bagno di Romagna.
Also possible: 1 week ABC and 1 week Palazzo Malvisi and to extend the period.



OUR COURSES

STUDY IN FLORENCE AND VERONA

Enjoy Florence and discover Verona.
2 weeks at the ABC School in Florence and 2 weeks at the InClasse School in Verona.
Also possible: 1 week ABC and 1 week InClasse and to extend the period.

STUDY IN FLORENCE AND GENOA

Enjoy Florence and discover Genoa.
2 weeks at the ABC School in Florence and 2 weeks at the A door to Italy School in Genoa.
Also possible: 1 week ABC and 1 week A door to Italy and to extend the period.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS FASHION COURSE

Standard Group Course plus Fashion.
For the program, please ask us.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE PLUS JEWELLERY COURSE

Standard Group Course plus Jewellery.
For the program, please ask us.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE LONG TERM COURSES

Courses can last up to one year. Please, ask us.



ON LINE COURSES

Do you want to learn or improve Italian but you don't have time to attend classes?

Do you want to start learning Italian before coming to study with us?

Do you want to continue learning Italian after your course?

The ABC School of Florence offers you the possibility to study Italian on line.



OUR COURSES



PRE-UNIVERSITIES COURSE

Studying at an Italian University is an opportunity to design your professional future.

From Architecture to Medicine, from History to Theology, Italy offers rich cultural and social bases.

The ABC School provides preparatory courses for students with no or limited prior knowledge of Italian in the following subjects: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacology, Veterinary, Architecture, Interior design and Urban planning.



The ABC School, in collaboration with Impara Studies, offers a selection of pre-academic preparation programs guaranteed by our experience of introducing foreign students to the world of higher education in Italy.



The courses are held by highly professional teachers and include:

1. 18 weeks of Italian language lessons
2. Professional subjects
3. Books for theory and exercise
4. Assistance with the enrollment procedure to the University
5. Guidance and counseling

Please contact us for further information.



AFTER LESSONS

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES IN THE AFTERNOON AND EXCURSIONS ON SATURDAYS:

- Walking tours of Florence.
- Guided tours to the most important museums and churches.
- Visits to wine farms in the zone of Chianti.
- Lectures in Italian Art, Italian History, Italian Music, Italian Cinema and Italian Cooking and Wine.
- Italian films with Italian subtitles.
- Afternoon together
- Aperitivo-dinners together in local bars.
- Dinners together in local restaurants.
- Excursions in the most famous towns in Tuscany: Siena, San Gimignano, Lucca, Pisa...

All the activities are held by our teachers and the art visits by our licensed tourist guide teachers.

The students are expected to pay only for museum and church entrance fees, transport, aperitivo-dinner and restaurant expenses.

- **FREE WI-FI**
- **COMPUTERS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR THE STUDENTS**
- **IN THE AFTERNOON THE STUDENTS CAN STAY AT SCHOOL TO STUDY, TO READ, TO LISTEN TO MUSIC, TO WATCH A FILM...**

You are welcome to spend the day with us!



PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES - Sample



- lun. 18/07 h. 15.30: Tour d'orientamento a Firenze per i nuovi studenti (Monica)
- mar. 19/07 h. 15.30: Film: "Basilicata coast to coast" di R. Papaleo (Italia 2010)
- mer. 20/07 h. 15.30: Visita: La Galleria dell'Accademia (Serena)
- gio. 21/07 h. 15.30: Passeggiata: Il Quartiere dell'Oltrarno e la chiesa di Santo Spirito (Viviana)
- h. 20.00 Apericena insieme: si mangia e si beve! (Monica e Brenda)
- sab. 23/07 h. 10:20 Escursione a SAN GIMIGNANO (Alice)



- lun. 25/07 h. 15.30 Tour d'orientamento a Firenze per i nuovi studenti (Monica)
- mar. 26/07 h. 15.30 Film: "Benvenuti al Sud" di L. Miniero (Italia 2010)
- mer. 27/07 h. 15.30 Visita: Palazzo Vecchio e i quartieri monumentali (Serena)
- gio. 28/07 h. 15.30 Seminario: Impara l'italiano con le canzoni (Serena)
- sab. 30/07 h. 10.00 Passeggiata artistica: Firenze medievale e Palazzo Davanzati (Viviana)



- lun. 01/08 h. 15.30 Tour d'orientamento a Firenze per i nuovi studenti (Monica)
- mar. 02/08 h. 15.30 Film: "Tutta la vita davanti" di P. Virzì (Italia 2010)
- mer. 03/08 h. 15.30 Passeggiata artistica: Alla scoperta dei monumenti più importanti di Firenze (Brenda)
- gio. 04/08 h. 15.30 Visita: La cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore (Brenda)
- h. 20.00 Cena insieme in pizzeria (Monica e Brenda)
- sab. 06/08 h. 07.00 Escursione a LUCCA (Silvia)
- lun. 08/08 h. 16.00 Tour d'orientamento a Firenze per i nuovi studenti (Monica)
- mar. 09/08 h. 16.00 Film: "Mine vaganti" di F. Ozpetek (Italia 2010)
- mer. 10/08 h. 19.30 Cena e serata insieme alla Festa "In fortezza", Fortezza da Basso, Firenze (Serena)
- gio. 11/08 h. 16.00 Passeggiata: Firenze in campagna – le colline di Arcetri e Pian dei Giullari (Silvia)
- sab. 13/08 h. 10.00 Visita: Il Museo Nazionale del Bargello (Serena)



ABC SPECIAL

COOKING TOGETHER

Would you like to learn and prepare authentic Italian, Tuscan and Florentine dishes in a typical Italian atmosphere?

Individual or group lessons.

Program:
cooking with the teacher
lunch or dinner together

Buon appetito!!
(Complete menu or menu on request)



TOURIST GUIDED TOURS

Thanks to its licensed guide, the ABC School of Florence organizes, on request, visits to churches and museums and special itineraries and excursions for you, your friends and your relatives.
Enjoy Florence with us!



TRANSFER SERVICE

From Florence Amerigo Vespucci airport (FLR) or from Santa Maria Novella train station (SMN) to your accommodation.

From your accommodation to Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport (FLR) or to Santa Maria Novella train station (SMN).

Please, inform us about your arrival details at least one week before your arrival.





ACCOMMODATION



The ABC School in Florence provides accommodation for enrolled students. Our accommodations are located within a maximum of 20-25 minutes walk from the school, in the historic center.

The school provides accommodation from Sunday (the day before the course starts) until Saturday morning (the day after the course finishes). An extra night on arrival or departure is possible.

Kinds of accommodations:

- Single and double room with use of kitchen
- Single and double room with breakfast
- Single and double room with breakfast and dinner (double room is guaranteed only for two students enrolling together)
- Independent studio apartment (one bedroom)
- Independent apartment (two bedrooms)
- Hotel



RULES OF ACCOMMODATION

- Bed-linens and towels are provided and changed once a week.
- Rooms and independent apartments are cleaned before the student's arrival. The students are responsible for the cleaning of their room and of the common spaces (kitchen and bathroom).
- Electricity, gas and water expenses are included in the price.
- The use of the washing-machine is permitted once a week, without charge.
- **ARRIVAL: Students are asked to inform the owner of their accommodation at least 5 days prior their arrival (only in case of a transfer organized by the school, the students have to inform the school).**
- **DEPARTURE: Students are asked to leave the apartment on the last day of their stay before 11:00 am.**





F.A.Q.

-What are the dates I can begin lessons?

If you are a beginner, you can start the Italian language course every second Monday. If you are not a beginner you can start any Monday. Please consult the schedule.

-What should I expect from my first day at the school?

We will wait for you at 8:30 am at the school. Beginner students will start their lessons at 9:00 am. Students in all other levels will take an oral test prior to their start at 9:00.

-How many participants there will be in a class?

At the ABC School each class has a **maximum of 8 students**. This is due to better quality learning in smaller groups.

-Which textbooks are used?

Our grammar and exercise books have been written by the ABC School after many years of experience. These books are used in conjunction with authentic teaching materials, for example: newspaper and magazine articles, audiovisual materials, and many activities inside the classroom.

-Is the teaching material included in the price?

All text books and other supplies are provided by the school, but you are expected to bring your own dictionary.

-Which teaching method do you use?

The ABC School teaches according to the Direct Teaching Method: **from the first day on, in all levels, only Italian will be spoken**. You will be encouraged to practice verbal communication with your teachers so that you may learn Italian naturally, increasing your knowledge quickly and with confidence. With your teacher you will practice your spoken Italian in real-life situations.

-What are the qualifications of the teachers?

All the teachers are highly qualified. They have a degree in Italian language and literature. All of our teachers have been specially trained in teaching Italian to foreigners.

-Which course certificates will I receive?

At the end of each course, students who have attended regularly will receive a certificate of attendance indicating the level of proficiency attained.







CENTRO DI LINGUA &
CULTURA ITALIANA

The ABC School has been teaching Italian Language and Culture to students from all over the world since 1982

The School is:



- a member of the Association of the Schools of Italian (A.S.I.L.S.)



- an authorised exam center of A.I.L. (The Italian Language Academy)

Courses are:



- officially authorised by the Italian Ministry of Education (Document n.10252 / C20)



- recognised by CSN (Swedish National Student Assistance Board) for study grants



- recognised by the German Federal State for "Bildungsurlaub"



- with the support of Florence's Town Council (Document n. 6200)

The ABC School, in cooperation with the Town Council of Florence, actively takes part in the Language and Literacy Program for Immigrants



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