



Italian Language School
WELCOME TO GENOVA!



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THE SCHOOL

A Door to Italy - Scuola di Italiano per Stranieri, was founded in 2002. Specialized in organizing study holidays, A door to Italy runs Italian language and culture courses at all levels (A1 - C2) in an ideal melting pot of different languages and cultures.

Our courses are taught by native, expert and qualified teachers. To complete the study program, A door to Italy offers numerous activities to learn about the territory, the local culture, the cuisine. All the language courses take place all year round in our premises in the heart of the town.

Each year hundreds of students from all over the world enjoy our top quality courses.

The school is located in an elegant and fascinating 19th century building and offers to its students large and sunny classrooms with air conditioning, a relax area to have a pleasant break with coffee, snack, daily newspapers, free internet point, Wi-Fi connection, a furnished library and an information point for cultural and leisure activities.

The A Door to Italy teaching team work together since many years. Teachers are highly qualified with extensive teaching experience in Italy and abroad. They use the communicative method and work to make the school the ideal context to learn Italian.

The instructional material is original, constantly updated and customized to the group/students' needs. It is drawn from books, newspapers, magazines, multimedia material and videos.

The administrative staff help during all the booking process and welcome students from their arrival till departure, arranging accommodation, cultural activities and all the additional services.



GENOA

Genoa, the capital of the Liguria region, is a city rich in history, with fascinating places to discover in a perfect combination of tradition and innovation.

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.

The surroundings are full of wonderful places to visit: first of all the famous village of Portofino and the natural oasis of the 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 a gateway to the continent, a safe shelter for ships since ancient times, thanks to its port. Countless cultures have passed through the door, giving life to the city we know 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!

Why Genoa?

- Genoa is rich in history and it is a town with centuries-old traditions of academic excellence.
- Genoa has a large international community, so foreign students feel at home.
- Genoa is much more affordable than other main cities in Italy. Genoa is a jumping-off place for visits to Liguria region (Cinque Terre, Portofino, Sanremo); France (Cote d'Azur and Montecarlo) and Tuscany.
- Genoa is just 1 hour and half far from Milan.
- Genoa is easy to reach by plane, train or car from all over the world!
- Genoa enjoys typical maritime Mediterranean climate that gives pleasant and mild temperatures.
- Genoa is a seaside town that offers the possibility to spend also a nice vacation on our beautiful beaches
- Genoa is a real Italian city where foreigners can meet Italians and find thousands of occasion to speak all day long!
- Genoa is a good location for both cultural vacation and leisure holidays.



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Why A Door to Italy?

- The school is approved by the Italian Ministry of Education.
- A Door to Italy is a member ASILS (Association of Italian Language Schools Second) that guarantees the high quality of the courses and services of the school through a QUALITY CERTIFICATION issued by the certifying institution UNITER
- A Door to Italy is a member of EDUITALIA (Association that brings together institutions with the best educational offer, dedicated to foreigners).
- A Door to Italy courses are recognized by the Swedish organization CSN and the German BILDUNGSURLAUB
- A Door to Italy is home to the certifications issued by the University for Foreigners of Perugia, CELI for students and DILS PG for Italian teachers of L2 / LS.
- A Door to Italy is the center of AIL exams, linguistic certification issued by the Italian Academy of the Language of Florence, for Italian language and culture students
- The school promotes the study of Italian language through the IIC - Italian Cultural Institutes - in the world (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and other official institutions, offering numerous scholarships for the most deserving students.
- A Door to Italy organizes study programs in Italy for HIGH SCHOOLS and FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES, with the possibility of combining the training offer in the company with the training offer.
- A Door to Italy helps students obtain a visa and residence permit.
- Studying Italian at A Door to Italy is easy and enjoyable. Teachers often use role-playing games, songs, games and fun educational material, always real and updated to engage and motivate students to the maximum.
- Small groups with different nationalities make the lessons useful and interesting, speeding up the learning process.
- A Door to Italy offers a wide variety of accommodation and leisure activities. Learning Italian with A door to Italy offers the chance to experience a 360 ° Italian experience!



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 coming from different countries and with different purposes. General language and cultural courses are available all year round. More targeted courses offer Italian for professionals, such as Italian for business, Italian for professional interpreters and Italian for teachers. The school uses the communicative method that allows in a short time and in a pleasant and motivating environment, to homogeneously develop all four skills, as defined by the Common European Framework: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Through play, listening, conversation and written production, the student becomes master of the language, learning to communicate in increasingly complex everyday situations and in an increasingly fluent and correct way.



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THE GENERAL ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSES

STANDARD COURSE

- Morning lessons in small groups.
 - 20 lessons/week from Monday through Friday. 1 group lesson = 50 min.
- The Standard course is the best way for students of all six ability levels, from the beginner A1 to the advanced C2, to join grammar and conversation. Groups are heterogeneous, multilingual and small and this helps to ensure that the students are given personal attention and the opportunity for self-expression.

INTENSIVE COMBINED COURSES

- Morning lessons in small groups + afternoon individual lessons
 - 20 lessons/week in the morning (50 min. each) + individual lessons in the afternoon (60 min each).
 - Choice is among 4, 6, 8 or 10 hours of individual lessons per week.
- The intensive course allows students to learn as much as possible in a short period of time. Intensive courses have always been very successful because the morning group program, a real language immersion, is accompanied by individual lessons tailored to the real needs of the student.

ITALIANO FACILE

- Morning lessons in small groups.
 - 12 lessons shared in 3 days/week (1 group lesson = 50 min)
- The "Italiano facile" course is recommended for students starting from level A2 and is the ideal choice for those who can study for a longer time but cannot follow an intensive course. In fact, although the course is available for short periods, for best results, we suggest attending for at least 4 weeks.

ONLINE GROUP COURSE

- Late afternoon lessons in small groups.
 - 3 hours/week, split in 2 lessons of 90 minutes
 - Schedule: 6.30PM - 8 PM GMT (UTC +1)
- Ideal for those who work and want to learn or improve the language at all levels.
- In all courses, all the skills described by the Common European Framework of Reference are developed: speaking, writing, listening and reading in a simple and fun way.

INDIVIDUAL (One-to-one) or DUO (Two-to-one) COURSE

The course program meets the needs of those who require a personalized path.

Individual lessons or for two students with the same language level. 60-minute lessons in person or on Zoom

The time and frequency are flexible, depending on the needs.

The course is therefore particularly recommended for those who want to get the most out of it in a short time or want to take a deep dive into specific aspects of Italian such as the commercial, sectoral or cultural context of the language.

ONLINE LESSONS

Individual online classes are the best solution to keep in touch with the Italian world and to learn Italian directly from home or office, following your schedule and needs.

During online Zoom lessons the student will develop conversation, refresh vocabulary and grammar, correct past exercises, as it is in a live lesson.

CERTIFICATION COURSES CELI, CILS, AIL

We propose specific INDIVIDUAL courses, to prepare the student to the exam through the analysis of the past papers. Individual lessons are available all year round depending on student's needs and plans.

Lessons can be easily combined to the standard language course.

SPECIAL FOR WORKING

Sectorial language is available for students with a good level of Italian (at least B1). It is aimed to improve a specific language field (law, marketing, medicine, tourism...).

The program is individual and tailored upon students' needs.

SPECIAL FOR TEACHERS

A Door to Italy offers the teachers of Italian language different opportunities for their career.

- Observational training for new teachers with no or little experience: new teachers take part to all the phases of the preparation of the teaching material and lessons for all the groups (A1 - C2). They participate to the oral and written testing, to the daily briefing, to the preparation of the role play, the games and songs. The school is DILS-PG (I and II degree) exam centre.
- For experienced teachers LS/L2 in Italy or abroad. Teachers can participate to the 1- or 2-week programmes, based on the teorical and practical professional development, through the working on the four language abilities (listening, reading, speaking and writing) and the use of specific exercises, activities, games, useful to create a pleasant atmosphere and to push students to speak.

SPECIAL FOR INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS


A Door to Italy has been working with interpreters from European institutions for over 15 years and has prepared more than 300 interpreters for the exam to add Italian as a working language.


The interpreting department was created in 2014 in order to meet the needs of the sector and it is constantly evolving to provide professionals with a year-round language experience offering online and in-presence courses, in-depth cultural studies, conferences, monographic courses, individual classes, and specialised training.


The teaching approach is based on passive language development and enrichment through videos, listening and selected material.


All material used in interpreter classes is authentic and recent. The department's teachers keep up to date through continuous research and didactic experimentation in the world of Italian language interpretation.


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LANGUAGE PLUS... COURSES

Students may desire to deep the local culture or to enrich their experience in Italy combining the study of the Italian language in the morning, to other classes taken in the afternoon.

A Door to Italy offers the students different possibilities:

LANGUAGE + COOKING

Individual or small groups

Ideal for those who want to learn to cook like the Italians and taste real Genoese cuisine. In a pleasant environment, the teacher, a professional cook, explains and involves the students in the preparation of the dishes. At the end of the course, the prepared dishes are tasted. It is a wonderful convivial experience to live together. Special recipes can be prepared on request.

LANGUAGE + DIVING

It is designed for adventurous people wishing to combine a full cultural experience with a unique sports vacation exploring the Ligurian Sea, the gulf and its beauties.

It is possible to have single diving sessions in the various sites of the Portofino Marine Protected Area or to obtain Open Water Drive (PADI Level I) or Advanced Open Water Dive (PADI Level II) certifications, with PADI instructors.

Courses to obtain certifications vary in duration and last a minimum of two weeks.

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

LANGUAGE + PHOTOGRAPHY

Lessons are in small groups or individually.

Dedicated to photography enthusiasts, the course is taught by our professional photographer teacher who shows the use of digital cameras and leads students to discover the (most) picturesque corners of the city of the city's picturesque corners.

LANGUAGE + POTTERY

Lessons are in small groups or individually.

Practical lessons take place in the ceramics workshop and are based on the creation of original ceramic objects and textile printing.

Courses are suitable for children and for adults, for non experienced people or for people who have knowledge in this field.

The pottery courses represent a good moment of socialization and a relaxing moment of self expression.



A Door to Italy is pleased to cooperate with Schools and Universities to provide academic programs.

Study abroad programmes represent an opportunity to enrich one's education and professional curriculum with prestigious and international experiences, improving one's knowledge of Italian immersed in the country's culture and history.

A Door to Italy provides all the services for an all-inclusive program: logistics, accommodation, Italian language and culture courses, specific courses in the humanities (available in Italian and English), academic internships, trips and excursions.



LONG TERM COURSES

THREE-MONTH COURSE - SEMESTER COURSE - ROUND YEAR COURSE

- Morning lessons in small groups.

- 20 lessons/week from Monday through Friday. 1 group lesson = 50 min.

The long-term course is particularly suitable for those who want to live and work in Italy, for students who need to reach level B2 in order to enrol at university, for those who use Italian for academic purposes and for whom an official C1 level certification is required.

12 weeks is the ideal minimum period to build confidence in the language and acquire fluency in a total immersion course, where you learn not only to speak a language but also to live in a country.

The long-term courses are ideal for studying and deepening the Italian language and getting to know the country's culture.

Students enrolled on long-term courses are advised to take an international certification to round off their study plan (CELI, CILS, AIL, PLIDA).

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

FACULTY LED PROGRAMS

ACCOMMODATION

A Door to Italy offers a wide range of accommodation for all tastes and prices.

Most accommodation is located in the city centre, not far from the school.

All housing solutions are carefully selected and constantly monitored. Students can choose to live with an Italian family, with the possibility of half board, or to share a flat with other students.

For those who prefer to be independent, studio or two-room apartments can be rented.

The school also offers hotel accommodation, at special rates.

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SERVICES

- **Visa and Permit of Stay:**
we provide all the necessary documents to apply for the Study Visa and we offer assistance in applying for a residence permit
- **Transfer Service:**
Upon request, the school may provide pick-up service from the airport/train station to the reserved accommodation, and back.
- **Internet point and Wi-Fi zone**
- **Welcome Kit**
including information material, grammar book, student card and the possibility to access to lots of discounts.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The school organises a rich and full program of social activities for students in order to practise the language also outside the classrooms and to let students socialize in a friendly atmosphere.

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** with a guided tour of the town with our teachers
- 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)
- **Workshop on Genoese and national songs** to learn about the Italian tradition, enrich vocabulary and practise pronunciation.
- **Conversation workshops**
- **Soirées to the theatre:** opera, drama or comedy
- **Dinner or "aperitivo"** while tasting local food.
- **Excursions** over the weekend to surroundings
- **Films in Italian language** with introduction of the teacher

Moreover, all staff are always on hand to provide students with useful information to organize visits and excursions!



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