



Advanced Italian

Required starting level

This class is designed for students who have completed approximately 3 years of Italian classes.

The student should already be able to:

- Describe opinion, ambitions, dreams, events
- Have a good knowledge of the conditional
- use fluently all past and present tenses
- Interact spontaneously with confidence

Aims

The aim of the course is to perfect Italian and use it in everyday life or work conversation and to interact with native speakers. To achieve this, the course expands further on typical expressions and will help to express themselves fluently and interact spontaneously in everyday situations.

Working methods/types of activities

A variety of learning methods will be used to keep students interested and alert including speaking (role play, Q&A, group discussion), listening to radio, reading, art and gastronomy, books and songs. There will be an emphasis on Italian classic literature and Italian news.

What to bring to class

Students need to bring paper and a writing implement! It is suggested that file paper would be ideal as you will be given a number of hand-outs which could be placed alongside the week's work.

Textbook

- Better Reading Italian as an anthology of Italian articles and literature
- Handouts in class
- Optional: Living Italian (ISBN: 9780340990728) as a grammar base

If students wish to purchase other books they will be given some advice regarding selection.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set (optional).

Topic areas

Read and understand regional cooking recipes, review of subjunctive and hypothetical sentence, passive verbs, understand and express ideas in structured and clear oral and written texts. Understand news or radio programmes, passive verbs give advices, use connectors, explain viewpoints on a more complex topics and respond adequately to questions, queries or complaints

Course Duration

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over three terms.