



Advanced Italian

Required starting level

This class is designed for students who have completed approximately 2 to 3 years of Italian classes. The student should already be able to:

- Describe ambitions, dreams, events
- know how to use subjunctive
- 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

- Speaking (role play, Q&A, group discussion), listening to radio, reading, art and gastronomy, books and songs.

Textbook

Better Reading Italian as an anthology of Italian articles and literature

Living Italian (ISBN: 9780340990728) as a grammar base or alternative hands out in class.

Students can purchase this book or bring their own books; if students wish to, they will be given some advice regarding selection. A variety of learning methods will be used to keep students interested and alert.

Homework

Weekly homework will be set (optional).

Topic areas

Term 1 – 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.

Term 2 – Understand movies or radio programmes, news in Italian, give advices, use connectors, explain viewpoints on a wide range of topics and respond adequately to questions, queries or complaints.

Course Duration

The course runs for a school year with classes taking place over two terms: an initial shorter term during the autumn, leading into a second longer term from January through to mid-May.