

ADVANCED COURSE

Semester 1

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Oral skills are developed through listening, dictation and reading Italian magazines, newspapers and literature. Discussions are held about current events in Italy using the Internet or newspaper articles.

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At this level will continue to build on Italian grammar, exploring contrasts between English and Italian and looking at idiomatic nuances.

Course structure

The course will deal with the following communicative functions and grammatical aspects:

Term 1

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- Raccontare fatti passati
 - Parlare di progetti future
 - Fare ipotesi
 - Parlare di sé
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Term 2

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- Dare consigli
 - Formulare consigli in modo diretto e indiretto
 - Dare istruzioni e consigli in una situazione formale
 - Fare comparazioni
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Grammatical aspects

Term 1

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- Passato prossimo dei verbi servili
 - Passato prossimo e imperfetto
 - Pronomi diretti, indiretti e riflessivi
 - Futuro semplice
 - Frasi ipotetiche con l'indicativo
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Term 2

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- I verbi *bastare* e *servire*
 - Imperativo, pronomi
 - I pronomi combinati
 - Comparativi e superlativi
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Pre-requisite: This course is designed for students who have studied at least three years of Italian or the equivalent. Students joining the course in Term 2 are expected to be familiar with the grammatical aspects covered in Term 1.

Textbook: Bultrini P. et al. *Italian Espresso 2*, Alma Edizioni. Units 1 - 4.

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Semester 2

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Course structure

The course will deal with the following communicative functions and grammatical aspects:

Term 3

- Dare istruzioni e consigli in una situazione formale
- Fare comparazioni
- Dare istruzioni e consigli
- Raccontare esperienze passate
- Chiedere e dare informazioni

Term 4

- Descrivere una città
- Esprimere critiche e lamentele
- Esprimere rimpianti
- Riprendere una persona
- Raccontare
- Esprimere opinioni personali

Grammatical aspects

Term 3

- Imperativo
- Pronomi combinati
- Comparativi e superlativi irregolari
- Indicativo trapassato prossimo
- Pronomi relativi

Term 4

- Condizionale passato
- Indicativo passato remoto
- Congiuntivo presente e passato
- Aggettivi e pronomi indefiniti

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