

BEGINNER COURSE

Semester 1

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Oral skills are developed through listening, repeating and pronouncing words correctly as well as role playing. Aspects of Italian culture, social habits and daily life are also examined.

Course structure

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

Term 1

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- Greeting people; introducing yourself; asking and giving personal details
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- Ordering in a café/restaurant
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- Asking the meaning and the translation of a word
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- Asking for telephone numbers
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Term 2

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- Introducing someone
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- Asking and giving personal details
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- Describing a place
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- Days of the week and months
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- Expressing likes and preferences
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Grammatical aspects

Term 1

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- Personal subject pronouns
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- Indefinite and definite articles
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- Gender and number of nouns
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- Indicative present of the verbs *essere* and *avere*
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- Simple prepositions: *di, a, in*
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- Adverbs: *come, dove, quando*
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- Negation *non*
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Term 2

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- Regular verbs in *-are, -ere, -ire*
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- Indicative present of regular verbs
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- Compound prepositions (e.g. *del, al, dal, nel, sul*)
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- Modal verbs (*volere, potere, dovere*)
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- The verb *piacere*
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- Adjectives
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Pre-requisite: there is no pre-requisite for this course. Students joining the course in Term 2 are expected to be familiar with the grammatical aspects covered in Term 1.

Textbook: P. Bultrini, F. Graziani, N. Magnani, *Italian Espresso 1*, 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

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- Talking about leisure time
 - Talking about how often you do something
 - Expressing likes and preferences
 - Describing a place
 - Asking and giving directions
 - Asking and telling time
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Term 4

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- Booking a hotel room
 - Complaining/offering a solution
 - Describing a house
 - Asking and giving information about a house
 - Asking and giving timetable information
 - Planning and taking about a trip
 - Talking about the weather
 - Asking information in a travel agency
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Grammatical aspects

Term 3

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- Irregular verbs: *fare, andare, and stare*
 - Regular verbs: present indicative verbs *sapere* and *conoscere*
 - Adverbs of frequency
 - The verb *piacere*
 - Interrogative pronouns
 - Adjectives
 - Simple prepositions
 - *C'è* and *ci sono*
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Term 4

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- Modal verbs
 - Adjectives vs adverbs
 - Compound prepositions
 - Passato prossimo – present perfect
 - Irregular past participles
 - Adverbs of time
 - *Ci vuole* and *ci vogliono*
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Pre-requisite: students joining the course this Term are expected to be familiar with the grammatical aspects covered in the previous terms.

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