

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

- Greeting people; introducing yourself; asking and giving personal details; asking for telephone numbers
- Asking someone how they are and answering
- Talking about someone's job
- Countries and languages
- Ordering food and coffee; reading a simple menu
- Talking about breakfast habits

Term 2

- Asking and telling the time
- Talking about daily activities
- Recounting past events
- Talking about leisure time
- Talking about how often you do something
- Booking a table at a restaurant
- Asking for indications
- Expressing food preferences
- Sharing or arguing an opinion

Grammatical aspects

Term 1

- Personal subject pronouns
- *Chiamarsi, essere, avere* (singular)
- Nouns (singular)
- Definite articles (*Il, la*)
- Adjectives and nouns (singular)
- The preposition *di*
- *Come?, Di dove?, Che cosa?*
- Regular verbs in *-are*
- The verbs *fare* and *stare*
- Indefinite articles
- Words in *-ista*
- The prepositions *a, in, per*
- The negative *non*
- *Che...?, Dove?, Perché?*
- Regular verbs in *-ere, -ire*
- Nouns (plural)
- Definitive articles (plural)
- The irregular verb *bere*
- The prepositions *con* and *senza*

Term 2

- Reflexive verbs
- The verb *piacere* + infinitive
- The verbs *giocare, andare, uscire*
- Indirect pronouns (*mi, ti, gli...*)
- The prepositions *a* and *da* + definite articles
- Time expressions (*dalle...alle...*)
- *Chi?*
- The verbs *sapere* and *potere*
- The verb *piacere* + noun
- The prepositions *in* and *a*
- *Passato Prossimo*
- The use of *Essere* and *Avere* as auxiliaries
- *Allora, prima, poi*
- The adverb *fa*
- *Quando? Chi? Con chi?*

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: *Chiaro! Corso di Italiano A1*, G. De Savognani, B. Bergero, Alma Edizioni. Units 1-6.

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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

- Talking about leisure time
- Talking about what you can and cannot do
- Having a conversation at the shops
- Describing a city or a suburb
- Asking and giving directions
- Inviting a friend over
- Talking about public transport

Term 4

- Describing people
- Talking about family, friends, neighbours
- Talking about locations
- Understanding tourist deals and offers
- Booking a hotel room
- Wiring a postcard

Grammatical aspects

Term 3

- The verbs *potere* and *sapere*
- Nouns and adjectives (plural)
- Colours (adjectives)
- Partitive articles
- Direct pronouns
- Ne
- Quanto?
- *Essere* and *Esserci*
- *C'è* and *ci sono*
- The verbs *venire* and *volere*
- The prepositions *in* and *su* + definite article

Term 4

- Possessives
- The demonstrative pronouns *questo* and *quello*
- The impersonal form with *si*
- The verb *dovere*
- The pronoun *ci*

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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