

INTERMEDIATE COURSE

Semester 1

The aim of the course is to strengthen students' oral, writing and reading skills. Students will be expected to use spoken language in a variety of communication contexts; use written language to respond to spoken, written or visual text; and to respond to the content of a text whether visual, written or oral.

The classes will be conducted in Italian as far as possible to allow students to practise their listening skills. Teaching strategies include group work, pair work and whole-class activity, as appropriate.

Course structure

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

Term 1

- Explaining how, where and when you learned something
- Talking about what you can do
- Expressing emotions
- Choosing and describing an itinerary
- Talking about your family
- Talking about other people's opinions
- Expressing your opinion about a problem

Term 2

- Describing someone's personality
- Expressing an opinion/desire
- Agreeing/disagreeing with someone
- Asking information and booking a weekend somewhere
- Expressing hope for the future
- Describing positive and negative qualities of a job
- Talking about skills required for a job

Grammatical aspects

Term 1

- *Riuscire a* + infinitive; *essere capace di* + infinitive; *mi piacerebbe* + infinitive; *essere bravo in* + infinitive
- The pronoun *cui*
- The adjectives in *-bile*
- The impersonal form of reflexive verbs
- The adjective *proprio*
- *Si* + noun/adjective
- *Mentre* + imperfetto
- Congiuntivo presente

Term 2

- Futuro semplice + modal verbs
- Congiuntivo presente + *sembrare/parere/volere*
- *Quello che*
- *Ci + credere*
- Gerundio expressing time
- Condizionale expressing uncertainty
- Pronomi combinati
- *Mentre/durante*
- Explicit and implicit clauses

Pre-requisite: This course is designed for students who have studied at least four terms 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: *Chiaro! Corsi di Italiano B1*, G. De Savognani, C. Cordera Alberti, 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

- Formulating hypotheses
- Talking about social norms
- Talking about lifestyles
- Expressing discomfort
- Understanding/summarising movie plots
- Talking about your opinion regarding a movie
- Interacting on the phone
- Scheduling an appointment
- Talking about reading habits

Term 4

- Talking about significant events in history
- Talking about television
- Talking about languages and dialects
- Talking about important Italian institutions

Grammatical aspects

Term 3

- Il periodo ipotetico della realtà
- Congiuntivo + emotions
- The passive voice
- *Mentre* + imperfetto and passato prossimo
- Trapassato prossimo

Term 4

- Gerundio con funzione modale
- Il periodo ipotetico della possibilità
- The passive voice with *andare*
- Passato prossimo + modal verbs
- Passato remoto

Pre-requisite: This course is designed for students who have studied at least eight terms of Italian or the equivalent. Students joining the course this Term are expected to be familiar with the grammatical aspects covered in the previous terms.

Textbook: *Chiaro! Corso di Italiano B1*, G. De Savorgnani, C. Cordera Alberti, Alma Edizioni, units 7-10