



Co.As.It.
Italian Language
Courses
2012

“In the heart of every man, wherever he is born... there is one small corner which is Italian.” (Luigi Barzini)

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Co.As.It. Italian Language Courses

Since its establishment in 1967 Co.As.It. has been involved in the teaching of the Italian language and still today this remains one of the major activities of the organisation.

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The Adult Italian Language Program offers language and culture courses ranging from Beginners through to Advanced. It also offers specialist courses in language, conversation and Italian for Italian background students. Classes are held in the day and evening and are conducted by qualified, experienced teachers.

As part of the Co.As.It Education Services, an After Hours Italian Program is also offered which caters for students of Italian from pre-school through to VCE support classes.

From time to time, informal gatherings may be held, enabling students to immerse themselves in the Italian language. These events may include film screenings, discussion evenings, guided tours etc. These events, are only offered to currently enrolled students.

Course Outline

The learning of any language involves listening, speaking, reading and writing and all four strands are incorporated in each course. It is expected that students can progress from Beginners to Intermediate and onto Advanced. *The time required to complete **this** pathway may vary from student to student.*

Beginners Italian : 1 x 2 hour lesson per week

Prescribed Text: Prego! An invitation to Italian, McGraw-Hill (7th edition)

Module 1-4: The entry point for students who have no or very little understanding of the Italian language. Students are introduced to basic grammatical concepts such as gender and number, articles, adjectives, possessive pronouns, agreement and the present, perfect tenses, as well as the spelling and sounds of the Italian language.

Intermediate Italian : 1 x 2 hour lesson per week

Prescribed Text: Prego! An Invitation to Italian, McGraw–Hill (7th edition)

Module 1-8: Grammatical knowledge will be reinforced and new topics include object pronouns, adverbs, future, imperfect, past historic, conditional and pluperfect tenses as well as a detailed study of prepositions. Students are encouraged to further develop the four language skills in order to deal with various topics. Emphasis will be placed on conversational fluency and the use of idioms.

Advanced Italian: 1 x 2 hour lesson per week

Module 1-4: Covers the advanced usage of Italian grammar and sentence structure. Grammatical development includes exposure to the subjunctive and its uses, the past absolute, relative pronouns, infinitive constructions and passive voice.

Italian for Italian Background Students

1x 2 hour lesson per week

Prescribed Text: Prego! An Invitation to Italian, McGraw-Hill (7th edition)

A course catering to students from an Italian background whose listening and speaking skills in Italian are good but who need to formally study the grammar. The class will be conducted in Italian however the grammar will be systematically studied from the basic level and progress through to an advanced level. Students will be learning grammatical structures with the aim to improving spoken and written fluency. The course covers the study of cultural aspects of Italian including the use of dialect in Italy today.

Beginner Conversation : Ongoing course : 1 x 2 hours lesson per week

It is expected that students have a minimum of 4 terms (80 contact hours) of formal Italian language study to commence this course. This course is designed for students who want to focus on improving conversation while revising and consolidating grammar. A variety of topics form the content of this course. (Maximum 10 students).

Intermediate Conversation: Ongoing course : 1 x 2 hour lesson per week

An entry point for the continuing student of Italian who has moderate knowledge of grammatical structures, a moderate understanding of spoken Italian and fluency. A variety of texts and topics form the basis of this course. (Maximum 10 students).

Advanced Conversation: Ongoing course: 1 x 2 hour lesson per week

An entry point for the advanced student of Italian who has a very good knowledge of grammatical structures and a very good understanding of spoken Italian and fluency. A variety of topics form the content of the **Intermediate** and **Advanced Conversation** courses which are formulated according to the needs of the students. Both of the conversation courses are designed to revise grammar but the aim remains conversational fluency. (Maximum 10 students).

All things Italian : High Intermediate / Advanced Conversation : Ongoing Course

An entry point for students with a good knowledge of grammar who wish to improve fluency. Whilst grammar is revised these classes are designed to engage students in oral language. For students with a **minimum of 100 hours** contact time of studying Italian. Topics are wide ranging and may include film, theatre, culture, literature, Italian cuisine, and indeed all things Italian.



Enrolment Information and Conditions

▪ **Concessions**

Concession fees are available for students, pensioners, those in receipt of unemployment benefits or in the case of more than one family member or friend enrolling in a same course at the same time. After attending classes for one term (10 weeks) students continuing with studies are also eligible for discount.

▪ **Enrolment**

Send completed enrolment form with payment. All enrollees will receive a receipt and a confirmation of their place in their course. **Payment in advance is required to secure a place in any course.** Please phone if you have not received notification within one week of enrolling.

▪ **Payment**

May be made by cheque, cash or credit card facilities are available.

Please be aware that if payment of course fees is not made by due date, that is, first week of class, a \$55.00 late penalty applies.

▪ **Refunds**

Applications for refunds will only be considered if they are received at least two full days prior to commencement of course and in writing.

A \$55.00 administration fee will be deducted from all refunds.

▪ **Cancellation of classes**

A minimum of 6 paying students per course is required. Courses may be cancelled and full fee refunded or postponed at the discretion of Co.As.It.

▪ **Postponement**

A replacement teacher will be sought due to teacher absence and if this is unsuccessful the session may be made up in consultation with the teacher. Every attempt will be made to notify students of changes in timetabled classes.

▪ **Student Conduct**

Student code of conduct applies.

Pathway Guide for Prescribed Text 'Prego!' (7th Edition)*

Beginners Italian 1 Chapters Preliminary & 1
Beginners Italian 2 Chapters 2 & 3

Beginners Italian 3 Chapter 4
Beginners Italian 4 Chapter 5

Intermediate Italian 1 Chapter 6
Intermediate Italian 2 Chapter 7

Intermediate Italian 3 Chapter 8
Intermediate Italian 4 Chapter 9
Intermediate Italian 5 Chapter 10
Intermediate Italian 6 Chapter 11
Intermediate Italian 7 Chapter 12 & 13
Intermediate Italian 8 Chapter 14

Advanced Italian 1 Chapter 15
Advanced Italian 2 Chapter 16

Advanced Italian 3 Chapter 17
Advanced Italian 4 End Chapter 18

Conversation classes, both **Intermediate** and **Advanced** levels, provide an opportunity to practice oral language while reinforcing grammar components.

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The cost of the Prego! text is **\$140.00 (incl. GST)** and is available from Co.As.It. Resource Centre. *All chapters are supplemented and the above pathway is a guide only.

Pathways for adult classes and Guidelines for 'Prego'

Beginners Level	
<p>Preliminary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greetings ▪ Expressions of politeness ▪ Alphabet & sounds ▪ Numbers 1 –100 ▪ Calendar – months/ days/ year/ seasons <p>Chapter 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nouns – number & gender ▪ Indefinite articles ('a') & use of "buono" (good) ▪ Conjugation of verb "to have" - <i>avere</i> (present) ▪ Subject pronouns : <i>io, tu...</i> (I, you) ▪ Idiomatic expressions with <i>avere</i>, (to have) 	1
<p>Chapter 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adjectives ▪ Conjugation of verb "to be" - <i>essere</i> (present) ▪ Definite articles <i>il, la..</i> (the) & use of <i>bello</i> (beautiful) ▪ Plurals <p>Chapter 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present conjugation of "-are" verbs ▪ Possessive adjectives: <i>mio</i> (my), <i>tuo</i>– (your), <i>suo</i> (his,her) ▪ Use of possessive adjectives with family members ▪ "<i>Questo</i>" & "<i>Quello</i>", (this & that) 	2
<p>Chapter 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present conjugation of "-ere"& "-ire" verbs ▪ Direct object pronouns: <i>mi, ti, lo, la, li, le...</i>(me, you, him. her, them) ▪ Time 	3
<p>Chapter 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Articulated prepositions: <i>dalla</i> (from the) , <i>nella</i> (in the), <i>agli</i> (to the), <i>sui</i> (on the) ▪ <i>Passato prossimo</i> with <i>avere</i> (to have) & <i>essere</i> (to be) ▪ Verbs – <i>conoscere</i> & <i>sapere</i> (to know) 	4

Intermediate Level

Chapter 6

- Indirect object pronouns: *mi, ti, Le, gli, le...*(to me, to you, to you, to him to her)
- Agreement of past participle in the *passato prossimo*
- Verb "*piacere*" (to like, to be pleasing to)
- Interrogatives (what, what kind of , where, which, how many..)

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Chapter 7

- Reflexive verbs (to wash oneself)
- Reciprocal actions: *Vi conoscete bene?*
(Do you know one another well?)
- Verb in the present tense + *da* + length of time, *Sara studia italiano da due anni* (Sara has been studying Italian for 2 years)
- Numbers above 100

2

Chapter 8

- Imperfect: *ballavo, mangiava* (I used to dance, to eat)
- Imperfect & *passato prossimo*
- Trapassato (I had danced, eaten)
- Suffixes (adding *-ino, -etto, -uccio...*, at the end of adjectives to change shades of meaning)

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Chapter 9

- Disjunctive pronouns *me, te* (me, myself, you, yourself)
- Comparative & superlative forms (more... than, less...than & the least.. the most..)
- Irregular comparative and superlative forms

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Chapter 10

- Future tense
- Special uses of the future
- *Si* impersonale : *A casa mia si mangia spesso la pasta.*
- Formation of feminine nouns

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Intermediate Level continued

Chapter 11

Use of *ci* & *ne*

- Double object pronouns: *glielo* (it to him), *te le, me lo...*
- Imperative, giving orders in the familiar form: *tu, noi, voi*

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Chapter 12

- Indefinite adjectives: *ogni* (each), *alcuno*, (some) *qualche...* (some)
- Indefinite pronouns: ***Alcune*** *sono grandi.*
- Negatives: *non* (not), *niente* (nothing), *nulla...*
- Imperative, giving orders in the polite form: *Lei, Loro*

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Chapter 13

- Present conditional (I would speak..)
- Past conditional (I would have spoken)
- Possessive pronouns: (mine, yours, his hers..)

Chapter 14

- Relative pronouns: *cui, quello che...*(which)
- *Chi* (who)
- The use of the infinitive
- Nouns & adjectives ending in "**-a**"

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Advanced Level

Chapter 15

- Past absolute: *lavorai, credei, finii.*
- Ordinal numbers: *primo, secondo, terzo...*
- Use of the two verbs: *volerci* and *metterci*

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Chapter 16

- Subjunctive
- Verbs & expressions that require the subjunctive
- Past subjunctive

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Chapter 17

- Conjunctions that require the subjunctive: *prima che* (before), *affinché* (until), *sebbene* (although)
- Other uses of the subjunctive
- Subjunctive or infinitive?

3

Chapter 18

- Imperfect subjunctive
- Pluperfect subjunctive (*il trapassato del congiuntivo*)
- Correlation of the tenses in the subjunctive

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Payment Details

Beginners

20 hours (10 weeks at 2 hours per week) **\$242.00***
(**\$220.00** per term, discounted fee)

Intermediate

20 hours (10 weeks at 2 hours per week) **\$242.00***
(**\$220.00** per term, discounted fee)

Advanced

20 hours (10 weeks at 2 hours per week) **\$242.00***
(**\$220.00** per term, discounted fee)

Italian Conversation, Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced

20 hours (10 weeks at 2 hours per week) **\$242.00***
(**\$220.00** per term, discounted fee)

Italian for Italian Background Students

20 hours (10 weeks at 2 hours per week)
(**\$220.00** per term, discounted fees) **\$242.00***

Fees are due on or before the first class.

Please be aware that if payment of course fees is not made by the due date a \$55.00 late payment penalty applies.

***Price is GST inclusive. Discounts may apply, see "Concessions" details on the Enrolment Information and Conditions page.**

Course payments can be made in person at:
Mezzanine level, 189 Faraday Street Carlton or via phone
93499022 using a credit card.

Complimentary membership

Up to 12 months free membership of Co.As.It. Resource Centre Library is provided to all Co.As.It. Language Course students. Located at the mezzanine level, 189 Faraday Street, Carlton, the library holds 10000 items for loan including books, CDs, DVDs, films with & without subtitles, novels, and language kits.

Co.As.It.
Italian Resource Centre
Mezzanine Level, 189 Faraday Street, Carlton
Library Hours 2012

Monday	Closed#
Tuesday	9.00 am - 8.45 pm
Wednesday	9.00 am - 5.00pm
Thursday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Friday	9.00 am – 5.00 pm

*Late night opening does not apply during term breaks.

Saturday openings from 10.00am to 2.00pm:

3rd March, 12th May, 11th August, 10th November

Ways to enhance your learning of Italian

Students can immerse themselves in the Italian language by utilising Co.As.It. Resource Centre Library. Resources such as CDs, DVDs, films (with or without subtitles) language kits, novels etc., will increase the exposure to the richness of the Italian language. Free membership is available to all enrolled students who are encouraged to borrow at their convenience.

2012 Term Dates:

Term 1: 30th January—5th April

10 weeks

(**Monday classes will be 9 weeks duration due to Labour Day Holiday**) Cost will be adjusted accordingly .

Term 2: 6th April—21st June (28th June for Monday and Wednesday classes due to public holidays)

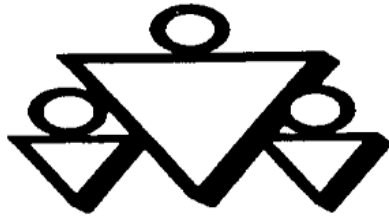
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Term 3: 16th July—21st September

10 weeks

Term 4: 8th October—13th December (21st December for Monday & Tuesday classes due to Cup holiday)

10 weeks



Please note that classes are held at :
The Italian Language Centre
Ground Level, 44 University Street, Carlton

Co.As.It. Italian Resource Centre
is located at
Mezzanine level, 189 Faraday Street,
Carlton
Tel:9349 9022

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