

Course outline – 30 weeks

Language: Italian

Level: 6

The emphasis of this course is on speaking and in class you will get ample opportunity to practice your conversational skills through pair-work and group exercises.

Course book:

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Topics and vocabulary	Grammar	Communicative objectives
Family: modern and traditional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sebbene, nonostante, benché</i>+subjunctive • Special comparative • <i>Fare</i>+infinitive • Impersonal form for reflexive verbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiating a new topic with a question • Debating, supporting an idea • Explaining pros and cons • Describing the consequences of a fact
Celebrations and traditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past tense conditional (as future in the past) • Second type conditional (unlikely possibility) • <i>Mica</i>- a special adverb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making hypothesis • Expressing disagreement • Giving advices • How to mock and be ironic
Historical Italian figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporal and modal gerund (-ing form) • Pronouns position with gerund • Impersonal sentences • Adjective in <i>-bile</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describing the life of an historical figure • Describing a travel • Expressing surprise • How to politely interrupt

<p>Discovering Italy and its heritage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indirect question • Reported speech (past tense) • <i>Prima che</i> (+subjunctive) – <i>prima di</i> (+infinitive) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to ask with an indirect question • Gathering information and asking for detailed information • Reporting someone’s else speech • Expressing disappointment • Describing and highlighting a place features
<p>Contemporary Italian language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passive (structure with <i>andare</i>) • Subjunctive (past tense <i>trapassato</i>) • Third type conditional (possibility in the past) • Gerund (past tense) • Infinitive (past tense) • <i>Dopo</i> + infinitive (past tense) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about our own lingual mistakes • How to soften/to invite to soften an argument tone • Making hypothesis about the past • how to express a strong disagreement
<p>Topic suggested by the group</p>	<p>There will be opportunities to include subjects/topics/activities suggested by the group</p>	