

Erasmus Intensive Courses in Italian Language

About the University

Founded in the early 1920's with the aim of teaching Italian civilization and artistic heritage to foreigners, this University has distinguished itself from the beginning as a symbol of open-mindedness and tolerance and as a meeting point for people of different cultures, is now a real laboratory of intercultural education.

It is renowned for its specialization of teaching Italian as a second language and everything that goes with it, such as art, literature and business.

Our institutional responsibility is to promote Italian language and culture throughout the world and to favour a greater appreciation for the diversities among us. The University is located in Perugia, one of the most interesting cities in Italy in terms of its artistic, historical and monumental patrimony. In central Italy, between Rome and Florence, Perugia is a lively and modern cultural centre characterized by a rich annual agenda of events and exhibitions, making it interesting all year round.

About the Program

Since 1999, The University for Foreigners of Perugia was commissioned by the National LLP Erasmus to organize language preparation courses for students in Erasmus mobility (EILCs) .

This University has hosted about 5,700 students and run 300 courses, getting a percentage of appreciation from the participants of more than 96%.

Starting in the academic year 2014/15, following the introduction of the Erasmus+ Program (2014 /20), these courses have been replaced by linguistic preparation courses conducted entirely online. In order to meet the needs of those students who are willing to expand their language training through courses that integrate traditional socio-cultural aspects and activities in the territory, the University activates linguistic preparation courses " in presence ".

Strengths:

- Recognized multi-year expertise in the framework of the EILCs
- High percentage of satisfaction expressed in the final evaluation questionnaires of the former EILCs students
- Expertise of the teachers who gave lessons in the framework of the EILCs

Objectives of the courses

- To provide students with the abilities and skills necessary to stay in Italy at Institutions/Universities/Italian Companies;
- To maintain and develop the richness of Europe's cultural diversity.

Level of the courses

Beginner and Intermediate (A1-A2-B1-B2) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Courses calendar (Winter session)

- **30 January – 17 February 2017**

Teacher and administrative staff

The teaching staff will be chosen exclusively among those teachers who have gained a relevant experience in the EILCs. Teachers, students and administrative staff are supported by tutors, students of the University for Foreigners preferably enrolled in the Degree courses in teaching of the Italian language. The number of tutors varies depending on the number of active courses (minimum 1 Tutor per class).

Objectives of the courses

The beginner course is designed accordingly to the Level A (A1-A2) of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). At the end of the course students will understand frequently used sentences and expressions related to the university environment and communicate in routine tasks on matters referred to the social and university life. This should enable them to take part in different contexts in Italian society, focusing particularly on the various facets of the academic environment.

Language lessons will enable the student to acquire appropriate grammatical structures and vocabulary for expressing the most common linguistic functions. Primary skills will be developed to an equivalent level, with increasing attention being given to comprehension, the most vital skill required for student's participation in university activities. These objectives will be achieved on the basis of a syllabus drawn up for the purpose which will take account of the varying linguistic needs of the individual student. Furthermore, the methodology used will promote direct participation of students in all proposed activities. The course consists of language classes, practical exercises, and presentation of the main characteristics of the Italian culture.

The main objective of the intermediate courses, designed accordingly to the Level B (B1 –B2) of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is to provide students with the necessary communication skills to allow them to take part in a correct and appropriate way in a variety of social and academic situations.

At the end of the course students can understand the main idea of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including those related to their field of study, and interact with good spontaneity with native speakers on familiar topics. They can also produce clear texts on a good range of subjects including their specific field of study in order to facilitate student's moving on to the next stage within the various university faculties. These objectives will be attained by exposing students to a wide range of oral and written material and by adopting an approach which encourages their direct participation in class activities.

Starting from their basic knowledge of Italian, students will extend and improve their knowledge of those linguistic structures already mastered, by the means of a syllabus specifically drawn up for the purpose, and strategies adopted on the basis of their differing needs; this will allow them to formulate more linguistically competent answers and develop a wider vocabulary including that needed in specific areas.

Schedule of the Courses

Total number of classes per week: n. 20 (**60 total hours**)

Weekly schedule	Hours per week
Italian language	12
Italian language exercises	6
Phonetics (in laboratory)	2

Classes are all scheduled in the morning except from free elective conversation classes held in the afternoon

Additional activities:

Orientation seminar to the Italian University system	1 hour
Conversation classes with the tutors	3 hours per week

Methodology

The methodology used in the course is based on a socio-cultural communicative approach aiming at promoting direct participation of the students in all proposed activities. Students are encouraged to work in group to develop social and intercultural skills. The course syllabus is developed in two integrated stages by two different teachers.

Pedagogical and didactical approach, teaching methods to be used
Conversation classes focus mainly on the development of communicative skills through interactive and authentic activities and tasks, both inside and outside the classroom, in the social and academic environment. Language classes stress particularly on the development of linguistic and meta-linguistic skills and on the development of oral and written comprehension and production. Students are also helped by the tutors to work autonomously into the laboratory to widen and deepen their skills. Specific cultural and civilization classes are held outside the classroom in different environments: museums, towns, artisan laboratories, firms.

Assessment methods

Courses include two different steps of assessment:

- a placement test
- a final exam

The level of each student is determined solely on the basis of the results of the placement test that students sit upon their arrival. During the course teachers use a system of continuous assessment, to test both oral and written skills. Once a week, during conversation classes, students are invited to perform oral and written tasks in order to test their improvement on language knowledge and giving teachers the opportunity to adjust the learning content of their language classes. The final test takes place in the last days of the course and only students who have regularly attended the classes can sit it. Its objective is to test the progresses of the students along the course and check if they have reached the level of knowledge of the Italian language indicated in the syllabus. The final exam consists of subtests of the four language skills: speaking, writing, reading and listening. The skills are weighted as follows: Speaking: 30% - Writing: 20% - Listening: 30% - Reading: 20%

Arrangements for providing participants with ECTS

The regular attendance of the classes (minimum 70%) and the successful passing of the final examination award participants a final mark and **5 ECTS** credits.

Both credits and final mark are indicated in a certificate issued at the end of the course and delivered to each student. This certificate also includes the level of the course attended, the subjects taken and their weekly schedule, so that home Institutions, at the end of the mobility period, have all necessary information to evaluate the academic recognition of the course. Along with the Final Certificate, a Supplement Certificate containing the program details of the course followed is also issued.

FREE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

- Welcome meeting
- Computer laboratories and WIFI free connection
- Library
- Linguistic laboratories
- Support for students with disabilities
- Orientation seminar to the Italian University system
- Mentoring support
- Conversation classes with tutors
- Farewell dinner
- Guided tour of the University for Foreigners Perugia
- Free access to all social activities offered by the University (Italian films, concerts, conferences, the Voices of the World Choir directed by Maestro Alberto Bustos etc.)

ELECTIVE SERVICES

Upon request of incoming students field trips and guided visits to important cultural and recreational sites of Perugia will be arranged at advantageous fares.

RESULTS – EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Linguistic and communicative outcomes

At beginner level students will acquire the appropriate grammatical structures and the necessary vocabulary to express the main language functions on various aspects of the social, academic and business life.

Students will be able to describe in simple terms aspects of their background, the environment in which they will operate and the immediate needs of everyday life. At intermediate and advanced level students will be able to understand the general meaning of increasingly complex texts, including the terminology related to their field of work/study; at the same time they will be able to interact spontaneously with native speakers on familiar topics and produce texts on various topics.

By the means of continuous interaction with teachers and tutors, participants will learn how to deal properly in the most common situations, avoiding possible communication and cultural conflicts that could compromise their cultural experience of living in Italy.

All activities included in the courses (off-site classes, theatres, museums, cinemas and exhibitions) give students the opportunity to learn as much as possible about the Italian culture in all its expressions.

Application Form

The Application Form must be submitted **via email to: corsi speciali@unistrapg.it**

It must be duly signed by the applicant and must be submitted in PDF format.

The Application Form is available at: <https://www.unistrapg.it/it/area-internazionale/studenti-internazionali/erasmus-intensive-courses-italian-language>

Enrolment Fee

The enrolment fee consists in 290.00 Euro. It excludes travel and accommodation services.

The enrolment fee is divided in two parts:

- **Pre-enrolment quota** (90.00 Euro)
- **Balance** (200.00 Euro)

Application Deadlines

- **Submission** of the application form: **10 January 2017**
- Payment of the **pre-enrolment quota** (90.00 Euro): **20 January 2017**
- **Balance** (200.00 Euro): to be paid upon the arrival **in Perugia**

NOTE:

The pre-enrolment quota is not refundable in case the student decides to cancel his/her participation in the course

The bank details necessary to pay the pre-enrolment quota will be communicated to the students upon submission of the online application form.

CONTACTS

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ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

Institutional contacts:

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Piazza Fortebraccio 4 - 06123 Perugia
Tel: +39 075 57 46 270 / 211 Fax: +39 75 57 46 211
E-mail: welcoming@unistrapg.it

Students can alternatively look for their own accommodation personally once in Perugia, in this case we advise reserving a room for at least a couple of nights in one of the CITY HOSTELS mentioned below:

International Youth Hostel Centre
Via Bontempi, 13 (Town Centre) - Perugia
Tel. +39 075 5722880 Fax +39 075 5739449
E-Mail: Ostello@Ostello.Perugia.It
www.Ostello.Perugia.It

"Mario Spagnoli" Youth Hostel
Via Cortonese, 4 - Località Pian Di Massiano (nearby the stadium)
Tel. +39 075 5011366
E-Mail: Perugiahostel@Tiscali.It
www.Umbriahostels.Org/Versione_Inglese/Ostello_Perugia_Ing.Htm

MEALS

Students shall apply for a card which allows them to use the self-service University canteens cared by the Adisu (Agency for the Right to Study). In order to apply for the card students must visit the Adisu offices located in Via Benedetta 14, Perugia (Tel. +39 075 4693000)

Canteens are open from Monday to Saturday, from 12,00 a.m. to 2,30 p.m. and from 7,00 p.m. to 9,00 p.m.); the average price for a complete lunch is around 4,50 Euro. The cost of the card is 2 Euro.

The Canteen in via XIV Settembre (close to Palazzina Lupattelli)
Via XVI Settembre
Opening hours between Monday and Friday: 12:00 - 14:00
Tel. 075 4693204

The Canteen in Via Pascoli (close to Palazzo Gallenga)
Via Pascoli, n° 23/25
Opening hours between Monday and Saturday
12:00 - 14:00 and 19:00 - 21:00
Tel. 075 43670