



Preparatory Course for University (Course Code UP)

This course is a preparation for **academic** life at an Italian-speaking university. Our special university preparation course combines Italian language and academic study skills and will improve foreign students' a good chance of success in the selection process.

The preparatory course is designed for admission into the following **faculties**:

- Medicine
- Veterinary
- Science
- Pharmacy
- Engineering
- Biology
- Chemistry

The course can be taken with three different durations, depending on the student's needs, respectively **4, 6 or 8 weeks** and it includes lessons in scientific subjects (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Logic). This course is intended for those students who, due to the "Numerus Clausus" in their own country, are unable to enter the faculty.

Admission to Italian university requires an **entrance exam** (Italian language + scientific subjects). Examinations are held in September at the faculty chosen by the applicant.

1. Students from **EU-member** countries may apply for the entrance exam, from **July** onwards, directly at the university in Italy selected by the applicant.
2. Students from **other countries** must apply to the entrance exam in **May** (from mid May to mid June) **ONLY** at the Italian consular delegation in **their Country**. Before attending the entrance exam (scientific subjects) students must pass an Italian language proficiency test.

The course can be preceded by a course in the **Italian language** from January onwards each year according to the initial level of knowledge of the language of each student.

Important: students with no knowledge or basic knowledge of Italian are advised to follow a course of **at least 9/12 weeks**, before attending the preparatory course in summer.

Preparation is held in Italian language, so application is possible only for students who already have a good command of Italian (minimum entry level : A2 / B1)

- The language proficiency test can be substituted by an official **certificate no lower than B2** of the Council of Europe issued by **University for foreigners of Siena**
- **CILS certification is an official title** which states the degree of communicative competence in Italian as a Foreign Language



- **ALCE is an official CILS EXAMINATION CENTRE**, Authorized by Unistrasi - University for foreigners at Siena (Convenzione ALCE-UNISTRASI, protocollo Università per stranieri di Siena, n. 10103/2007)
- Examinations take place twice a year – in June and December

This preparatory course lasts **4, 6 or 8 weeks**. It is a highly intensive course and it combines our **Standard Italian** Course AM and **SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS** Course PM .

It consists of 4 morning classes (**GENERAL INTENSIVE ITALIAN**) plus 2 lessons in the afternoon: **Total 30 lessons per week**, from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. Groups range from 3 to 8 students. When less than 2 students are enrolled at the same level, we guarantee, at the same price, five One-to-One afternoon classes per week.

Course fact-file	
Students	Only adults (17 & over)
Course Length	4-6-8 weeks
Course code	UP
Tuition	120 - 180 - 240 lessons
Class Size	Maximum 8
Levels	Pre-Intermediate (A2) or upper
Start dates	Monday, June 4 th 2012 - 8 weeks
	Monday, June 18 th 2012 - 6 weeks
	Monday, July 2 nd 2012 - 4 weeks

2012 Dates and Fees

Course Code	Weeks	GI22 Italian Classes (in hours)	Academic Preparation (Scientific Subject Hours)	Fees	Starting Dates
UP	4	80	40	€ 875	July 2 nd
UP 1	6	120	60	€ 1290	June 18 th
UP 2	8	160	80	€ 1660	June 4 th

UP 3	12	240	80	€ 2160	May 7 th
UP 4	16	320	80	€ 2660	April 9 th
UP 5	20	400	80	€ 3160	March 12 th
UP 6	24	480	80	€ 3610	February 13 th

Note: Beginners need to add other 9 weeks in order to obtain the required A2 level of Italian language. Therefore, starting date for beginners is April 9th 2012