



OUR COURSES run from Monday to Friday (see pricelist for starting dates)

COURSE TYPE	WEEKLY HOURS	COURSE STRUCTURE (n° of hours per course type)	MIN AGE	LEVEL	LENGTH (weeks)	TIMETABLE Monday- Friday
General Italian courses						
Intensive (GI 23) > CORE COURSE	23	20 Group + 3 in workshops > see details below	17	A1-C1+	1-48	9:00- 13:15 + 2x/week: 14:00-15:30/ 15:30-17:00
Super intensive (GI 30)	30	20 Group (part of GI23) + 10 mini group	17	A1-C1+	1-48	9:00- 13:15 + 14:00-16:00
Combined (GI 23 + 5)	25-28**	Intensive (GI 23) group + 5 private	17	A1-C1+	1-48	9:00- 13:15 + private TBA*
Private lessons** 1 to 1 & 2 to 1	min 10 -if not combined	Private or Semi-private	17	A1-C2	Min 1	TBA*
Exam preparations						
CILS, CELI, AIL, CERT.IT	20/23** to 30	20 group (part of GI23) + 10 mini group last 2 weeks	17	A1-C2	2-6+	9:00- 13:15 + 14:00-16:00
Professional courses						
Business Italian	30	20 group (part of GI23) + 10 business mini-group	21	B1-C1+	1-4	9:00- 13:15 + 14:00-16:00
Italian for Law	25-28**	20 group (part of GI23) + 5 law focused private	21	B1-C1+	1-4	9:00- 13:15 + private TBA*
Private lessons** 1 to 1 & 2 to 1	min 10 -if not combined	Private or Semi-private	21	A1-C2	Min 1	TBA*
Italian PLUS courses						
Master Class	20**	20 group (part of GI23) + discover Bologna & region	40	A1+	2	9:00- 13:15 + activities
CULTURE: Literature Art, Drama, History	+6	Add on is + 6 hours to combine with general Italian	17	A2	1-4	Depending on course + TBA
ARTS & CRAFTS	+10 +16	Add on is + 10 to 16 hours to combine with general Italian	17	A1+	1-4 2-4	Depending on course + TBA
FOOD &/ or WINE	+6/9	Add on is + 6 to 9 hours to combine with general Italian	18	A1+ A2	1-4	Depending on course + TBA
Specific programmes						
UNI prep courses • Summer course • Combined course	35 23/28**	20 group (part of GI23) + 15 scientific subjects 20 group (part of GI23) + 5 private science focused		A2/B1	4 or 6 1-8	9:00- 13:15 + 14:00-17:00 9:00- 13:15 + private TBA*
DITALS (teachers) & DITALS base	26	Afternoon courses from Monday to Thursday. See specific course details		C1-C2 B2	2	TBA

*TBA: to be advised on site according to teachers and students availabilities

** according to timetable & students' choice: possibility to join the 3 hours of workshops included in the GI 23

- **Students per class:** 8 maximum | 10 in the high season (April-June /September-December)*
- **Mini-group:** 2-3 persons



- **Duration of 1 lesson:** 60 minutes
- **Levels :** A1 to C1+ (non-beginners every Monday, beginners first Monday of each month)
- **Our guarantee:** we run all our courses & never reduce the number of class hours with any number of students (1 to 8/10) (except for 30 hours courses: super intensive & business- if less than 2 students of same level, we provide 5 one to one lessons instead of 10 group lessons).

*Our priority, which has always distinguished us, is academic excellence. We are among the few schools in Italy and perhaps in Europe, to guarantee classes with complete hours of 60 minutes (and not reduced lessons of 45 or 50 minutes) without forgetting that our "basic / standard" course adds 3 hours per week including frontal conversation lessons, writing and pronunciation workshops, grammar dedicated classes.

With the same transparency we specify that, in the new premises, just in certain busy periods of the year, and only at low and medium/low levels, the same quality will be maintained and kept with exceptionally open classes of up to 10 students.

Timetables & courses structure

❖ **ALL STUDENTS DOING GROUP COURSES** : 20 hours (core course in the morning):

FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY	
9:00- 11:00	Lesson part 1, teacher A: focus on grammar (listening & vocabulary)
11:00- 11:15	Break <i>On Wednesdays: 11:00-11.30 – Coffee break and conversation with teachers and students</i>
11:15- 13:15	Lesson part 2, teacher B: communicative activities (focus on reading, listening, vocabulary)
13:15-14:00	Lunch break

❖ GI23

Standard intensive course (20 HOURS + 3 HOURS OF FOCUSED WORKSHOPS)

9:00 - 13:15 : normal group lesson timetable & description above

+ WORKSHOPS*: any student is welcome whenever the timetable is suitable**. *We strongly encourage the participation but this is not obligatory. Do not forget to sign-up on the notice board in advance!*

Tuesday	14:00 - 15:00	Conversation Workshop A1-A2 B1-B2
Wednesday	14:00 - 15:00	Writing & Phonetics Workshop A1-A2 B1-B2
Thursday	14:00 - 15:00	Grammar Workshop A1-A2 B1-B2



❖ GI30 super intensive, exam preparation & business courses

(20 HOURS + 10 EXTRA HOURS IN MINI GROUP)

9:00 - 13:15: normal group lesson [timetable & description above](#)

+ 10 AFTERNOON HOURS: 14:00 - 16:00 or can also be sometimes from 16:00 to 18:00

NB: if there are less than 2 students at the same level, 5h of one to one classes will be provided

❖ Individual classes, combination class & all other special courses

(university preparation, law, DITALS, PLUS courses- cooking, wine, culture, arts, drama)

Students are kindly asked to come to the school secretariat on the first day after the briefing, in order to get their timetable or to schedule their individual lessons together with us.

*NB: WORKSHOPS

The workshops are **INCLUDED IN ALL OUR COURSES**, if it matches the timetable but they are compatible with almost all courses.

***OUR "plus": The timetables are made, whenever possible, **so that all students can take advantage** of them to encourage maximum practice! When combined with the Intensive course (GI23), the specialised courses (private courses, law courses, Italian PLUS) thus usually take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday afternoons. It can be difficult for those doing 30 hours to make timetable match, but we try!*

- **The grammar workshop** is a complementary lesson where we focus on specific grammar topics, especially designed for and divided by indicated levels. With this extra class, students have the opportunity to revise and clarify the grammar they have worked with throughout the previous week. One thematic per workshop!

- **The phonetics & conversation workshop** is a complementary lesson essential when learning a foreign language, that allows to improve conversational skills with a special attention on the correct pronunciation.

ALL OUR COURSES INCLUDE:

- Daily homework from 2 different teachers and self-study
 - Extra homework (exercise book given to students that they give back every Friday for correction)
 - Regular test (written and spoken) every 2 weeks with teacher's advice for progression
 - Final certificate of attendance and knowledge
 - Final full academic personalized report
 - 3-4 activities accompanied by a teacher = informal conversation sessions outside the school!
- Details further down in dedicated page

FREE cultural and social extra-curricular activities

The cultural content of ALCE courses is considered an integral part of the learning experience. Our activities offer an ideal opportunity to explore the city and surroundings and to meet new friends: we strongly encourage the participation.

They are offered **3/4 times per week** & the programme is changed every month so that students staying for longer periods will not have to repeat specific activities.

NB: all activities and excursions are arranged by the school and accompanied by a teacher.



They are included in the tuition price except for the activities that require a charge for admission tickets and/or transport: on a pay-as-you-go basis.

• Example of weekdays social and cultural activities (only entrance fees to pay if any)

- Guided visit to museums, local historical places of interest and themed walking tours of Bologna
- Aperitivo, dinner out, exchange evenings (students can meet and talk with some of our Italian students who are learning foreign languages in the school)
- Seasonal activities: games and sports in the nearby big park, open air cinema, walks in city parks
- Italian Film club, video dubbing, board games in Italian,

NB: FOOD AND WINE at extra cost: *The school specialises in these fields and is **fully equipped** for both activities. We regularly offer cooking classes with our professional local chef & wine tasting session with a certified sommelier.*

WEEKLY TIMETABLE | sample

1st Monday afternoon of the month	15:00 - 16:30 19:00 - 21:00	City orientation tour (<i>schedule can slightly change</i>) Aperitivo: Italian welcome drink in the city centre
Monday	15:00 - 17:00	Activities or excursions with teacher (sample below)
Tuesday	14:00 – 15:00	Conversation workshops
Wednesday	14:00 – 15:00	Writing & Phonetics workshops
	16:00 - 18:00	Activities or excursions with teacher (sample below)
Thursday	14:00 – 15:00	Grammar workshops
Friday afternoon	13:15 - 14:00	FREE networking lunch in school in-house kitchen
Saturday (every two weeks)	9:00 - 16:00	Full day excursion run by the teacher (sample below)

Times of activities may be subject to change.

• Saturday excursions (once every 2 weeks): **around €30-40**

Bologna is very well connected and at the heart of the northern Italian railway network, any city of art as well as a lot of other places is reachable **in an hour, 1h30 or less**.

We though tend to use regional trains which are longer but much cheaper for the students!

- **CITY TRIPS:** 1 hour or less: Verona, Ferrara, Parma, Ravenna, Mantova, Padova, Dozza, San Marino, Florence, Venice (1h30), Milan
- **OTHER DAILY TRIPS:**
Day-trip to the sea, enjoy Rimini's famous beaches
Walks in the surrounding hills with beautiful views & nature
Adventure parks
Balsamic vinegar factory visit
Faenza (ceramics museum)
Ferrari museum