

## Italian Survival Course Online

### Course description and objectives

The Italian language survival course will help students interact and socialize during their first weeks in Italy, offering a basic knowledge of Italian language and culture.

It is designed to help students familiarize with the language, pronunciation and words and help them interact in the most frequent daily situations. Basic vocabulary and grammar will be introduced in order to enable students to understand spoken and written Italian.

### Audience

This course is addressed to 1st year students (BSc and MSc and University Master students) and incoming Double Degree students.

### Teaching Mode

The course is available online in a self-learning mode. Students will be able to access the materials and study according to their own pace and time.

### Syllabus

The course program is made of five units, organized with explanatory videos and a series of related linguistic activities. Each unit revolves around a learning theme providing a springboard for students to develop listening, reading and writing skills. The workload is approximately one hour per unit, but students will be able to repeat each single unit until they feel they have properly learned and assimilated the contents. The units will start with a short explanatory video, followed by audio files, flashcards, exercises, games and a glossary, that will recap all the vocabulary connected to the different learning themes.

Unit	Topic and functions	Vocabulary and grammar
1	Greetings, nationalities, personal data Aspects of Italian culture	Chiamarsi, scusi/scusa/grazie, piacere, saluti Personal pronouns and pronunciation
2	Asking for and giving directions	Present tense of avere and essere Key words and questions

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<b>3</b>	Asking for and giving directions	Numbers 1-2020, common verbs
<b>4</b>	Shopping	At the bar, at the bookshop Number and gender agreement of nouns
<b>5</b>	Health and fitness	Human body, vocabulary related to health and well-being, verb stare