

ERASMUS+ Methodology of Teaching Italian as a Foreign Language

For Teachers of Italian as a Foreign Language

Course Ref: EP AI 3

Entry Level:

Minimum Level Italian CEFR
B2

Language of tuition:

Italian

Daily Teaching Sessions

Morning:

4 lessons a day (4 hours)

Afternoon: 5 lessons x 60 minutes

Total course contact hours:

1 week: 25 hours

2 weeks: 50 Hours

Optional extra language workshops available

Maximum class size 10

Minimum class size 4

Course Provider:

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This course is addressed to teachers of Italian with a minimum B2 language level. The course aims to improve methodology and to increase language teaching skills and knowledge of Italian culture.

Objectives

- To provide participants with techniques and methodological approaches to teaching IFL
- To provide participants with new resources for the classroom
- To improve participants' teaching competences
- To improve participants' awareness of current approaches to language teaching and the possibilities of exploiting easily available texts as a language teaching resource
- To provide opportunities to discuss about testing and evaluation
- To enhance participants' language skills
- To promote awareness of Italian history and culture

Preparation

Pre-course Preparative Modalities:

- Needs Analysis
- Pre-course arrival and cultural information
- Previous test for language level assessment

Practical Arrangements

Intra-Course Modalities offered by the Course Provider

- Learning materials included
- Setting of learning objectives
- Ongoing assessment and evaluation including feedback on progress
- Guidance and advice on homework exercises
- Accommodation service and pastoral care: 24hr emergency contact
- Optional additional cultural seminars
- City orientation tour and welcome activity
- Access to school study and media centre

Follow up provided

Post-Course Modalities

- A Certificate of Attendance and Achievement
- End of course test and programme evaluation
- Post-course forum (Facebook group)

Course Content and Strategies

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Methodology

The methodology classes will focus on:

- An overview on Language Teaching Approaches
- Course materials: how to choose and evaluate teaching materials
- Teaching techniques to develop oral production
- Teaching Units: how to create a teaching unit by using movies
- How to use songs and games to develop the speaking
- Teaching Units: how to create a teaching unit by using a literary text
- Breaking ice activities for the first lesson
- Evaluation: How to evaluate and be evaluated reducing the affective filter

Class Observation

- Class observation – different language levels
- Cultural seminar observation: i.e. seminar on Italian gestures, Italian cooking, etc.

The Methodology classes focus on the main teaching methodologies and techniques. Participants have the opportunity to create a wide range of lessons by using different kinds of input material such as: literary texts, newspaper, songs, movies.

Teaching techniques for improving reading, writing, speaking skills are also covered, as well as error correction strategies.

Class observation completes the theory of the course. Participants can observe different language levels and see how the previously analysed material is used in class.

First day 13:30-14:00: Welcome orientation					
WEEK 1	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
09.00-11.00	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology	Class Observation	Methodology
Coffee Break					
11.30-12:30	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology	Class observation	Methodology
Lunch Break					
12:30-13.30	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology
16:00	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar
Sat	CULTURAL TRIP: One Full Day Excursion included in Two-Week Course (extra cost for 1-wk course)				
Sun	INFORMAL LEARNING: Personal research, cultural visits and activities, practising language skills				
WEEK 2	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
09.00-11.00	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology	Class Observation	Methodology
Coffee Break					
11.30-12:30	Methodology	Methodology	Methodology	Class observation	Methodology
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16:00	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar	Class observation: seminar

Some activities (Salerno city tour and cultural seminars) are included.

Excursions and visits with tasting can be booked at extra cost.

The schedule may be subject to change.

Sample Programme

This is a sample of a schedule which can be adapted to suit the participants' needs.

Two-Week Course: total minimum number of course contact hours: 50 hours.

Outcomes

At the end of the course, participants will have:

- Improved their confidence in teaching Italian FL
- Developed a greater awareness of the Italian culture and history
- Improved knowledge of the main language teaching approaches
- Developed a wider awareness of teaching techniques to develop oral production
- Improved their teaching skills
- Developed a better knowledge of the use of authentic material in language classes
- Developed a better understanding of students' needs
- Practiced teamwork activities thus enhancing their interpersonal skills
- Shared knowledge and experience with other professionals of a pan-European background