

ERASMUS+ DITALS BASE Preparation course

Official certification released by the University for Foreigners of Siena
For Teachers of Italian as a Foreign Language

Course Ref: EP AI 4

Entry Level:

Minimum Level Italian CEFR
B2

Language of tuition:

Italian

Daily Teaching Sessions

Morning:

4 lessons a day (4 hours)

Afternoon: 2 lessons x 60

minutes

Total course contact hours:

1 week: 30 hours

Optional extra language

workshops available

Maximum class size 10

Minimum class size 4

Course Provider:

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The DITALS is an official certification released by the University for Foreigners of Siena. It aims to assess and verify the preparation (theoretical and practical) in teaching Italian as a second or a foreign language.

DITALS BASE is addressed to teachers of Italian FL whose native language is not Italian. Participants need almost a B2 level Certification in Italian as a Foreign Language but a specific University degree is not required.

The course aims to improve methodology and to increase language teaching skills as well as to prepare participants for the DITALS examination.

Objectives

- To provide participants with techniques and methodological approaches to teaching IFL
- To improve participants' awareness of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- To analyse language teaching resources and course material according to students' language level and needs
- To focus on the importance of grammar in communication
- To analyse exam past sample papers in order to prepare participants for the examination
- To provide opportunities to discuss about testing and evaluation
- To enhance participants' language skills

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)

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COURSE CONTENT

Classes will focus on:

- An overview on Language Teaching Approaches
- Second Language Acquisition and the importance of input in IFL
- The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- How to evaluate course material and teaching resources

The role of grammar in communicative language teaching

- DITALS- Paper A: Analysis of teaching resources and course books
- DITALS- Paper B: Guided analysis of a text and teaching unit
- DITALS- Paper C: Glottodidactics
- Evaluation: How to evaluate and be evaluated reducing the affective filter

Course Content and Strategies

The course aims to improve methodology and to increase language teaching skills as well as to prepare participants to the DITALS BASE.

Lessons deal with the main techniques and methodological approaches to teaching Italian as FL/SL. Furthermore, participants will learn principles of planning for effective teaching and they will focus on selecting and planning the kinds of lessons that are most appropriate for particular learners.

DITALS BASE sample papers will be analysed in order to prepare participants for the examination.

First day 13:30-14:00: Welcome orientation					
WEEK 1	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
09.00-13.00	Methodology	Methodology	DITALS Base Paper A	DITALS Base Paper B	DITALS Base Paper C
Lunch Break					
14.00-16.00	Methodology	Methodology	DITALS Base Paper A	DITALS Base Paper B	DITALS Base Paper C
16:00	Activities (optional)	Activities (optional)	Activities (optional)	Activities (optional)	Activities (optional)
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				

Some activities (Salerno city tour and cultural seminars) are included. Excursions and visits with tasting can be booked at extra cost.

Sample Programme

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

Outcomes

At the end of the course, participants will have:

- Improved their confidence in teaching Italian FL
- Improved knowledge of the main language teaching approaches
- Developed a wider awareness of teaching resources
- Improved their teaching skills
- Developed a better knowledge of the DITALS exam papers
- Developed a better knowledge of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- Developed a better understanding of how to create a teaching unit
- Practiced teamwork activities thus enhancing their interpersonal skills
- Shared knowledge and experience with other professionals of a pan-European background