

## Languages, Arts and Culture

### Italian Beginner Part One Course Overview and Syllabus

Our evening language courses in Italian are built around an arts and culture context. You will learn Italian and explore a variety of cultural and arts topics including architecture, cuisine, culture, design, fashion, society and more. Each level consists of three parts over the course of three terms.

Over the 8 weeks of the **Italian Beginner One** course, you will:

- be introduced not only to the Italian language but also to different aspects of the arts and culture of Italy
- explore functional language related to Italian cuisine, fashion, architecture and holidays.
- be introduced to vocabulary for shopping, accessories and clothes, food and drink, and interiors
- learn how to describe urban spaces, clothing, architecture
- learn how to express your likes and dislikes
- do reading and listening tasks
- engage in dialogues and practice your writing skills.

There is a focus on oral communication and pronunciation as well as using language for functional and practical purposes.

Week Number and Topic	Language Content and Arts and Culture Content*
1. Introduction to Language, Arts and Culture	<p><b>Language Content</b> Greetings, introduce yourself Alphabet, Nationality, Numbers Masculine/Feminine</p> <p><b>Arts and Culture Content</b> History of the Italian language: a language that is just 100 years old</p>
2. Cuisine and Culture	<p><b>Language Content</b> Order at the bar and ask for the price Singular and plural Pronunciation rules</p> <p><b>Arts and Culture Content</b> What and where: every region has his own traditional food.</p>
3. Art and Politics	<p><b>Language Content</b> The construction of the verb 'like' Numbers Talk about your tastes</p> <p><b>Arts and Culture Content</b> Italian art: is just art or a political manifesto?</p>
4. Urban Spaces	<p><b>Language Content</b> Describe the urban space There is and there are Indeterminate articles</p> <p><b>Arts and Culture Content</b> What makes Italian environment special and characteristic? What you can find only in Italy?</p>
5. Movement and Time	<p><b>Language Content</b> Describe your holiday Months and days of the week Verb conjugation for singular (I, you, he/she)</p> <p><b>Arts and Culture Content</b> The mysterious places in Tuscany</p>
6. Modernism	<p><b>Language Content</b> Describe a city Close/far/between Recap of 'there is' and 'there are' and verbs</p> <p><b>Arts and Culture Content</b> The coolest Italian inventions</p>

<b>7. Fashion and Society</b>	<b>Language Content</b> Clothes, shops and shopping Colours Definite articles <b>Arts and Culture Content</b> The stylist and his or her style
<b>8. Design and Architecture</b>	<b>Language Content</b> Describe a building Verb conjugation for plurals (we, you, they) <b>Arts and Culture Content</b> Italian architecture around the world

\*Please note: these are some possible topics you will cover and may differ according to student needs and interests