

Centre for Continuing Education

Beginning Italian 2

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This course is open to people who have studied Italian for at least a term, who have lived for a short while in Italy or who come from an Italian family background. You will continue to study Italian as related to everyday life, but you will progress to being able to function socially in both informal and formal ways in situations such as asking for more precise directions, booking a room in a hotel, ordering according to the menu in a restaurant, trying to solve a problem, talking about immediate past events, travels, and asking Italians about their lives. Each session will take its theme from travelling in Italy, and will consist of vocabulary extension, grammar, aural comprehensions and conversation with reinforcement by reading and looking at the video. You will be given homework to reinforce what has been learned in class.

The basic text is *Buongiorno Italia* (BBC Publications), Chapters 5-10, that you are asked to buy, but grammar notes with exercises will be supplied by Julie. A CD accompanying the book can be ordered from the ANU Co-op Bookshop.

Julie was formerly a lecturer in Italian at the ANU and she has had a book published on learning Italian with Cambridge University Press *Parliamo insieme* (1994). Another language book, *Scenarios*, came out with Oxford University Press in 1998. Julie lived for over five years in Italy, including Milan and Venice. She regularly accompanies a study tour to Tuscany and Sicily as a tour leader and teacher.

DATES/TIMES: 6-8pm on 8 Wednesdays from 13 January
 OR
 6-8pm on 8 Wednesdays from 12 May

FEE: \$249

COURSE LOCATION: The venue for this course can be found on your tax invoice/receipt (under "Course Information"). Please allow enough time to locate the course venue on the first evening.

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Session 1

Buongiorno Italia 6 - times and departure of trains and asking about when concerts start and begin.

Grammar: Revision of the present tense and some irregular verbs – fare, venire, rimanere ad andare. The articulated preposition alla etc.

Activity: Getting transport to places around Italy

Session 2

Buongiorno Italia 7 - Theme: asking about what is there to see and do in a town. Asking for and understanding more detailed street instructions

Grammar: Nouns and articulated prepositions cont.: una pianta della città

Prepositions - attorno a, vicino a, davanti a, accanto a, lontano da

Revision of numbers to do with time and distances

Asking about what you have to do. Dovere with the infinitive

Session 3

Buongiorno Italia 7

Grammar: Modal verbs Posso....? Devo..... ? Voglio Pronouns - the direct object pronoun and the verbs related to them.

Activity: Helping an Italian tourist find his way around Canberra.

Session 4

Buongiorno Italia 8

Grammar: Indirect pronouns and verbs that take indirect pronouns. Pronouns with modal verbs. Chiuso and aperto: asking about opening and closing times.

Activity: Booking into a room in a hotel. Can I? Do I have to?

Session 5

Buongiorno Italia 8

Grammar: Indirect object pronouns with modal verbs; *del* for some (and other ways of saying *some* in Italian)

Activity: Booking into a room but there are many problems. Can I? Do I have to? You want to leave a message.

Session 6

Buongiorno Italia 9

Vocabulary: Cooking and recipes

Grammar: Direct and indirect pronouns – stressed pronouns

Uses of da: da uomo, una tazzina da caffè, un biglietto da due euro

The past tense with avere with regular verbs (includes overall picture)

Activity: ordering in a restaurant, asking for the bill, buying pizzas and ordering for others. Buying food in a delicatessen.

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Session 7

Buongiorno Italia 10

Grammar: The past tense with *avere* and irregular past participles

Activity: Writing a postcard stating what you have done in Florence.

Session 8

Buongiorno Italia 10

Grammar: The past tense – verbs taking *essere* - the pronoun *ci*

Activity: - Survey: talking about past travels Revision

ngiorno Italia 5. Revision of situations.

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