

Centre for Continuing Education

Intermediate Italian 2

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The aim of this course is to develop skills in every day Italian. You will learn more tenses and yet also practise and bring together the knowledge already gained through grammar, conversational exercises and planned situations, so speaking will often be guided.

The theme for this course, *Le nostre storielle*, has been chosen to create an atmosphere of working together, of the pleasure in learning, reading and understanding Italian, with our lives and the lives of modern Italians as a starting point of interest. Some of the planned language exercises will be in the form of surveys, with beforehand new vocabulary extension providing support.

A reading program of small stories and readings (lettura) from the text books will accompany the course.

Text books

BBC Publications, *Buongiorno Italia*, chapters 16-20

Colin McCormick, *Basic Italian Grammar* (Macmillan) Try the ANU Cooperative Bookshop for both.

Session one

Buongiorno Italia 16

Revision of the future tense

The conditional tense, comparison with the future, and using these tenses with the present.

Session two

Buongiorno Italia 16 (lettura)

The past conditional and using the past conditional with other verbs of the past tense.

Combined pronouns

Session three

Buongiorno Italia 17

Conditional modal verbs in present and past

Some more uses of the Conditional

Combined pronouns with ne

Session four

Buongiorno Italia 17 (lettura)

Combined pronouns including revision of object pronouns, both direct and indirect.

Revision of possessives

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Session five

Buongiorno Italia 18

Imperfect tense

Imperfect and Present Progressive: use of stare and the gerund e.g sto parlando

Disjunctive pronouns

Impersonal verbs (si)

Survey: What did you do as a child?

Session six

Buongiorno Italia 18 (lettura) Reading about the Etruscans

Pluperfect tense

Session seven

Buongiorno Italia 19

Comparative constructions, using di or che

Session eight

Buongiorno Italia 20

Practising using all the tenses together

How to give opinions in a simple way

Talking about Italians and Australians, what people generally do.

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 as a tour leader and teacher.

DATES/TIMES: 6-8pm on 8 Thursdays from 6 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 venue on the first evening.

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