

INTRODUCTION TO THE ITALIAN PROGRAM AT CCSF

CCSF offers a comprehensive program of Italian language studies at all levels. Currently nearly 600 students of all ages and interests take advantage of the 18 courses that are scheduled throughout the day, including evenings and Saturdays. The program is designed with two different emphases in order to accommodate the needs of all students, whether their primary interest in the language be work related, academic, for travel purposes, or for personal enrichment.

Grammar emphasis: We offer 8 successive semesters of 3-unit grammar classes (or 2 semesters of 5-unit classes and 2 semesters of 3-unit classes for daytime students) as well as 2 beginning online courses for proficiency in the basics of Italian grammar.

EVENING CLASSES:

3-unit grammar classes: Italian 1A, 1A online, 1B, 1B online, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B

DAYTIME CLASSES:

5-unit grammar classes: Italian 1, 2

3-unit grammar classes: Italian 3A, 3B

Conversation emphasis: For students desiring a more conversational approach, our offerings also include a series of 6 semesters of 3-unit conversation classes.

3-unit conversation classes: Italian 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, 15A, 15B

Students seeking a more intensive study opportunity are encouraged to take both a grammar class and a conversation class simultaneously to increase their weekly hours of exposure to the language and to more fully develop their skills in the various facets of the language. All of the Italian courses at CCSF, in conjunction with a state-of-the-art language laboratory with online availability, are designed to help students attain the highest possible level of proficiency in the four basic language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) and to provide some critical insight into the history and the vast artistic, literary and culture heritage of Italy. All of the grammar courses are transferable to both the CSU and UC systems, and both the grammar and conversation courses are transferable to the CSU system.

Other opportunities include:

- **Italian Film Festival.** Screenings of 4 Italian films one Tuesday each month throughout the semester open to the college community.

-**Foreign Cinema at the CCSF Cafeteria.** Students have the opportunity to view foreign films from various countries one day a week in the CCSF cafeteria during lunch.

-**Study Abroad Program.** The two available programs include 2 semesters in Florence (Spring and Fall) during the academic year and a month in Rome during the summer.

-**Certificate of Completion in Italian.** You may earn a Certificate of Completion in Italian by completing 15 or more units of Italian at CCSF within a five year period.

-**Istituto Italiano di Cultura.** We are fortunate to have in downtown San Francisco the Italian Cultural Institute with a full schedule of cultural events and film screenings throughout the year as well as abundant scholarship offerings for language study in many places throughout Italy. The Italian Cultural Institute is funded by the Italian government and open to the public.

ITALIAN COURSES

	COMPREHENSIVE SERIES	CONVERSATIONAL SERIES
	(develop all skills : reading, speaking, comprehension and stresses writing ability)	(stresses speaking, comprehension and reading ability)
1st SEMESTER (Total beginners or students who have forgotten most of their Italian)	ITALIAN 1 (5 units) Or at a slower pace: ITALIAN 1A (3 units) 1st semester ITALIAN 1B (3 units) 2nd semester (Italian 1A +1B= Italian 1)	ITALIAN 10A (3 units) Elementary conversation fundamental for total beginners)
2nd SEMESTER (Continues previous course or accept students who have Italian 1 equivalency)	ITALIAN 2 (5 units) Or at a slower pace: ITALIAN 2A (3 units) 1st semester ITALIAN 2B (3 units) 2nd semester (Italian 2A+ 2B=Italian 2)	ITALIAN 10B (3 units) Elementary : expands basic knowledge of Italian for conversational purposes)
3rd SEMESTER (Continues previous course or accept students who have Italian 2 equivalency)	ITALIAN 3A (3 units) 5thsemester ITALIAN 3B (3 units) 6th semester (Italian 3A +3B can be taken non -sequentially = Italian 3)	ITALIAN 10C (3 units) Intermediate : completes basic knowledge of Italian for conversational purposes)
4th SEMESTER (Continues previous course or accept students who have Italian 3 equivalency)	ITALIAN 4A (3 units) 7thsemester ITALIAN 4B (3 units) 8th semester (Italian 4A +4B can be taken non -sequentially = Italian 4)	ITALIAN 10D (3 units) Intermediate : builds vocabulary, comprehension and conversational ability)
5th SEMESTER (Continues previous course or accept advanced level students)		ITALIAN 15A (3 units) Advanced :conversation practice for more advanced level students)
6th SEMESTER (Continues previous course or accept advanced level students)		ITALIAN 15B (3 units) Advanced :conversation practice for more advanced level students)

