An Ideal Location for Learning Italian

Off the beaten tourist path, but close to Venice both physically and culturally, Grado is an ancient, picturesque island-city with a celebrated Old Town, a quaint fishing port and world-class beaches. Grado is a rare and ideal setting for a school of Italian: a beautiful, historic town, full of lively summer activities, not far from many of the most celebrated northern Italian cities, but where the tourists come mostly from Italy and where very little of any other language is spoken.

Program Dates

Session A – 4 weeks
June 1 to June 26, 2015

Session B – 4 weeks
June 29 to July 24, 2015

Session C – 8 weeks
June 1 to July 24, 2015

Session D – any 2 weeks

Courses

Italian 171 – 172
First Year Italian

Italian 271 – 272
Second Year Italian

Italian 470
Advanced Reading and Conversation

Study Italian in Grado, Italy. Live with an Italian family. Get university credit!
Language Immersion in the most beautiful place on Earth.

Course Description

A 4-week immersion course in Italy is the equivalent of one semester of university-level Italian. An 8-week immersion course is the equivalent of 2 semesters of Italian. The heart of each course is the small group language class, which meets for three hours per day. Students are immersed in a setting that explores grammatical structures of the Italian language in the context of a specific theme. Our effective teaching method is visual and based on interaction. Students are encouraged to practice what they have learned in real-life situations. Courses also offer listening-comprehension exercises, the opportunity to work closely on detailed questions of grammar, and to perfect pronunciation. This immersion method has been proven to be extremely productive while engaging, and fun. Intermediate and advanced students at all levels discuss various works of Italian literature.

Where will you spend your summer?

Grado is located in the historic northeastern Italian region of Friuli Venezia-Giulia, at the geographical heart of Europe, an area that has played host to many different peoples and cultures, including the Celts, Romans, Huns, Byzantines, Lombards, Franks, Venetians, Ottomans, French, and Hapsburgs before becoming a region of Italy. The result is a region rich in diverse architecture and art, and one with world-class cuisine and wine. The New York Times recently called Friuli "Italy's Secret Garden," and Fred Plotkin, celebrated author of several books on Italian culture, sums it up well in his book Italy for the Gourmet Traveler: "Friuli is the great undiscovered region of Italy."
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ITAL 171 - 172: First Year Italian

First year Italian. Emphasis is on listening comprehension and speaking as well as on grammatical structure, writing and reading skills. It aims to develop a solid proficiency in all aspects of Italian and makes extensive use of visual and audio material.

Total Contact Hours: 120

ITAL 271 - 272: Intermediate Italian

Second year Italian. Emphasis is on oral and written expression, on listening comprehension and on building vocabulary, though it does provide an intense review of grammar as well. Learning is facilitated by the careful selection of readings from the most celebrated Italian writers, including poets, dramatists and novelists. A variety of real-life cultural materials are also employed in class, including newspaper and magazine articles and radio and television broadcasts.

Total Contact Hours: 90

ITAL 470: Advanced Readings and Projects

Third year Italian. Emphasis is primarily on advanced conversation and composition, with special attention given to complex grammatical structures and advanced vocabulary acquisition. Learning is facilitated by using a variety of literary genres including dialogue, short story, novel, critical essay, drama, film, music and art.

Total Contact Hours: 90

This summer, learn something new.

Students can stay as little as 2 weeks or as long as 2 months.
“The most unforgettable experience of my life.”

Activities

The program plans weekly social and cultural activities throughout the summer months, in addition to the City of Grado's Summer Activities and Festival.

These may include group outings to concerts, plays, or art exhibits, many beach activities as well as occasional evening slide lectures on Italian history or the history of art.

Recent examples of cultural activities include participating in a re-creation of an ancient Roman dinner; viewing a Roman play performed in Italian amidst nearby Roman ruins; attending an evening jazz concert in a nearby castle; and organizing trips to the celebrated Operetta of Trieste and the Verona Summer Opera festival.

In addition to participating in our cultural activities, students are invited to participate in our unique privately-guided excursions. Excursions to 2 celebrated cities nearby are provided every four to six weeks free of charge to all enrolled students: to the ancient Roman city of Aquileia, one of the five official Jubilee cities of the Vatica and a United Nations World Heritage site: and to the Medieval town of Udine, the cultural center of the Friuli region, known chiefly for its Venetian architecture and its abundant art of the great Venetian master, Giambattista Tiepolo. In addition, the program offers several other excursions for modest fees, including trips to the famed Collio wine region for wine-tasting; to the Medieval town of Cividale del Friuli; to the northeastern Italian Alps; and to Piran, Slovenia and Porec, Croatia.
The Program Director

Professor Francesca Seaman is a native speaker of Italian and the director of the Italian Program at DePauw. She graduated with Honors from Stanford University, received a MA from the Ecole Normale, in Paris, France and a Ph.D. in Italian Literature from Yale University. She has been at DePauw since 2004.

Tuition & Fees – Summer 2015

Program Fee  $55

Tuition*
*All students enrolled at an accredited higher education institution receive 50% discount on tuition regardless of their financial aid status.

1 course credit (4 weeks) $5,256 (-50% = $2,628)
2-credit course (8 weeks) $10,512 (-50% = $5,256)
.5- credit course (2 weeks) $2,628 (-50% = $1,314)

Residential Program Fee - includes private room in a family home, breakfast and half board (lunch or dinner), and student activities in Grado. Rates subject to change

Session A or B (4 weeks) $1,711
Session C (8-week) $3,422
Session D (Any 2 weeks) $856

Not included: Transportation to and from Grado, Health & travel insurance.