

# LANGUAGE COURSES BY THE SEA



PICCOLA UNIVERSITA' ITALIANA

PER STRANIERI - TROPEA



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH

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The perfect place to combine work with pleasure!



## ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

- Recognized by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
- Approved by the Swedish (CSN) and Norwegian (Lånekassen) National Agency for higher Education
- Recognized for academic credits by several US-universities
- Accredited courses in **Mini-groups** with 3 to max. 6 persons
- Specialisation in **cultural** subject areas possible:
  - Italian literature
  - Italian contemporary history
  - Italian art history
  - Italian music history
  - Italian opera
  - Italian architecture
- Specialisation in **business** subject areas possible:
  - Commercial Italian
  - Juridical Italian
  - Italian for the tourism industry
  - Italian for interpreters
  - Medical Italian
- Custom tailored preparatory courses for Italian exams: CILS, CELI, etc.
- Italian + catamaran sailing, windsurfing, scuba diving, mountain biking
- Italian + painting, mediterranean cooking
- Custom tailored program for seniors
- Extension programmes: Calabria, Aeolian Islands, Stromboli
- USA Study Abroad Programs



### AIRFARES

Reasonable charter- or scheduled flights upon request



## HOLIDAY FLATS

Accommodation in beautiful apartments in Tropea

We look forward to your request!



## GROUP OFFERS

### Special rates

for school, university, institute and company groups

### PRICES

Language courses in mini-groups + single room accommodation + 2 transfers or 2 excursions

1 week from 534 €

2 weeks from 748 €



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## PICCOLA UNIVERSITA' ITALIANA

The Centro di Lingua & Cultura Italiana in Tropea, not far from the Capo Vaticano, is made up of a team of proficient language teachers, all of whom are native speakers with a university degree. We specialise in teaching our mother tongue to foreign students, working people and lovers of the Italian language and culture. If lively, effective Italian classes, held in a friendly and communicative atmosphere right in the heart of one of Italy's most beautiful cultivated rural areas are what you would like to experience - this is the place for you!

### THE CENTRE

In 1993 the Centre was founded as "Caffè Culturale". In 2004 the name was changed to "Piccola Università Italiana" it has been recognized with presa d'atto prot 23860/P from 30.11.04 by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research. The Centre is located in the heart of Tropea in a beautiful house typical of the area. Lessons are held in classrooms or else out on the terrace.



## TROPEA IN SOUTHERN ITALY

Tropea is a charming, medieval town with a population of 7,000. Located on the instep of the Italian 'boot', it lies on the same latitude as the famous Aeolian Islands. Italians affectionately refer to Tropea as the "Pearl of Calabria". Here, you find unspoilt natural landscape with lush green vegetation, forming a magnificent contrast with the deep blue, crystal-clear water of the sea. Tropea was built on a 42 m high rock and never fails to charm everyone with its romantic, winding streets. Visitors enjoy very good shopping facilities, the picturesque market place as well as numerous cosy cafés and trattorias. Beautiful sandy bays, a wide range of sporting activities, and many places of interest provide abundant variety for all those who wish to take part in the local cultural life and enjoy sports. Tropea still belongs to the Italians and is not yet overcrowded with tourists, giving the students ample opportunity to listen to and practise the language they are learning.

The ideal place to combine studies and holidays!





## THE COURSES

**A. Conversation Course (2 hours a day/5 days a week):**  
Classes Monday - Friday 11:10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 6:10 - 8:00 p.m.,  
2 teaching units of 55 minutes each, **in small groups of 3 to max. 6 students.** For students of intermediate and advanced levels, newspaper reading and discussion on topics such as art, culture, politics and social matters. Duration: 2, 4, 6 and 8 weeks.

**B. Main Course - mini-groups (4 hours a day/5 days a week):**  
Classes Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or from  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m., 4 teaching units of 55 minutes each with a 20 minute  
break, **small groups of 3 to max. 6 students.** Teaching covers  
grammar and practical exercises, vocabulary and idiomatic expressions,  
oral and written style, regional studies. Intermediate and advanced classes  
also include newspaper reading and discussions on topics such as art,  
culture, politics and social matters. Duration: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 weeks.

**C. Intensive Course 20 + 6 (B. Main Course + 6 Private Lessons):**  
The students attend the main course, followed by 2 teaching units of  
55 minutes each of individual teaching on 3 afternoons each week.  
This course allows the individual's specific educational targets to be dealt  
with in detail, i.e. a tailor-made teaching programme is set up at the  
beginning of the course, focusing on various different topics as required:  
literature and film history, music, media, commercial Italian or technical  
Italian for students working in the tourist industry.  
A very effective course for motivated participants.  
Duration: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 or 8 weeks.



## PRIVATE TUITION

### D. Two-to-One:

If there are two of you at the same language level, we offer you a very favourable alternative to individual tuition. The two of you will be trained by one teacher following a programme customized to your requirements. This course is not only particularly suitable for work colleagues, but is also very popular with couples and friends. Duration: 1 week or longer.

### E. Individual Tuition:

The most effective form of teaching for students who wish to achieve maximum results in the shortest time possible. Customized to the student's individual requirements, the course either focuses on everyday Italian or on Italian for specific purposes. Duration: 1 week or longer.

## SPECIAL COURSES

Also available are Italian language courses which place special emphasis on the vocabulary used in the tourist industry as well as on commercial Italian for import/export.

## WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM OUR COURSES?

Our instruction is designed for employees of international companies needing Italian in their daily work, for university students of Romance or linguistics, but also for persons wishing to learn Italian for a better understanding of our country's culture and lifestyle.



## CLASS ALLOCATION

In order to give our students ample opportunity to practise speaking, the number of participants is limited to a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 students per group. On the first morning at school, all participants will take a short written and oral grading test on the grounds of which the students will be assigned to one of six performance levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. If, after having done the test, there won't be a class (3-6 students) for a student with his own level he/she will do the Two-to-One Course or Individual lessons. In this case the number of lessons will be reduced by half. The course, in fact is aimed to satisfy the individual needs of the student placing him only in his own level.

## C.I.L.S. PREPARATORY COURSE

We also offer a preparatory course for the C.I.L.S. examination of the University of Siena. This certificate of Italian as a foreign language is recognised by the Italian Foreign Trade Ministry. The examinations are held two times a year. Our examination preparation consists of one extra hour of individual instruction every day which may be added to all types of course.

## TEACHING MATERIAL

We constantly revise our teaching materials to ensure that they are up-to-date. In addition, authentic materials are used in the language courses as well: slides, video tapes, radio recordings, newspaper articles, literary texts, songs, etc.



## TEACHING METHOD

We teach according to the direct method, i.e. Italian is spoken all the time. This is the best way to develop your listening and speaking skills. The classes consist of 2 hours grammar teaching per day and related exercises. You will be provided with a systematic overview of the structure of the Italian language to enable you to write and speak correctly. The remaining class hours are dedicated to communication skills to help you gain confidence in speaking Italian as quickly as possible. Furthermore, we will provide you with the most important background information about Italy to support your study of the Italian language. Enjoy a "guided tour" through the complex and very often contradictory aspects of Italian life and history, through its past and the present, which also has so many varied facets. An ultra-modern video system with large screen and tape recorders is available to accompany and aid instruction.



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## SPORT ACTIVITIES

Sports enthusiasts can enjoy mountain biking, catamaran sailing and surfing, diving at Capo Vaticano, tennis, volleyball and horseriding (on the beach during the off-season).



## CULTURAL EVENTS

On Sunday evening we invite you for a welcome drink and on Monday evening we start with a video evening to introduce you to Calabria and the Tyrrhenian coast. The geographic situation of Tropea and its history are excellent starting points if you wish to discover Italy's roots.

Popular places for excursions are, among others, the city of Reggio Calabria and its archaeological museum, the volcanic island of Stromboli with its active volcano which gave the island its name, as well as the culturally interesting city of Taormina on Sicily.



## SPARE TIME ACTIVITIES

The picturesque villages and fruit and olive groves in the vicinity of Tropea are ideal places to go for a walk; old churches, castles and caves are just waiting to be discovered. The narrow, quiet side roads provide safe routes for breath-taking panoramic bike or mountain-bike rides. Either bring your own or borrow one from the school free of charge (limited in number). Spend your spare time swimming or sunbathing on Tropea's beautiful beach, only a 10 minutes walk from the school. Discover (against payment of a small fee) the numerous quiet sandy bays around Tropea in our small motor boat or rowing boat - whichever you prefer! And if that were not enough, the school also organises social activities at regular intervals, such as festivals, dinner parties and excursions along the coast or inland, e.g. to the Aspromonte National Park. If you wish to discover the island on your own, you can hire a moped or a car at favourable rates.



## ARRIVAL

*It's easier than you might think.*

\* **By plane:** Fly Alitalia via Milan or Rome to Lamezia Terme, continue by regional train (every 90 minutes) to Tropea (1 hour) or ask the school to pick you up at the airport. (Transfer approx. 45 minutes).

Charterflights non-stop from New York  
Low-cost carrier non-stop from London

\* **By train:** The Pendolino express takes approx. 4.5 hours to travel from Rome to Lamezia Terme, the IC approx. 5.5 hours. From here, take the regional train to Tropea (approx. 1 hour) or arrange with the school for a transfer. The transfer takes approx. 50 minutes.

*Our recommendation:* purchase your train ticket from a travel agency specialising in Italian travel.

\* **By car:** Take the motorway via Florence and Rome in the direction of Reggio Calabria, exit at Pizzo, and continue to Tropea (Rome - Tropea about a 6 hour drive).

### NOTE

Please arrange to arrive on the Sunday before the course starts and to depart on the Saturday after your course finishes - please contact us if you wish to make special arrangements.



## ACCOMMODATION

Pleasant holiday flats situated in the centre of Tropea, most of them either with sea view or mountain view. We can offer different kinds of apartments: studio apartments or shared apartments. Our typical apartment is composed of: three rooms with terrace or balcony. Choice of single or double rooms. Generous, fully-equipped living-room/kitchen and comfortable bathroom to be shared by the participants. The market place, good shopping facilities and the school itself are only a few minutes walk from the apartments. Bed linen and towels will be provided. Gas, lighting and water included.

### FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Outside the main season, families with 2 children or 3 adults may rent an apartment for the price of 2 single rooms.

## INFORMATION

\* Teaching hours: Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\* No lessons will be held on public holidays - booked private lessons will be postponed.

We recommend to bring a dictionary, an exercise book and a pen to the lessons.

### MOUNTAIN BIKES

Mountain bikes available at no extra charge (limited number).

### COMPANY CUSTOMIZED

Company crash courses for a mini-group or individual coaching: instruction is adapted to your individual requirements. Please contact us to arrange details.



## OPINION OF STUDENTS

"The two weeks we spent in Tropea were language holidays as they should be. A holiday resort offering everything we expected Italy to be; authentic Italian life in a historic town by the sea, good food and great hospitality. And if that were not enough, a modern apartment with all appointments. But even more overwhelming was the friendly atmosphere at the Piccola Università Italiana. The conversations in the practical courses often turned out to become a personal exchange of ideas with the teachers which were continued casually in the spare time. It was very impressive to see how learning Italian in school and spare time merged smoothly into one another. Tropea was a complete success, not only as far as our "Italian" was concerned. We are definitely planning our next course at the Piccola Università Italiana."

Annegret Riedmaier  
Matthias Haemisch



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## Dates & Rates 2012

### COURSE FEES

#### STANDARD GROUP COURSES:

**course A** = Conversation course (2 hours a day/5 days a week)

**course B** = Main course – mini-group (4 hours a day/5 days a week)

**course C** = Intensive course 20 + 6 (main course + 6 private lessons a week)

Group course	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks	additional week 9 +
A	130	223	270	345	430	505	585	670	83
B	195	345	505	650	810	910	1060	1205	150
C	375	690	955	1215	1520	1795	2095	2390	295

*Prices in Euro per person and per week*

#### STANDARD PRIVATE TUITION:

**course D** = Two-to-One (for couples or friends with the same level of competence)

**course E** = One-to-One

Private lessons	10 hours	20 hours	30 hours	40 hours	50 hours	60 hours	additional 10-hours package (60 +)
D	195	370	540	670	840	950	158
E	320	630	905	1135	1420	1605	267

*Prices in Euro per person and per week*

Customised courses such as cultural language courses, business courses and preparation courses for Italian examinations can be held either as an intensive course (group course C) or as private tuition (course D + E), see price list above.

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### COURSE DATES

#### COURSE START:

every Monday except during the Christmas Holidays

#### NO LESSONS ON THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

April 09, April 25, Mai 01, August 15, November 01

No lessons during the

#### Christmas Holidays 2011 / 2012 :

December 05, 2011 – January 08, 2012

No lessons during the

#### Christmas Holidays 2012 / 2013 :

November 26, 2012 – January 13, 2013

### REGISTRATION FEE

#### The registration fee of 100 Euro includes:

- Club card
- The pick-up transfer from and to Lamezia Terme or 2 half day excursions by minibus.
- Course book and teaching materials, schoolbag
- Written and oral grading tests
- Participation certificate
- City map and information about Tropea, tips on excursions
- Presentation including welcome cocktail
- Guided city tour of Tropea
- Film evenings at school

### ACCOMMODATION RATES

Shared apartment	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks	additional week 9 +
single	209	303	424	545	681	792	924	1.045	130
double	171	248	369	440	550	638	744	836	105

*Prices in Euro per person and per week*

Studio flat	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	5 weeks	6 weeks	7 weeks	8 weeks	additional week 9 +
single	275	418	600	776	970	1.139	1.328	1.502	187
double	209	330	479	572	715	836	975	1.106	138

*Prices in Euro per person and per week*

The accommodation rates are based on arrival Sunday and departure Saturday.

Seasonal surcharge	Single room	Double room
Off season rates (Jan 08 -May 26 / Sep 22 – Nov 26)	0	0
Season I (May 26 – June 23 / Sep 08 – Sep 22)	40	20
Season II (June 23 – July 21 / Aug 25 – Sep 08)	80	40
Season III (July 21 – Aug 25)	130	90

*Prices in Euro per person and per week*

Prices for one additional night	
Off season rates (Jan 08 -May 26 / Sep 22 – Nov 26)	20
Season I (May 26 – June 23 / Sep 08 – Sep 22)	25
Season II (June 23 – July 21 / Aug 25 – Sep 08)	30
Season III (July 21 – Aug 25)	45

*Prices in Euro per person and per additional night*

#### SENIOR

ACTIVE - Silver language course for senior citizens on special dates

#### FLIGHT RATES

We would also be pleased to book your flights! Flight rates upon request.

#### ITALIAN PLUS COURSES:

- Windsurfing
- Catamaran sailing
- Scuba Diving
- Mountain bike weeks
- Painting
- Mediterranean Cooking



#### BUSINESS LANGUAGE COURSES:

- Commercial/Business Italian
- Italian for the tourist industry
- Italian for medicine
- Italian for law
- Italian for translators/interpreters

#### CULTURAL LANGUAGE COURSES:

- Italian literature
- Italian contemporary history
- Italian art history
- Italian music history
- Italian opera
- Italian architecture

#### EXTENSION PROGRAMMES:

- Discover Calabria: self drive round trip incl. car rental (7 days)
- Discover Stromboli (3 days)
- Discover Aeolian Islands (7 days)

### CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

Cancellation period	Course cancellation fee	Apartment cancellation fee
More than 30 days before arrival	100 % of the registration fee	30 % of the accommodation rate
Less than 30 days before arrival	100 % of the registration fee + 50 % of the course fee	50 % of the accommodation rate
Less than 7 days before arrival	100 % of the registration fee + 100 % of the course fee	100 % of the accommodation rate

Non-stop flights from  
New York & London

COURSE BY THE SEA

2 transfers or  
2 excursions inclusive!

APPLICATION FORM FOR A LANGUAGE COURSE BY THE SEA  
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Surname .....

Street .....

ZIP/Town .....

Country ..... Date of birth .....

Phone ..... Fax .....

E-mail .....

Occupation/Subject of studies .....

**PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS**

1. APPLICATION: Mail or fax your completed application form together with a deposit of 100 € for the registration fee and 30 % of the accommodation rate to:



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\* You may either send your deposit as an international cheque by registered mail together with the application form or  
\* pay by international Money Order and send or fax a copy of the remittance together with the application form.  
Please contact us if you would like to know about further payment methods/terms.

- After receipt of your registration and deposit payment, we will send you a confirmation of registration and the total amount.
- The final payment is due 30 days before your arrival. You may either do the final payment by international cheque by registered mail or pay by International Money Order. For last-minute bookings 30 days prior to arrival, full payment is due immediately.

4. Cancellation conditions:

Course	Apartment
Registration fee: 100 €	30% of the accommodation rate
For cancellations that we receive 3 days before the arrival: 50 %	For cancellations that we receive 30 days before the arrival: 50 % of the accommodation rate
For cancellations that we receive 1 day before the arrival: 100 %	For cancellations that we receive 7 days before the arrival: 100 % of the accommodation rate

5. Please find further information as well as our general terms and conditions on our website [www.piccolauniversitaitaliana.com](http://www.piccolauniversitaitaliana.com)



**COURSES**

**A. Conversation Course (2 hours a day/5 days a week)**

- 2 weeks    20 hours     6 weeks    60 hours
- 4 weeks    40 hours     8 weeks    80 hours

**B. Main Course - mini-group (4 hours a day/5 days a week)**

- 1 week    20 hours     4 weeks    80 hours
- 2 weeks    40 hours     6 weeks    120 hours
- 3 weeks    60 hours     8 weeks    160 hours

**C. Intensive Course 20+6 (Main Course + 6 Private Lessons)**

- 1 week    26 hours     4 weeks    104 hours
- 2 weeks    52 hours     6 weeks    156 hours
- 3 weeks    78 hours     8 weeks    208 hours

**D+E Private Lessons     D Two-to-One     E Individual**

- 10 hours     20 hours     30 hours     40 hours     60 hours

Start of course ..... End of course .....



**REQUIRED ACCOMMODATION**

- 1-room apartment     double room
- 2-3 room apartment     single room

**ARRIVAL**

Arrival by     plane     train     car

I choose     2 transfers    or     2 excursions

Transfer from Lamezia     airport     station required

Time of arrival: .....

Date of arrival: Sunday, .....

Departure: Saturday (by 10:00 am), .....

Knowledge of other languages .....

I would assess my knowledge of Italian as follows:

- none     poor     some     good

Have you ever learnt/studied Italian before?

- no     yes, ..... years, ..... hours per week.

Why do you wish to improve your Italian?

.....

I heard about this school through:

- friends, acquaintances     university, school
- cultural institution, embassy     advertisements
- ENIT     .....

I have read the participation conditions and I accept.

Place / date .....

Signature .....