



Learn Italian in **Milan**



International House Milano
MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE WORLD ORGANISATION



Welcome!

Welcome to International House Milan.

This trip to Italy is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn or improve your Italian, make new friends and learn about a culture that has contributed so much to the world.

I hope your stay with us will be both productive and enjoyable. Our goal is to offer our clients an efficient, personalised and student friendly service and to improve this service by listening to you and responding to your needs.

We look forward to welcoming you to Italy, to Milan and our schools.

Sieglinde Wolkan
Managing Director

Accreditation

The International House World Organisation



International House Milan is an **affiliate member** of the internationally renowned IH World Organisation. Founded in 1953 by John and Brita Haycraft, the IH World Organisation is a network of over 140 member schools in more than 30 countries, catering for more than 60,000 students each year. Today it is widely regarded as the leading independent language teaching and teacher training organisation in the world.

One of the aims of the IH World Organisation is to **achieve the highest standards in language teaching** in its affiliate member schools throughout the world. All member schools are regularly inspected in order to maintain quality standards and guarantee that the name of International House remains synonymous with quality.

The mission of the IH World Organisation is to **raise language teaching standards** and in 1963 International House introduced the teacher training courses for which it has become famous. International House has a unique reputation for training language teachers and being trained at International House is a hallmark of excellence and professionalism.



- We are **recognised by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR)**, Presa d'Atto Prot. N. 4950
- Our company's quality policy envisages the adoption of **SINCERT** accredited **Quality Management System**, compliant with the provisions of Standard **UNI EN ISO 9001:2008**
- We have obtained **accreditation with the Lombardy Region**
- We are a member of: **ASILS**, Association of Schools of Italian as a Second Language, **AISLI**, Italian Association of Language Schools, **Federlingue**, the national association of companies operating in the language services sector
- We are an authorised Exam Centre for CELI and CIC, the Italian language Certificates issued by the **Università per Stranieri di Perugia**
- IH Milan is accredited by **CSN**

MILANO WILL BE HOSTING EXPO 2015



International House Milan

International House Milan has the objective to meet the language learning needs of every student, providing the **highest standards** of tuition in a **friendly, relaxed atmosphere**. Our staff are all highly trained and experienced in teaching languages to foreign students and pay particular attention to students' overall wellbeing during their stay in Milan. We pride ourselves on a **professional, yet personal approach** to language learning. Our international affiliation, with its guarantee of quality, and the opportunity to choose among **3 CENTRES** makes us a **unique school** in the Milan panorama.



11 classrooms

+



6 classrooms

+



10 classrooms

At IH Milan you find:

- Flat tv screens, dvd players and audio facilities in every classroom
- Free internet and wi-fi
- Self access centre
- Coffee corner and common room
- Video and book library

If you are looking for:

- One of the most centrally located schools of the city
- Highly trained mother-tongue teachers
- Friendly and welcoming atmosphere
- Professional and flexible approach
- Opportunities to meet Italian native speakers during Pub Quizzes and Happy Hours
- Extra school services such as accommodation office, organization of rich social programme and support for visa application



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IH Milan City Centre

*IH Milan is
the best choice for you!*

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Milan

Milano, the financial centre of Italy and the country's economic engine, has something to offer everyone and is an ideal destination: easy to reach, near the sea, mountains and lakes. With over 1,300,000 inhabitants, our stylish city is also the **world's fashion and design capital** and every year it hosts several international exhibitions that attract people from all over the world.

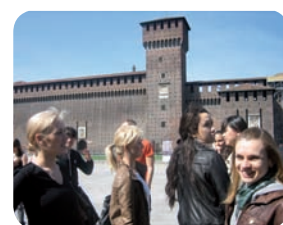
Fashion weeks in February and September set the trends for the next year, and the Salone del Mobile in April presents all the latest of the world design industry.

Milano is a **fascinating location, to be discovered little by little**, whatever your interests are. There are **historical buildings** to admire such as Il Duomo, our unique gothic cathedral, La Scala opera house, Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper and the Castello Sforzesco, **museums** to visit and **hidden treasures** such as the Bohemian area of Brera, with its art galleries and the artists' cafés, the fortune-tellers and the antiques shops. And don't forget 10 Corso Como and the Galleria Sozzani... they are not to be missed during your stay in Milano.

Milano means **lifestyle and entertainment**: whatever your age, taste and expectations are, in Milano you will find what you are looking for! Opera, salsa dancing, theatres and nightclubbing, restaurants and bars that cater to every taste.

Shoppers of all kinds will love Milan's many designer stores, especially during the **winter and summer sales** in January and July, and football fans should not miss a match at San Siro Stadium. And what about aperitivi and our International Nights?

Every night, the Milanese meet after work or study to talk over a drink and delicious buffet meal in any of our many bars and cafés, the perfect opportunity for students to make new friends and spend unforgettable nights.



Social and Cultural Programme

The best way to discover the city...

Our monthly social programme is created so that students can practice their Italian freely outside the school. Fixed appointments include:

- Our **Movie Club**: we show Italian movies that have been used in class for didactic purposes. Subtitles are in Italian only!
- Afternoon **visits to places of interest** such as Leonard da Vinci's Last Supper, La Scala Museum, Science and Technology Museum, Art Exhibitions
- **International Happy Hours**, in renowned cafés and bars, starting with an **aperitivo** and going on till the early hours!
- Dinners in **typical restaurants and pizzerias** to enjoy delicious Italian food with students, teachers and IH staff
- **Cooking classes** and **wine tasting** evenings
- Weekend **excursions to nearby cities** such as Bergamo and Verona, Lake Como, Genova and the Ligurian seaside villages where tasting focaccia bread is not to be missed!



Excellence in teaching = Excellence in learning

International House teachers are among the most highly qualified and respected in the world of language teaching. Like all International House schools, we are committed to providing **high quality instruction** in the classroom and to fostering a high degree of academic professionalism.

What does a typical lesson include?

- Practical task-based work that makes the class intensive and interactive
- Role plays that help you to speak Italian in a natural way
- Pair and group work to practice a specific aspect of the language
- Discussions on when, why and how you might use a certain type of language
- Guided discovery to introduce new grammar structures
- Use of texts to improve grammar and vocabulary
- Reading and listening exercises to develop comprehension and communication skills

The IH Milan teacher: is an Italian native speaker, holds the internationally recognised IH Certificate, uses a wide range of modern approaches and techniques in the classroom, is funny, outgoing, highly professional, keeps updated on the latest trends of teaching methodology, teaches students how to communicate effectively in Italian, is coordinated and supported by a full-time Director of Studies.



Do we use a course book?

Sure we do! *But not only!*

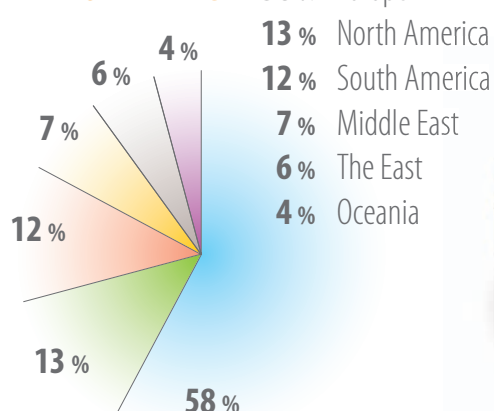
- Extra material is always used to integrate the book and make the lessons more interactive
- Italian films are used in class and specific tasks have been developed by our teachers for different levels. It's one of the best ways to "explore" Italian culture and language
- Special Friday lessons are also an extra benefit to know Milan better and practice Italian out of the classroom with specific language targets
- Tailor-made material is also used in one to one and Executive courses



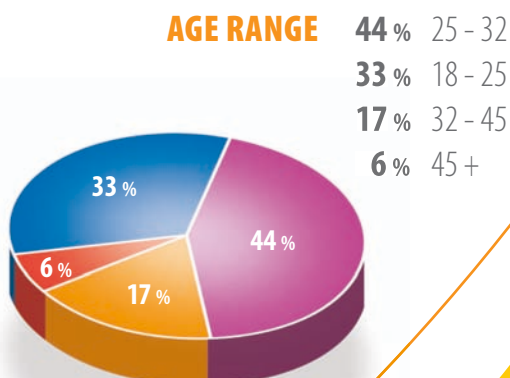
Our students

"Students" come to Milan for many different reasons. They visit friends, join a fashion or design school, study for an MBA, relocate to Milan for business reasons with their family, or are simply attracted by the vibrancy of our city. The nationalities represented are as varied as the students themselves, their ages and backgrounds. At International House they will make a lot of new friends, sharing the same interest in learning the Italian language and culture.

NATIONALITIES



AGE RANGE





Language levels

CEF Common European Framework	ALTE Level and Summary	European Certification English: Cambridge Esol Italian: University of Perugia	International House Each level requests between 80-130 lessons of study, depending also on group size	International House World Level Descriptor <i>At the end of a course:</i>
A1 <i>Breakthrough</i>	You have no previous knowledge of the language.		1 <i>Beginner</i>	Learners can communicate at a minimal level. They would have serious difficulties in an Italian-speaking environment.
A2 <i>Waystage</i>	Basic communication is possible with assistance and you understand simple sentences spoken slowly and clearly.		2 <i>Elementary I</i>	Learners can communicate at a basic level and can deal with some situations necessary to survive in an Italian-speaking environment. Their comprehension of Italian is limited but a foundation has been laid for further learning.
			<i>Elementary II</i>	
		KET CELI 1	3 <i>Pre-Intermediate</i>	Learners are able to communicate adequately in simple everyday situations. Their range of vocabulary and ability to manipulate grammatical structure is developing, as is their ability to comprehend oral and written Italian.
B1 <i>Threshold</i>	You can make effective and independent use of the language in familiar situations although there are still lapses in communication.		4 <i>Intermediate I</i>	Although their vocabulary and grammar are limited in range, learners are able to communicate in most basic everyday situations. They are beginning to deal confidently with authentic listening and reading material.
			5 <i>Intermediate II</i>	Learners are developing their language skills and can communicate quite fluently in most everyday situations. Their ability to express more complex ideas is beginning to develop, although their language is not always accurate.
B2 <i>Vantage</i>	Your use of the language is consistent and usually appropriate but lapses in fluency and accuracy still occur in complex situations.	FCE BEC Preliminary CELI 3	6 <i>Upper-Intermediate/ Pre-Advanced</i>	Learners have a wide range of vocabulary and a command of all basic grammatical structures. They can use Italian in a variety of contexts and are beginning to appreciate many of the complexities of the language.
C1 <i>Effective Operational Proficiency</i>	You have a good command of the language. It is fluent, accurate and well-organised with only a few uncertainties in complex and difficult situations.	CAE BEC Higher CELI 4 CIC avanzato	7* <i>Lower Advanced</i>	Learners are able to use a wide range of language effectively in a variety of contexts and can easily comprehend natural spoken and written Italian.
C2 <i>Mastery</i>	You have an excellent command of the language and can tackle the most difficult tasks.	CPE CELI 5	8* <i>Upper Advanced</i>	Learners are developing an understanding of and an ability to produce the subtleties and complexities of the language, although they may still require some work on accuracy. At the end of this course, students should be close to native speaker competence.

* It is important to note that at this level of study the move from one level to another may represent a considerably longer period of study than 130 lessons.

Our level test

At IH Milan all levels are available, from beginner to advanced. The level test is one of the most important tools to place students in the right group or to outline the best one to one course for them.

Will you arrive in Milan just before the course starts?

Then the test and a questionnaire will be sent by email and should be sent back at least a week before the course start date.

Are you already living in Milan?

Then the best is to book your free level test and come to take it in school. The written test will be integrated with an informal chat.

Needs analysis

A very important preliminary for clients who book one to one lessons, super intensive and executive course, Italian for Fashion & Design programmes. Our Director of Studies and the teacher will plan the course according to the clients' specific language needs and objectives.

End of Course Certificate

It will be awarded on the last day, showing the number of lessons taken and the level reached.

CELI and CIC, Italian language Certificates

IH Milan is an authorised Exam Centre for the University for Foreigners of Perugia Certificates, which are valid as European Certification within the ALTE-Association of Language Testers in Europe Framework. Exam sessions run in June and November.

All-year round group courses

Group courses focus on **integrating the most important skills** when learning a language: speaking, listening, reading and writing. The most up-to-date books as well as authentic material such as magazines, videos and newspapers are used to make the course stimulating and interesting.

Key facts:

- **Levels:** from beginner to advanced
- **Class size:** minimum 5, maximum 10 students per group
- **Starting dates for beginners:** fixed during the year
- **Starting dates for other levels:** any Monday

Standard 20

This course is ideal for students who can dedicate the whole morning to studying Italian.

- **20 x 45 minute lessons** per week
- Minimum course length: 1 week
- 10.00-13.15, Mon to Fri



Intensive 28

This course combines the Standard Course with the benefit of 8 extra lessons per week in the afternoon, during which students focus on project work and specific aspects such as conversation, pronunciation, grammar, listening, vocabulary and Internet research.

- **28 x 45 minute lessons** per week
- 20 x Standard Course and 8 x Focus lessons
- 10.00-13.15, Mon to Fri & 14.30-16.00, Mon to Thurs

Super Intensive 30

This course combines the Standard Course with the benefit of 10 One to One lessons per week in the afternoon, during which students can focus on General Italian or Italian for Business, Fashion, Design, Tourism, CELI and CILS exam preparation.

- **30 x 45 minute lessons** per week
- 20 x Standard Course and 10 x One To One lessons
- 10.00-13.15, Mon to Fri & flexible one to one in the afternoon

Special Friday Lessons *Not to be missed!*

A unique feature of our morning courses, they are a stimulating practice programme to make Milan part of the learning experience and practice specific target language. Students prepare the activities in class with the help of pictures, texts and specific tasks, that they will have to complete in pairs and groups at the chosen location with the help of their teachers.

- For all General Italian students
- All groups and their teachers together
- 2 Lessons every Friday morning

Out of the school: Linguistic activities such as interviewing students at Università Statale, meeting journalists at the newspaper Corriere della Sera, asking practical info at Central Station, describing architectural and historical beauties of Milan... and much more!

In school: Special projects such as creating a news show and making presentations and web-searches about Milan and Italy; games and quizzes to practise language and culture... and having fun!



Evening course

This course is ideal for students who work or study during the day and can only attend lessons in the evening. Lessons cover all aspects of the language, placing great importance on speaking Italian.

- 19.00-20.30, Mon+Wed or Tues+Thurs
- **4 x 45 minute lessons** per week



Summer Courses

Italian for Fashion and Design

The course concentrates on the study of the Italian language, and develops the skills of listening, writing, grammar and most of all speaking and communication. At the same time, it focuses on tailor-made group lessons created to **meet the language needs of students and professionals of the Fashion & Design industry**. A needs analysis is drawn up before the course starts to identify the main interests and expectations of each participant.



Key facts:

- **28 x 45 minute lessons** per week
- 20 x Standard Course and 8 x Focus lessons on Italian for Fashion&Design
- 10.00-13.15, Mon to Fri & 14.30-16.00, Mon to Thurs
- Level: from pre-intermediate
- Min course length: **2 weeks**

Sample programme	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 10:00 -13:15	General Italian (Standard course)	General Italian (Standard course)	General Italian (Standard course)	General Italian (Standard course)	General Italian (Standard course)
Afternoon 14:30-16:00	Description of clothes: vocabulary and structure Description of the look of famous people (pictures from magazines)	Visit of "Quadrilatero della Moda", to describe shops and dresses	Internet researches about the history of Fashion in Italy and the most representative designers At the end: exchange of collected information between students	Glasses design: Vocabulary for colours, shape and materials Comparisons of different kind of glasses	

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Europeo
di Design**



Survival Italian for beginners

This is a Survival Italian course created especially for travellers wishing to spend a holiday in Italy. Everything you learn has a practical use: introducing yourself, ordering food and drinks in cafés or restaurants, asking for directions (and understanding the reply!), booking a hotel room, buying food at the supermarket, or visiting the glamorous shopping streets. Plus survival tips on how to buy train tickets, how much and when to tip, driving etiquette, etc.

Key facts:

- **15 x 45 minute lessons** per week
- 10.00-12.30, Mon to Fri
- Course length: **2 weeks**
- Max class size: **10**

Sample programme	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Presentation: introducing and talking about yourself	Ordering food & drinks	Dealing with hotels: booking, asking for info, complaining!	Giving and asking for directions	Let's try! Practical lesson in Milano
Week 2	Buying food at the supermarket	Talking about yourself: likes and dislikes	Shopping around!	Talking about free time: music, sport, cinema	Let's try! Practical lesson in Milano

Executive and personalised programmes

Our Executive and personalised courses are tailored to the **specific needs** of the customer. They are aimed at clients who need to improve their level of Italian in a short period of time and might have to use Italian in their work. They are ideal for clients from a particular profession or field.

Before the course start, a **detailed needs-analysis** and a **language test** are taken to identify the language needs and level. The aim is to make the course as effective and successful as possible.

Lessons can be taken at our centres or in-company.



Course formats - one to one

Semi Intensive:	20 lessons per week
Intensive:	30 lessons per week
Full Immersion:	45 lessons per week
One-day seminar:	10 lessons in one day
Flexible one to one:	min 20 lessons, flexible schedule

Courses can follow a General Italian programme. Alternatively, they can cover a Professional Italian programme, focusing on such areas as:

- Business
- Finance
- Fashion & Design
- Marketing & Communication
- Medicine
- Law
- Human Resources
- Insurance
- Music

Special Italian in practice

It's the perfect opportunity to practise Italian in real life situations such as at the bank, the post office, the train station, the supermarket. The cultural side of Milan can be discovered with the teacher during visits to the Last Supper by Leonardo Da Vinci, Il Duomo, La Scala Opera House and Brera Art Gallery. The "Italian in Practice" can be taken/done during any of the Individual Tuition Programmes.



Special lunch with the teacher

Ideal to practise Italian in a more relaxed context. It can be booked in combination with all the Executive Programmes.





Special programmes

Enjoy 50 +

The Enjoy 50 + programme has been specifically created to cater for mature students aged 50 +, interested in learning Italian while enjoying art, culture and our beautiful cuisine. **Lessons** are organised at all levels and are very interactive. They focus on the most practical uses of Italian language, from facing every day situations such as going shopping and booking a hotel room to using History of Art, Opera and Italian culture as springboards for discussion.



Key facts:

- **20 x 45 minute lessons** per week + cultural & social activities
- 10.00-13.15, Mon to Fri + afternoon, evening and weekend activities
- Course length: 2 weeks
- Max class size: 10
- Min entry level: Beginner A1

Sample programme	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WEEK 1	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 50+ Course Presentation h15:00-16:30 Welcome Tour of the city centre	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Presentation & visit of the Duomo Cathedral and its Terraces	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) Lunch with the teacher! Suggestions: walk along the Navigli canals and the antique boutiques	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Presentation and visit of Brera Art Gallery (Pinacoteca), walk in Brera district and stop for a tea in one of the typical bars of the area	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Visit of the Museum of Teatro della Scala h19:30 At Antonella's! Cooking lesson followed by typical Italian dinner	Excursion to Lake Como Departure at h10:00 to Como, visit of the historical centre, lunch on the lake and shopping! Back to Milan in the late afternoon
WEEK 2	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Presentation & visit of the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio and of the prestigious Università Cattolica	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Leonardo and Milano: Visit of Cenacolo (Last Supper) and Science Museum "Leonardo Da Vinci"	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Presentation and visit of the Museum of Milano	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) h14:30 Guided visit of Casa Manzoni, walk in the chic "Quadrilatero della Moda" and stop at the famous "Caffè Cova"	10.00-13.15 General Italian (Standard course) Free afternoon! h20:00 Farewell Dinner in typical Italian restaurant	

Italian with Internship

The Italian with Internship programme combines the **study of the Italian language** with the opportunity of **working in the busy environment of our language school**. The **ideal candidate** should be **over 21** with at least a **mid-intermediate level** of Italian, should have a **high school diploma or a degree** and be a reliable, outgoing and hard-working person. The programme should last **8 weeks** and is made up of 4 weeks of course only and 4 weeks of course in the morning and work in the afternoon, for about **2 hours each day**. Tasks include helping reception desk, making contacts with fashion and design schools and universities, helping the marketing department. The work is intended to help you put your Italian into practice and is unpaid. At the end of the work experience students receive a **reference letter together with their End of Course Certificate**.

Accommodation

Our accommodation is **carefully selected and visited** regularly throughout the year by our accommodation department. They are all well connected to school by underground, tram or bus. The average travel time is **around 25 minutes**.

▶ **Host family:** the best way to practise Italian! Students are always accommodated in single rooms unless two friends ask to share. It's possible to book **half board** or **breakfast only**, in which case students can use the kitchen to cook dinner. **Executive host family** with private bathroom is also available.

▶ **Shared flats:** ideal for the students who wish to be a bit more independent, the flats are **often shared with an Italian host**. Students have their own single room and share the kitchen and the bathroom with the other tenants. Hotels, hotel apartments and hostels are also available.



Useful information

Climate

Milan has a typical continental climate and every season has its own appeal and advantages. Spring is sunny and warm, with temperatures ranging from 12 to 20 degrees. Summer can be hot and humid, reaching 30-32 degrees in July and August. Outdoors swimming-pools, air-conditioning and the nearby mountains and the sea provide refreshment! Autumn is mild; there can be changeable weather conditions with rain. Winter is quite cold and the temperature can drop below 0° in December and January.

Insurance

All students are advised to take out a travel insurance policy. The policy should cover medical expenses, repatriation, loss or theft of property and cancellation of courses.

Arriving in Milan

Milan is served by three airports: **LINATE** is the most convenient, about 7 kms from the centre. Take bus no. 73 or a taxi to the city centre. Travel time is around 25 min. **MALPENSA** is about 45 kms from central Milan. Students arriving at Malpensa can either take the Malpensa shuttle bus to Stazione Centrale or the Malpensa Express train to Cadorna Station or Stazione Centrale. From there students can take the underground, a bus or taxi to their final destination. Travel time is around 40-50 min.

BERGAMO ORIO AL SERIO is about 60 kms from central Milano. Students can take a shuttle bus to Stazione Centrale. Travel time is around 60 min. Check www.sea-aeroportimilano.it and www.sacbo.it for more details. Students arriving by train in Milan will arrive at **Stazione Centrale**.

Visas

Citizens of the EU do not require a visa to enter Italy. Citizens of non-EU countries may need a visa and should contact their nearest Italian Embassy or Consulate for further information. IH Milan offers full support for sending the required documents.

Meeting service

An IH Milan representative can meet students on arrival if required and accompany them to their accommodation. As this is quite an expensive service, we suggest that students take a taxi or local transportation.

Travel cards and bus passes

Several options are available, from daily to monthly passes. They can be purchased at the ATM Point near Duomo Cathedral





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