



Study Italian
on the Amalfi Coast



Accademia Leonardo

S A L E R N O



the school



Language laboratory

A vast range of audio and video tapes are available to the students free of charge, in order to perfect phonetics and practise the use of Italian language structure.



Reading room

In the afternoon the library is available for students to read and study. In addition to the reading room, there is a room available where students can watch Italian TV programs and films.

The ideal place to study

For many years, Accademia Leonardo has been a lively culture center, welcoming hundreds of students of every nationality who wish to begin and perfect their knowledge of the Italian language, while at the same time, want to experience Italian lifestyle in one of the most recommended destinations in our country.

The primary goal of the school is to increase the value of and encourage Italian language and culture with the help of our teachers who have been selected on the basis of their dedication, professionalism, communication skills, and personality.

Accademia Leonardo is situated in a historic noble building in the center of the City of Salerno. One side of the school overlooks the city's botanical garden and Theatre Verdi, while the other side views the Gulf of Salerno and the Castle of the Prince Arechi. The location of the school is ideal with restaurants, pizzeria, shops, and beaches just a few steps away. Accademia Leonardo welcomes students into a warm and familiar environment. Our classrooms, coloured and decorated with fresco paintings, create a cheerful and enthusiastic atmosphere ideal for learning a new language. Each classroom is furnished and equipped with modern multimedia.



Multimedia room

Students have free access to a multimedia room where they can surf the web using the schools computers or their own connecting to our Wi-fi LAN.





our teachers

Our teachers are trained in teaching Italian language and culture, with a specialisation of teaching Italian to foreign students. They are young, dynamic, enthusiastic, and always available to meet the needs of students. Through the use of reading newspapers and literary materials, listening to dialogues and songs, and watching films, our lessons are conducted with the diligence of our students in order to master their linguistic abilities.

Students are actively involved and maintain attention so that they receive the highest level of learning experience possible. The dedication of our teachers is carefully supervised to ensure that each student's learning experience coincides with their expectations.

A wonderful experience

The primary goal of our courses is to create a communicative competence that will allow students to express themselves using the Italian language in the appropriate context in an efficient and coherent manner. Our courses guide the student to utilize the Italian language beyond the context of the classroom and prepare them to interact in everyday situations. After the first day of class, the student will get in touch with the language, and will be encouraged to participate in numerous activities proposed by our teachers. Thanks to the interactions in our group class, students actively participate in the lessons taking on the leading role in their learning experience. Our courses do not neglect grammatical structures, but teach them to be used for the purpose of communicating and expressing oneself.

Immediate application of vocabulary and grammatical structures to real-life situations is key to our method. The needs of each student are at the center of instruction. Each teacher takes on the role of the facilitator, helping students apply what they've learned, allowing them to "make the language their own." Dialogues are not pre-arranged and memorized, but rather initiated by students based on authentic everyday situations.



study method





italian courses and levels

Group Courses and private lessons are available throughout the year. All courses can be attended for periods of one week or longer. There are four lessons a day, Monday through Friday. Each lesson is 55 minutes long. Each class has a minimum of 3 participants and a maximum of 12. If there should be only 1 or 2 participants in a certain course/level, the number of hours will be reduced to two hours a day.

Individual courses are extremely flexible. Designed for those who have little time available but precise objectives to reach, the course is completely structured around the needs of the student. As soon as the student arrives, both the student and teacher will organise a personalized program ideal for the student in terms of scheduling and level of study.

Proficient User C1

Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express him/herself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Independent User B1

Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise while travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

Proficient User C2

Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.

Independent User B2

Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

Basic User A1

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Basic User A2

Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

programs

The Italian Standard Course is our most frequently attended course and ideal for those who want to study Italian and have free time to dedicate to tourism and extra curricular activities. In our group class, with the help of our teachers, students will discover the global functioning of the Italian language and deepen their understanding of the four main language skills: speaking, reading, writing, and listening.

The Italian Course Intensive is recommended to those who wish to dedicate as much time as possible to learning Italian and favour group interactions. The course is divided into collective lessons in the morning and afternoon. Morning sessions will follow the lessons that have been prepared for the Italian Standard Course, while afternoon sessions will pay particular attention to the consolidation of a few grammatical structures to improve written and oral skills.

The Italian Language Course PLUS combines group and individual lessons. Morning sessions will follow the lessons that have been prepared for the Italian Standard Course. During the hour dedicated to individual study, the student may suggest to the instructor particular needs and interests. This course is recommended for those who wish to personalize their studies, without giving up group interactions.

1 italian standard course

- Minimum Duration : 1 week
- 20 lessons a week, from Monday to Friday
- 4 lessons Italian Standard Course a day
- Minimum 3 students per class
- Maximum 12 students per class

2 italian course intensive

- Minimum Duration : 1 week
- 30 lessons a week, from Monday to Friday
- 4 lesson in the morning and 2 lessons in the afternoon
- Minimum 3 students per class
- Maximum 12 students per class

3 italian language course plus

- Minimum Duration : 1 week
- 25 lessons a week, from Monday to Friday
- 4 lessons in the morning and one hour of individual lesson in the afternoon
- Maximum 12 students per class

Our Italian Course for Professionals combines our Italian Standard Course with afternoon group sessions dedicated to the technical terminology relative in the world of economics, tourism, law, medicine, and opera.

The course is designed specifically to enhance specialised vocabulary and develop a linguistic competency and communication skills related to specific matter.

Our 50+ course is designed for those who wish to take part in the experience of learning a language with other students of similar age. Lessons not only focus on Italian grammar and conversation, but analyze social and cultural aspects of the host country.

The course, enriched with a vast series of cultural activities and excursions, includes guided tours of the city, cooking lessons, cinema, theatre and musical spectacles. Extra Curricular activities are included in the price.

This course is designed specifically for junior students ranging from ages 10 to 15 years old. During the lesson, the teacher will teach Italian language and culture through songs, games and various activities. Integrated into the lesson are cultural and sporting activities organised by the school and supervised by special guides: tour of the city, canoeing, trekking, mountain bike, and cooking lessons. Extra Curricular activities are included in the price. As soon as the students arrive, our secretary will provide them with the daily programs and activities.

4 italian course for professionals

- Minimum Duration : 2 weeks
- 30 lessons a week,
from Monday to Friday,
- 4 lessons in the morning and 2 hours
of specialized lesson in the afternoon
- Min. 3 students in the evening classes
- Maximum 12 students per group

5 course 50+

- Minimum Duration : 1 week
- 20 lessons a week,
Monday to Friday
- Excursions
- 4 lesson Italian Standard Course
- Minimum 3 students per group
- Maximum 12 students per group

6 junior courses

- Minimum Duration: 2 weeks
- 20 lessons a week,
Monday to Friday
- Excursions
- 4 lesson Italian Standard Course
- Minimum 3 students per group
- Maximum 12 students per group



The first day of school

Students will be welcomed by the staff of Accademia Leonardo where they will be provided with information about the school and extra curricular activities. Students will also be given informative materials about the city and major tourist attractions.



Canoeing, trekking, and mountain biking

Canoeing along the Amalfi Coast from Vietri to Erchie is a unique experience. Students can visit the suburban fisherman's village of Cetara, and have free time to take the sun and go swimming and snorkelling. You cannot miss the guided excursion through the hills of the Amalfi Coast where one can admire the magnificent scenery and spectacular view of the coast from Positano to Capri. While trekking in the National Park of Cilento, one can admire the pristine nature and taste typical products such as bread, honey, wheat biscuits, wine and cheese, taken directly off the farms. All excursions are conducted by a professional guide.

school activities



Lunch and dinner with...

During the low season, the school organises weekly lunches prepared by the teachers for the students. During the summer, however, dinners and social activities are held outside of school. Our gatherings provide a great opportunity for students to socialize with other students and the school's staff.

Our culture courses are based on two pillars of Italian tradition: Mediterranean cuisine and ceramics.

Italian cooking course

A plunge into authentic traditional Mediterranean cuisine, ancient art that contains the secrets of our grandparents, our cooking course is based on the work and preparation of “home made pasta” –gnocchi, fusilli, tagliatelle, orecchiette – and sauces. Dishes will be demonstrated and prepared by our teachers together with the students. After each lesson, students will enjoy the plates they have prepared. The course is held throughout the year. Each lesson will have a minimum of 2 participants, and will not exceed 10.

Ceramics decoration course

Our ceramics decoration course offers lessons on the theory of contemporary visual arts, in relation to ceramic paintings. Students will follow the techniques illustrated throughout the lesson, and practise decorating and painting on ceramic material. Lessons are taught by a professional ceramic instructor.



culture

Excursions and activities

The school organizes guided visits throughout the city of Salerno as well as other major tourist destinations such as Vietri, Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, Paestum, Palinuro, Ercolano, Pompeii, and Napoli. Students will also be given the chance to take the only guided visit where it is possible to see up close how our regions famous Mozzarella di Bufala is produced.





The school offers accommodations for short or long periods of study. Normally, accommodations are available from the day before the start of the course up until the afternoon following the completion of the course. All accommodations are located within walking distance from the school. Accommodations will also be arranged by the school for students who wish to stay for a period exceeding four weeks. Accommodation choices are as follows:

B&B

B&B is an elegant residence with finely decorated rooms and private bathrooms located in the centro storico "old town" of Salerno. Surrounded by lemon and orange trees, the villa's spectacular garden with a breathtaking view of the sea, is a tranquil oasis. It is an ideal place to enjoy the warmth of the sun, the blue of the sky and the colours of the fruits of the trees.

Amenities:

- TV
- internet connection
- Jacuzzi in the garden
- restaurant

accomodations



One-room flat

Our one-room flats are independently composed of a bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. They are small, but furnished with style and comfort. They are positioned in the most central part of the city: in the centro storico "old town", or along the main street of the city.

In an apartment

Students can share an apartment with other students from the school, Italian students, or the owner of the apartment. Apartments are located in the center of the city, just a few steps, or at maximum a few bus stops away from the school. Usually, our apartments accommodate up to 6 students, in a single or double room with a kitchen and shared bathroom. Rooms are furnished and include bed linens. Water, electricity, and gas are included in the price of the apartment.

With a family

Living with a family allows students to have direct contact with real Italian lifestyle. The family represents a type of Language Fitness Center. Since family members speak exclusively in Italian, students will have the opportunity to practise and enhance their proper language abilities. Our families, carefully selected, offer students a warm and serene atmosphere. Families are composed of parents and children, spouses, or couples. Students can chose an accommodation with a family including either breakfast, or half board.





Salerno



Between history and sea

Salerno is situated on a coastline that spans 200 km from Positano to Cilento, encompassing the culture and land of the Mediterranean allowing one to immerse themselves into the noble traditions of the South of Italy. With a mild climate, beautiful beaches, artistic treasures, regional landscape, and far from mass tourism, Salerno is an ideal destination for those who wish to study Italian and enjoy a pleasant vacation. Equipped with everything necessary to be an urban city, Salerno is at the same time a place to relax and find oneself. The city is full of many cultural and tourist attractions that can be enjoyed walking along the city's small but vivid centro storico – “old town.”

The generosity, kindness, and willingness of the locals will add to a pleasant stay creating an unforgettable experience.

The city is capable of satisfying the needs of tourists of all ages. On the one hand, there are many bars, restaurants, night clubs, and discotheques where young people crowd around until the late hours of the night. On the other hand, the city offers rich cultural programs for adults such as outdoor concerts, exhibitions, the theatre, festivals and cultural manifestations.

Additionally, Salerno is a strategic point where one can visit important tourist destinations. The city is just 15 minutes away from the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, 30 minutes from the important archaeological site of Paestum, and about 50 minutes from Naples and the island of Capri. All destinations are easy to reach by means of public transportation.





the Amalfi Coast



the Divine Coast

The Amalfi Coast is part of the bell-shaped coast that overlooks the Gulf of Salerno. The coast, given the name "La Divina" for its landscape and superb beauty, is an elegant tourist destination that attracts lovers of the sea, the sun, and young people in search of a good time.

The scenery of the coast is characterised by cliffs overlooking the sea. The coast is full of small seafaring villages that preserve natural treasures and artefacts. We advise you to discover this miraculous angle of paradise beginning with Vietri sul Mare, a village famous for its ceramic shops, followed by Cetara's fisherman's village noted for its colatura di alici. On the road to Amalfi, you can't miss Maiori, Minori, the medieval Atrani, and Ravello with its marvellous gardens hanging over the sea.

The last leg of your journey of the coast will end with Amalfi. Walking through the maze of paths, you will feel like you are walking in the Repubblica Marinara, the first Italian Republic of the Sea after the fall of the Roman Empire. The journey ends in Positano, a village of small white houses erected on the rocks of the coast, offering the opportunity to shop in the famous boutiques of "moda Positano" while enjoying the beauty of the sea.



Capri

The island of Capri is situated in front of the peninsula of Sorrento, celebrated for its beauty since the time of the Roman Empire. The coast is sculpted by numerous grottos, with the most famous being the "Grotta Azzurra." Capri remains a desired and dreamed about destination visited by tourists from around the world. While strolling along the streets, it is possible to come across artists painting, writing, and using the energy of the island to create their next book, film, or album.





Distances from the main touristic locations:

Napoli:	km. 54	Paestum:	km. 38
Caserta:	Km. 69	Agropoli:	km. 47
Amalfi:	km. 24	Castellabate:	km. 59
Positano:	km. 43	Palinuro:	km. 106
Sorrento:	km. 55	Sapri:	km. 126

how to reach us



by car

The city of Salerno is one of the principle hubs of the Italian motorway. To reach the city, take A3 Salerno-Reggio Calabria.



by train

The Italian railway service of Intercity and Eurostar is the fastest way to arrive in the city. Train schedules are available at: www.trenitalia.com



by plane

The airport of Naples (Capodichino) is only 45 km from Salerno. It is also possible to reach us from the airport of Salerno.

Upon the student's request, the school offers a pick-up service from the Railway Station (Salerno or Naples) or from Naples airport to the students reserved residence. The service is provided by a member of our staff. Pick-up service is mandatory for students arriving after 22:00.



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