



ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF
THE ITALIAN CULTURE IN SINGAPORE

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTRE SINGAPORE

Promoting Italian Language & Culture in Singapore since the 1970s.

GROUP LANGUAGE COURSES

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Buongiorno!

A very warm welcome from all of us here at the **APICS Italian Cultural Centre** 

You're probably already familiar with Ferrari, Gucci, Pavarotti, Pasta and Pizza...

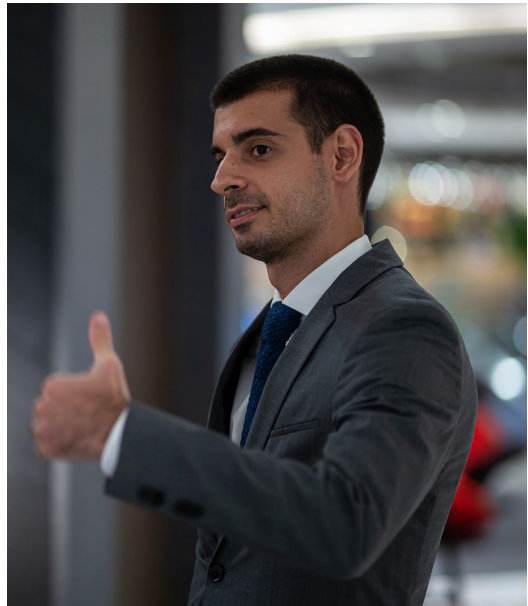
...but did you know that the Italian alphabet only has 21 letters? Or that it wasn't until 1861 that Italian actually became an official language? Or how about that Italian is the official language of classical music?

Italy is in fact so extremely rich in history and culture. It is my mission together with our team of nearly 30 teachers and staff to guide you on your learning journey.

APICS is your gateway into all aspects of Italian language & culture in Singapore. As the great Leonardo Da Vinci put it: "Learning never exhausts the mind".

Dear Friends, let's learn together...

We look forward to welcoming you to the Italian Cultural Centre, *benvenuti!*



Respectfully,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jahan Rezai'.

Jahan Rezai (President)

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INTRODUCTION

APICS Italian Cultural Centre is the specialised Centre for Italian language & culture in Singapore, our roots originate since the 1970s.

Our teachers are qualified, screened native Italian speakers with extensive experience in teaching Italian as a second language. APICS is the only official exam centre in Southeast Asia to offer both the CILS and CELI exam certifications, offered respectively by the University for Foreigners of Siena and the University for Foreigners of Perugia. These certifications are internationally-recognized and will be a highly valuable addition within a CV.

We also run the Italian Supplementary School (Scuola Supplementare Italiana) for kids ranging from toddlers to teenagers.

We are an independent non-for-profit organization and beyond language courses, we are proud to offer a huge variety of social, educational and experiential activities connected with Italian culture.

Join our community if you are interested in any aspect of Italian language & culture!



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WHY LEARN ITALIAN WITH US?



EXPERIENCE

Our history in Singapore originates since the 1970s



FOCUSED

We are the only specialised Centre for Italian in Singapore



QUALIFIED

Our teachers are qualified, screened native Italian speakers with extensive experience in teaching Italian as a second language



CERTIFICATION

Obtain globally-recognised official certifications with us



COMMUNITY

Be part of our large social community of Italians and Italian-Enthusiasts



AMICI CARD

Our students receive their free Amici fidelity card to access discounts from Italian brands in Singapore

SKILLS *future* SG

APICS Beginner courses are Skillsfuture claimable

APICS is formally recognized by the Government of Singapore and Embassy of Italy in Singapore. We are also partners of various prestigious Universities and Schools in Italy and work in strategic alliance with other Italian Institutions based in Singapore.



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di Perugia



Università
Ca' Foscari
Venezia



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TEACHING TEAM & STAFF



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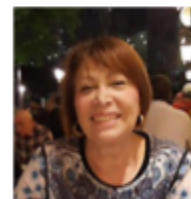
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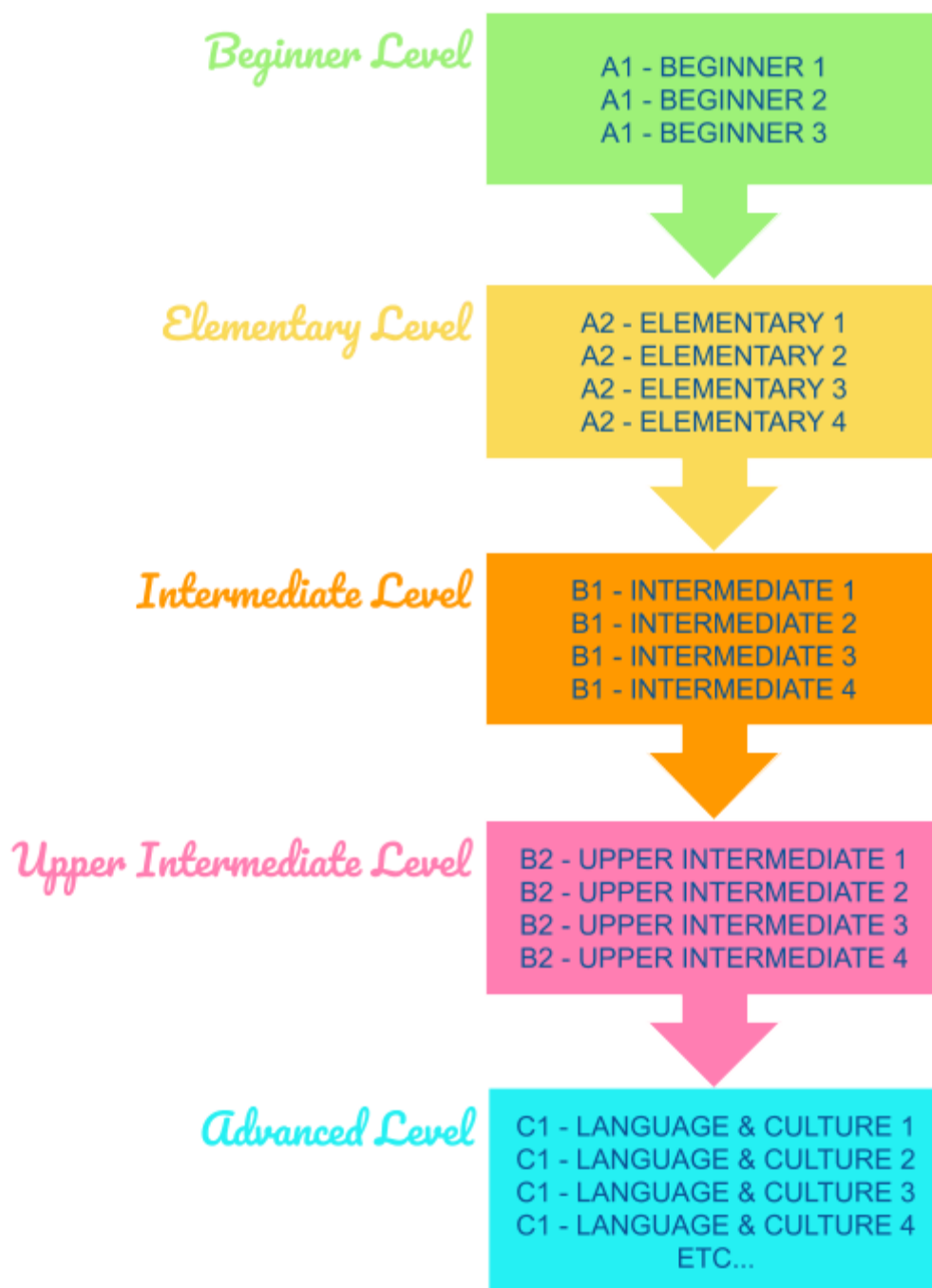
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COURSE PROGRESSION

All APICS courses follow the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):



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A1 - BEGINNER 1

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

The course targets people who have never studied Italian before. The students experience their first contact with Italian language, learning its sounds and basic structures enabling them to cope with very simple and practical communication contexts, both formally and informally. The course allows learners to effectively develop all four major language skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing - in the target language following the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Course content:

Greetings, introducing yourself and others, asking and giving personal information, talking about family; identifying things and people using affirmative, negative and interrogative structures; formal and informal way of addressing, nationalities, job and professions, numbers 1-100, days of week, months.

Grammatical structures:

Gender and number of Italian nouns and adjectives (feminine, masculine, singular, plural), definitive and indefinite articles, some prepositions (di, a, da, in), present tense of Essere (to be) and Avere (to have), present tense of the 1st . conjugation verbs in -are (regular verbs).

A1 - BEGINNER 2

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

The communication skills of this course are expanded to exchanges of information about home, family, routine activities, everyday situations and friends. The students learn to describe people and places of interest, objects and cities. The course allows learners to effectively develop all four major language skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing - in the target language following the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Course content:

Describing yourself, people, objects and cities; talking about your family; understanding and asking for directions; famous Italian monuments and museums; transportation; a typical Italian family day.

Grammatical structures:

Possessive, demonstrative and interrogative adjectives; present tense of 2 nd. Conjugation verbs in -ere and 3 rd. conjugation verbs in -ire (regular and irregular); use of 'vorrei' (I would like), prepositions of place.

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A1 - BEGINNER 3

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

The students become able to talk about themselves and their activities using time references (past tense), express personal preferences, order at the bar and at the restaurant. They learn about shopping times, touristic locations, Italian cuisine, meals and regional dishes. The course allows learners to effectively develop all four major language skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing - in the target language following the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Course content:

Saying what you can do/you want to do/you are able to do; asking and saying the time; talking about your past holidays; talking about months and seasons; saying your likes and dislikes; asking information and booking a flight/ a tour and a table at the restaurant.

Grammatical structures:

Present tense and present perfect of reflexive and reciprocal; present tense of modal verbs (can, be able to, to want), prepositions, present perfect of regular and irregular verbs, frequency adverbs, the verb "Piacere" (to like), direct pronouns, partitives, indefinite adjectives.

Italian culture and customs:

Fashion; Italian designers; Italian geography and the biggest cities; the Italian house; Italian famous houses; the beauty of the Italian landscape.

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A2 - ELEMENTARY 1 to 4

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

In this course the students will have a review of grammar and topic contents learned in level A1. They will reach a better and deeper grasp of the grammar and the syntax of the Italian language as well as the vocabulary and the idiomatic expressions. The course will enable them to master the linguistic competence to support opinions, discuss customs and traditions, Italian lifestyle and made in Italy products.

Communicative goals:

Saying your job and describing your job; looking for a part-time/full-time job; describing the Italian lifestyle; describing Italian regions and arranging a holiday to Italy; buying typical Italian products.

Grammatical structures:

Nouns, adjectives, regular and irregular verbs, articles, prepositions, pronouns.

Italian culture and customs:

The Italian lifestyle; the job situation in Italy; Italian products, Italian cities and traditions.

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B1 - INTERMEDIATE 1 to 4

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

The aim of this course is to offer a deeper insight into the grammatical structures and to improve student's oral and written communication skills; students will learn to make inquiries about courses and personal documents, will be able to discuss differences between the modern and past Italian society. They will discuss plans, forecasts, promises, wishes and probabilities.

Communicative goals:

- Talking about past habits, describing past situations and events, making comparisons between past and present, express emotions.
- Put the facts in relation to each other, draw conclusions.
- Being able to express themselves using conditions related to the past/the present and the future, expressing wishes, talking about possibilities and opportunities, making hypotheses, talking about probabilities, describing future programs.
- Convince, encourage, give advice.
- Express an opinion, object and defend a point of view.

Grammatical structures:

Review of the indicative tenses- present, present perfect; imperfect; past absolute; future; present and past conditional tenses; prepositions; relative pronouns; combined pronouns.

Italian culture and customs:

Festivals and celebrations; music and traditions; Italian famous products; history and archeology.

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B2 - UPPER INTERMEDIATE 1 to 4

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

The course aims to lead students to become *independent learners* who can master Italian language and interact fluently and spontaneously with native speakers without strains on either party. With stronger lexical and linguistic skills, they will easily fit in the Italian environment, travel or stay in Italy. The students will acquire the fluency to describe appropriately different places, people, needs and moods and their conversation will become more complete.

Communicative goals:

- Understand the main ideas of complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics;
- Understand speeches of various length and follow even complex arguments, including technical discussions in their field of specialization;
- Produce clear, detailed texts on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on issues by giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options;
- Become able to read literary text and news from newspapers, magazines and the web;
- Be able to work on extracts from TV shows, commercials and films in standard Italian;
- Acquire the ability to produce clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of cultural topics and current events of interest to them.

Grammatical structures:

Review of all the indicative tenses and conditional tense; subjunctive tenses, (present and imperfect); dependent and independent sentences.

Italian culture and customs:

Italian language today; famous poets and writers; Italian history in the 1900s

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C1 - LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Length of each course: 24 hours

Course objectives:

The module is designed for all those who want to enhance their conversation skills as well their knowledge of the Italian culture and lifestyle. Moreover, the module offers the opportunity of deepening the lexical, grammatical and syntactic aspects of the Italian language.

Communicative goals:

- Be able to talk about all aspects of Italian history, politics, economics, design, cinema and society, food, nutrition and drinks.
- Express your opinion on different habits in Italy and your country.
- Be able to choose the most suitable language functions to speak and maintain conversation on the above topics and be able to express your point of view by using a language that is not only appropriate but also efficient for communicative purposes.
- Be able to write clear and well-structured texts using different registers according to the communicative situation (social relations, work, study, etc.).

Grammatical structures:

Review of grammatical structures learnt over the previous modules.

Italian culture and customs:

Politics; history; industry; Italy and Europe; literature and arts; food and the Mediterranean diet; drinks; lifestyle.

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WHAT ELSE DO WE OFFER?

Beyond group language courses, we are proud to offer a huge variety of social, educational and experiential activities connected with Italian culture:

- > Toddler's Playgroup for ages 0-3 years: www.apics.com.sg/parents-toddlers-playgroup
- > Italian Supplementary School for ages 3-18 years: www.scuolaitaliana.sg
- > Italian Super Crash Course completed in only 2 weeks: www.apics.com.sg/crash-course
- > Italian Private Classes for any age group: www.apics.com.sg/private-classes
- > Italian Private Classes for companies: www.apics.com.sg/corporate-classes
- > Italian Courses for schools: www.apics.com.sg/for-schools
- > Online Italian courses: <https://www.apics.com.sg/online-classes>
- > Italian Cooking activities for kids, adults & companies: www.apics.com.sg/cuisine
- > Italian Art activities for kids & adults: www.apics.com.sg/arts
- > Cultural Trips to Italy: www.apics.com.sg/cultural-trips
- > International School Exchange programs: www.apics.com.sg/educational-exchanges
- > Social Events: www.apics.com.sg/social

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CONTACT US

For further assistance, please contact these team members:



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Language Coordinator

Antonia is APICS' language coordinator for all adult courses. She has 18 years of experience in teaching Italian as a second language and can assist with planning your route to learning Italian based on your objectives.



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Student's Representative

Lilian represents APICS' students as the liaison between students and APICS' Management Team. She is currently a student herself and also serves on the Committee of APICS.



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Marketing & Social Events Manager

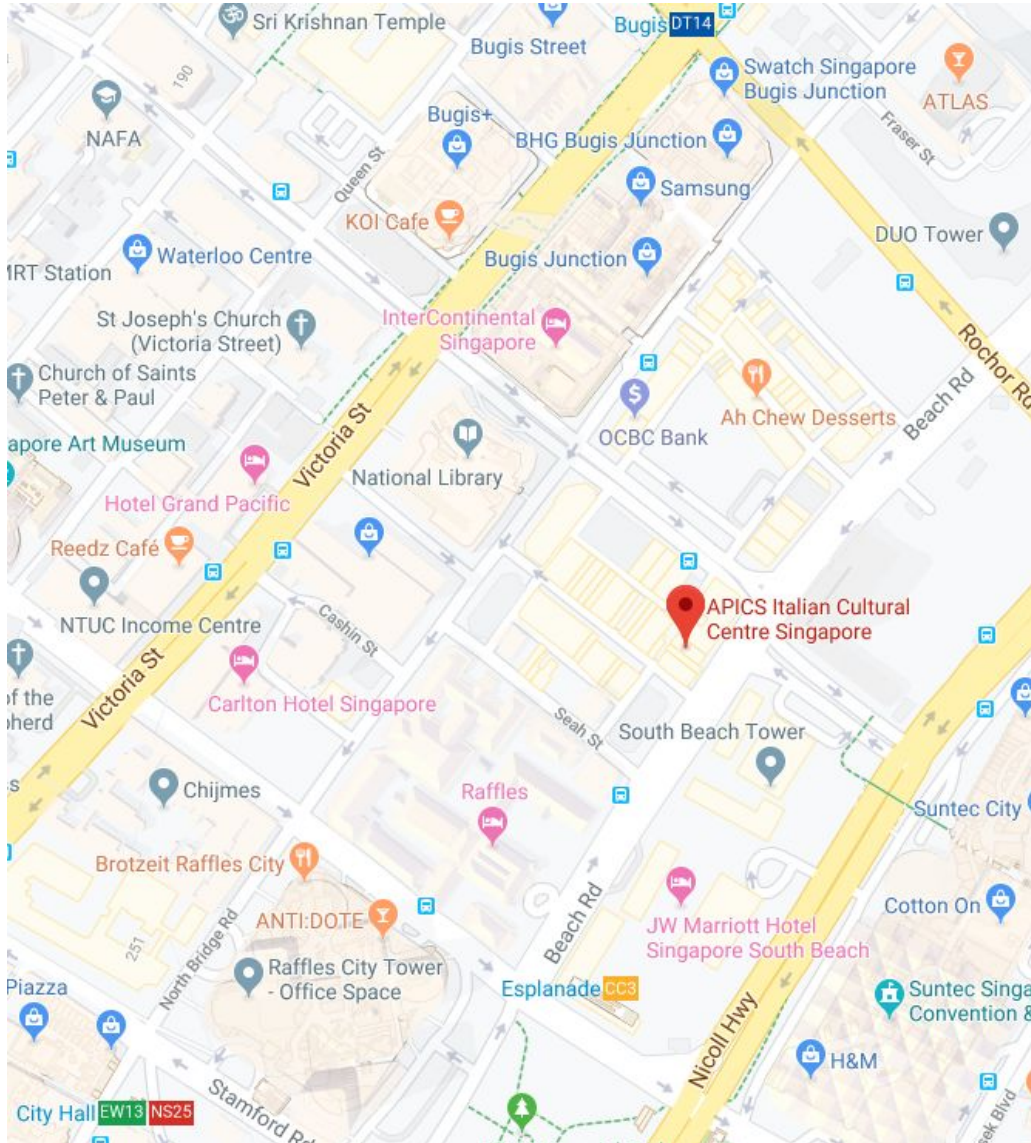
Patrizia leads our Marketing & Social Events activities. Contact Patrizia if you would like to know about our upcoming events calendar. One of our core values is collaboration, so if you work in an organization that would like to taste a flavour of Italy, please share this with Patrizia!

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LOCATE US



TRAVELLING BY MRT OR BUS?

Our Centre is walking distance from Esplanade MRT Station (CC3), Bugis MRT Station (EW12) and City Hall MRT Station (NS25/EW13).

We are also near several bus stops, located after Beach Road – 01631, before Beach Road – 01639 and at Shaw Towers, Beach Road – 01629.

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