

Lorenzo de' Medici Institute

The Italian International Institute

Founded in 1973 in Florence, Lorenzo de' Medici (LdM) is Italy's most comprehensive and well-established international institution, offering Italian Language and study abroad programs. LdM campuses are located in Florence, Rome and Tuscany, and thanks to its 40 years of experience and research in teaching Italian Language and culture to foreigners, LdM is able to offer the highest quality education to its students.

LdM Florence is located in the historic quarter of San Lorenzo, close to the famous Medici Chapel and the San Lorenzo Market. The campus encompasses 12 buildings in the historic city center. LdM in Florence is perfect for students looking for exciting city life with easy access to the tranquil Tuscan countryside. LdM Rome is located in a beautiful 19th century palace on Via XX Settembre, in one of the most interesting areas of the city. Finally, LdM Tuscany offers the opportunity of true cultural immersion within the intimate setting of a medieval town located in the Latium region.

LdM is authorized by the Ministry of Education, University and Research in Italy (decree dated December 2, 1989), and it is listed among educational agencies accredited by the Region of Tuscany (decree nr. 1579 dated April 4, 2010).

LdM also offers a wide choice of art courses taught in English (information available contacting info@lorenzodemedici.it) and is a well-established member of the following associations, forums and federations:

- ASILS - Association of Schools Teaching Italian as a Second Language
- CCIS - College Consortium of International Studies
- EDUITALIA - Edultalia Consortium
- ELIA - European League of Institutes of the Arts
- FEDE - Federation of European Schools
- Forum of Education Abroad
- WYSE - World Youth Student & Educational Travel
- IALC - International Association of Language Centres
- NAFSA - National Association of Foreign Student Advisors

LdM was awarded the Languagecourse.net "Excellence Award" in 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009 and 2008 based on customer satisfaction and outstanding service.

"Don't just study italian, live it!"

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

By studying at LdM, you will improve in all four language skills—listening, speaking, reading and writing—all presented in context and emphasized by dramatization and role play.

The small number of students in each class and our international student body helps you to actively participate in the learning process. Here you will find constant interaction between teachers and LdM students from all over the world, speaking Italian, and together discovering all that Italy has to offer, in and outside of the classroom! Furthermore, in Superintensive, you benefit even more from the presence of two teachers for the same class.

Learning a new language is more than just learning grammar and vocabulary. To learn Italian, you must also understand its culture. At LdM you will discover new facts about Italy and its different regions, listen to many kinds of Italian music, watch Italian films, read and discuss Italian books and newspapers.

We take you outside of the classroom to give you the opportunity to use all that you have learned. From trips to the market, visits to Italian universities to meet Italian students, and other similar activities, you will be able to feel confident in your new language. As you discover more about Italy and interact with real Italians, your desire to speak Italian and understand Italy and its culture will grow.



“Our classrooms...”

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of 25 professors who specialize in teaching Italian at LdM. We are all native Italian speakers with degrees from Italian universities and a passion for what we do. We have a lot of experience in teaching Italian language and culture to foreign students, but you can never have enough! Therefore, we hold workshops for our Italian language teachers to share and develop new teaching techniques together, as well as attending professional seminars and international conferences.

Our enthusiastic team of full-time academic coordinators, works to create new course material and collaborates with teachers to meet individual student needs.

At LdM, we understand that to learn Italian well, you should feel like a part of your Italian community. By acting as cultural facilitators, we help our students to achieve the intercultural learning experience that they are seeking. In an effort to promote cultural exchange, our faculty constantly works to develop local relationships with institutions such as: The Comune di Firenze, Regione Toscana, University of Florence, University of Viterbo, Comune di Tuscania, Local Authority of Provincial Culture in Viterbo, and the Local Authority of Regional Culture in Lazio.



“...have no walls.”

GROUP COURSE OFFERINGS AND PRICES

SUPERINTENSIVE

Florence (All year long)

Superintensive meets from 9.00 am to 12.40 pm, Monday through Friday (on Fridays lessons will also include specific aspects of Italian culture).

Absolute beginners start classes on the Monday of the first week of each month (e.g. April 28 for the May session).

This course is offered in seven levels, each of which takes four weeks to be completed.

Students benefit from the presence of two teachers for the same class.

4 hrs. per day for 2 weeks = 40 hrs. € 340,00

4 hrs. per day for 3 weeks = 60 hrs. € 510,00

4 hrs. per day for 1 month = 80 hrs. € 630,00

4 hrs. per day for 2 months = 160 hrs. € 1.160,00

4 hrs. per day for 3 months = 240 hrs. € 1.660,00

4 hrs. per day for 4 months = 320 hrs. € 2.220,00

4 hrs. per day for 5 months = 400 hrs. € 2.650,00

4 hrs. per day for 6 months = 480 hrs. € 3.050,00

Extra week € 145,00

Tuscania (Feb - May; Sept - Dec)

14 weeks € 1.900,00

Superintensive meets from 9.00 am to 12.40 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Italian Culture (ITC courses)

In all LdM sites we also offer courses on different aspects of Italian culture in Italian (for example: Italian for Tourism, Italian through Cooking, Art History, etc.). These courses require a specific level of Italian language (from A1 to C1), and are offered on a semester basis (Jan. - May and Sept. - Dec.) and on a monthly basis (June and July sessions), in accordance with the yearly course planning.

For any further details regarding program, requirements and course availability, please contact info@lorenzodemedici.it or ita@lorenzodemedici.it

COMBINATION (Florence and Tuscania)

Students who prefer taking classes in addition to the group class can integrate one extra individual class with an Italian professor per day for 1 week (5 hrs. total).

Add 1 hour of individual lesson/day for 1 week = 5 hrs. € 190,00

Non refundable enrolment fee: € 50,00

INTENSIVE

Florence (June-July)

Intensive meets from 1.15 pm to 3.45 pm, Monday through Thursday.

There are six levels, each of which takes 4 weeks to be completed.

48 hrs. monthly € 400,00

Non refundable enrolment fee: € 50,00

Rome (June-July)

Intensive meets Monday through Thursday. There are six levels, each of which takes 4 weeks to be completed.

48 hrs. monthly € 400,00

Non refundable enrolment fee: € 50,00

Tuscania (June-July)

Intensive meets Monday through Thursday. There are six levels, each of which takes 4 weeks to be completed.

48 hrs. monthly € 400,00

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LANGUAGE LEVELS

“Superintensive” courses are offered for 7 different levels (with reference to the levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Satisfactory completion of any one level requires 80 class hours of attendance. Students are enrolled in the most appropriate level on the basis of an entrance test at LdM. “Intensive” courses are offered at 6 levels, and to complete any one level students must attend 40 class hours.

Superintensive and Intensive Elementary 1 = A0-A1

The student who completes the course is able to recognize simple words and phrases, to interact with others at the survival level, and to fill out forms and write simple messages.

Superintensive and Intensive Elementary 2 = A1-A2

The student who completes the course is able to understand and articulate expressions of common and daily use in order to fulfill needs of a concrete type. S/he is able to interact with others in ordinary situations and is able to describe her/himself in basic terms. S/he is able to produce basic written texts.

Superintensive and Intensive Intermediate 1 = A2-B1

The student who completes the course is able to understand the basic points of spoken discourse in standard Italian and to navigate situations commonly met with in travelling. S/he is able to communicate in simple and routine interpersonal situations. S/he is able to produce written texts on topics of common and personal interest. The student is able to describe experiences, events, aspirations and hopes, clear expository texts about experiences and impressions.

Superintensive and Intensive Intermediate 2 = B1-B2

The student who completes the course is able to understand the key ideas of relatively complex written texts. The student is able to interact with a native speaker with sufficient fluency. S/he is able to express an opinion and describe personal goals. The student is able to write clear expository texts about experiences and impressions.

Superintensive and Intensive Advanced 1 = B2

The student who completes the course is able to understand long and complex texts, as long as the subject is fairly familiar, and to read articles and reports on current topics. S/he is able to interact with native speakers with spontaneity and to write clear and structured texts about the advantages and disadvantages of a topic or of different viewpoints.

Superintensive and Intensive Advanced 2 = B2-C1

The student who completes the course is able to understand long spoken discourses, television broadcasts and films. S/he is able to read specialized texts and to participate actively in a discussion. The student is able to write texts of a personal or professional character, bringing out the meanings and diverse facets of the topic. The student is able to perceive variations in sociolinguistic range and in accent.

Superintensive Advanced 3 = C1-C2

The student who completes the course is able to understand without difficulty a wide range of texts, including theoretical and linguistically complex ones, and also to notice regional and social variations in language. S/he is able to participate in a discussion with spontaneity, to express her/himself with precision and is able to command complex language mechanisms in order to reformulate thoughts as best fits the context. The student is able to write clear and stylistically appropriate texts, and in addition to develop shades of meaning.

Magister Linguae

The “Magister Linguae” Certificate is an attestation of competency in Italian as a foreign language for a high level of linguistic competence. The possessor of this certificate is able to communicate in the most varied situations of daily life and show a command of the language in formal contexts, professional and educational. This Certificate is awarded after completion of the Superintensive Advanced 3 course at this Institute, passing both written and oral examinations.

INDIVIDUAL COURSE OFFERINGS AND PRICES

Valid until December 31st 2014

Whenever a student has very specific linguistic objectives or particular time schedule requests, LdM offers individual courses tailored to meet individual needs.

One-to-One individual lessons per 50 minutes € 42,00

Two-to-One Semi-individual lessons per 50 minutes € 64,00
(the cost for each student is € 32,00 euro: same level of Italian language knowledge requested)

Customized schedule: students can choose the amount of weekly hours, according to their specific needs (minimum 5 hrs., maximum 40 hrs.).

On request, any individual schedule can be organized to include art history visits and lunch with the teachers (additional costs for this last option).

In case students already have sufficient confidence with Italian Language, they can also request individual lessons focused on their professional field.

CERTIFICATION COURSES - Florence

Upon request: LdM offers individual courses to prepare students for Proficiency Tests of Italian as a Second Language (customizable schedule).

HOUSING OPTIONS

HOME STAY

Single room

With breakfast from € 27 to € 30 per day

Half board from € 37 to € 40 per day

SHARED APARTMENT

Single room

from € 400 to € 700 per month

Single room

(for stays less than 1 month)

from € 25 to € 27 per day

To download the Housing Form, please visit:

<http://www.ldminstitute.com/en/info/downloads/>

- For all options a security deposit of € 150 must be paid upon receipt of the Housing request form.
- Prices are given as ranges due to differences in Housing costs between LdM's three sites of Florence, Rome and Tuscania.

Please contact info@lorenzodemedici.it for further information.

SERVICES INCLUDED

- Student Point for study and computer access.
- Wi-Fi Internet access throughout the school.
- Housing service.
- LdM Italian language library with a variety of Italian books, periodicals, DVDs, and VHS tapes.
- Recreational activities (meetings with Italian students, art tours, movies, seminars, hands-on cooking classes in Italian).
- Tutoring: (one-to-one weekly tutorial session free of charge).
- Conversation Exchange with Italians (offered through Tandem, a conversation exchange project which matches LdM students with Italian students from various state universities wishing to improve the languages they are studying).
- LdM Bulletin, a monthly newsletter with information about current activities.
- Cafeteria and garden.
- LdM Certificate or Certificate of Attendance, confirming participation in the relevant course of Italian Language and Culture.



Previous students eligible for a
10% discount on tuition fees

DATES FLORENCE 2014

	January	February	March	April
Begin	7-01-14	3-02-14	3-03-14	31-03-14
End	31-01-14	28-02-14	28-03-14	24-04-14
1st WEEK				
Begin	7-01-14	3-02-14	3-03-14	31-03-14
End	10-01-14	7-02-14	7-03-14	4-04-14
2nd WEEK				
Begin	13-01-14	10-02-14	10-03-14	7-04-14
End	17-01-14	14-02-14	14-03-14	11-04-14
3rd WEEK				
Begin	20-01-14	17-02-14	17-03-14	14-04-14
End	24-01-14	21-02-14	21-03-14	18-04-14
4th WEEK				
Begin	27-01-14	24-02-14	24-03-14	22-04-14
End	31-01-14	28-02-14	28-03-14	24-04-14
	May	June	July	August
Begin	28-04-14	3-06-14	7-07-14	4-08-14
End	23-05-14	27-06-14	1-08-14	29-08-14
1st WEEK				
Begin	28-04-14	3-06-14	7-07-14	4-08-14
End	2-05-14	6-06-14	11-07-14	8-08-14
2nd WEEK				
Begin	5-05-14	9-06-14	14-07-14	11-08-14
End	9-05-14	13-06-14	18-07-14	14-08-14
3rd WEEK				
Begin	12-05-14	16-06-14	21-07-14	18-08-14
End	16-05-14	20-06-14	25-07-14	22-08-14
4th WEEK				
Begin	19-05-14	23-06-14	28-07-14	25-08-14
End	23-05-14	27-06-14	01-08-14	29-08-14

DATES FLORENCE 2014

	September	October	November	December
Begin	1-09-14	29-9-14	27-10-14	24-11-14
End	26-09-14	24-10-14	21-11-14	12-12-14
1st WEEK				
Begin	1-09-14	29-9-14	27-10-14	24-11-14
End	5-09-14	3-10-14	31-10-14	28-11-14
2nd WEEK				
Begin	8-09-14	6-10-14	3-11-14	1-12-14
End	12-09-14	10-10-14	7-11-14	5-12-14
3rd WEEK				
Begin	15-09-14	13-10-14	10-11-14	9-12-14
End	19-09-14	17-10-14	14-11-14	12-12-14
4th WEEK				
Begin	22-09-14	20-10-14	17-11-14	
End	26-09-14	24-10-14	21-11-14	

No group courses are held during the following weeks:

May 26-30, June 30-July 4

Beginners can only start on the first day of the academic month (week #1),

Florence Campus Intensive:

LdM Florence campus offers intensive italian language courses in these periods:

June 3-26

July 7 - July 31

Holidays:

Epiphany: Monday, January 6

Easter Monday: Monday, April 21

Liberation Day: Friday, April 25

Labor Day: Thursday, May 1

Founding of the Republic: Monday, June 2

St. John the Baptist (Florence Patron Saint): Tuesday, June 24th

Assumption of Mary / Ferragosto: Friday, August 15

Immaculate Conception: Monday, December 8

DATES ROME AND TUSCANIA

SUPERINTENSIVE TUSCANIA

Tuscania offers Superintensive Italian language courses in these periods:

February 3 - May 16
September 1 - December 12

No group lessons are held during the following weeks:

March 24 - 28
October 20 - 24

INTENSIVE ROME and TUSCANIA

Rome / Tuscania offer Intensive Italian language courses in these periods:

June 3 - June 26
July 7 - July 31

HOLIDAYS:

Easter Monday: Monday, April 21
Liberation Day: Friday, April 25
Labor Day: Thursday, May 1
Founding of the Republic: Monday, June 2
Assumption of Mary / Ferragosto: Friday, August 15
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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

With LdM, you can take advantage of many activities and opportunities to use your language skills, not only inside the classroom, but outside of it as well. Through our Tandem conversation project, you can meet Italian people to improve your speaking and listening skills while making new friends.

Every week you can also watch an Italian film at LdM. You can participate in weekly guided tours to art galleries, popular museums and historical churches or weekend visits to other interesting places. You can also attend seminars on topics of Italian culture and society that will help you better understand and appreciate life in Italy. You can even contribute to our monthly publication, “Il Giornalino LdM,” about what is happening in the area.

If you are interested in Italian literature or just want to practice your comprehension skills and increase your vocabulary, you can choose from a wide variety of Italian books. Each one of our campuses offers a different variety of extra activities and services according to its own characteristics.



“Discover the beauty
of learning a new language”

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Upon enrolment, 50% of tuition must be paid as well as the non-refundable € 50,00 registration fee. This registration fee will remain valid for 12 months, allowing students to enroll in courses at any time throughout that period. The remaining 50% should be paid no less than 20 days before the beginning of the course.

Previous LdM students are also eligible for a 10% discount on tuition fees.

If housing is required, proof of payment for the security deposit (see under “Housing Service”) should also be included.

Note: In the case that a student visa is needed, full tuition must be paid upon enrolment.

To download the Italian Language Application and Housing Forms, please visit:

<http://www.ldminstitute.com/en/info/downloads/>

Enrolment form and proof of payment should be sent to:

ATTN: Italian Language Department

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It is possible to make payment by one of the following methods:

- Bank Transfer
- Bank Cashier's Check
- International Money Order
- Online via Credit Card (in Euro): <https://pay.ldminstitute.com>

NOTE: If you use a bank transfer, please send a copy of the bank receipt by fax or e-mail as soon as the payment has been made. Please indicate:

1) student's full name;

2) course name and starting date;

3) for the housing deposit please specify “Housing Deposit”

Bank charges are to be paid by the student. Should the payment be in a foreign currency, the exchange rate will be charged at the rate of the day on which the sum is cashed. The remaining balance should be paid no less than 20 days before the beginning of the course.

IMPORTANT: The completion of the registration process implies that the student understands all the policies and regulations of LdM and agrees to abide by them. Each student must read the Policy and Regulations section, fill out the registration form and sign it for acceptance.

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