



Cover: Leonardo da Vinci (1452 – 1519), *Lady with an Ermine* (detail), Ca. 1490. Oil on walnut, 54.8 x 40.3 cm. Czartorysky Museum, Cracow, Poland

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## Learn Italian at *Italidea*, the language school at the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago.

Founded in 1985 by Silvio Marchetti, and currently directed by him, the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago is one of five official cultural agencies of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the United States. The Institute focuses on Italy's classic and contemporary heritage (art, music, cinema, design, architecture, science, technology) and on the teaching of Italian.

At Italidea, all language courses are taught by native-speaking, experienced, teachers and are based on the Common European Framework of Reference Specifications.

Register at 312-832-4053.





**Sessions:**

Winter: January 10-March 19  
 Spring: April 11-June 18  
 Summer: July 11-September 17  
 Fall: October 3- December 10

**Open House Dates:**

January 4th  
 March 31st  
 July 6th  
 September 26th

\*Classes falling under Holidays and Observances will be rescheduled according to teacher/class agreement

COURSE	DAY	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Basic 1</b>	Monday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Tuesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Wednesday	10:30am-12:30pm	
	Saturday	10:00am-12:00pm	
<b>Basic 2</b>	Monday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Tuesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Wednesday	10:30am-12:30pm	
	Saturday	10:00am-12:00pm	
<b>Basic 3</b>	Monday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Tuesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Wednesday	10:30am-12:30pm	
	Saturday	10:00am-12:00pm	
<b>Intermediate 1</b>	Tuesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Saturday	12:30pm-2:30pm	
<b>Intermediate 2</b>	Monday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
	Saturday	12:30pm-2:30pm	
<b>Intermediate 3</b>	Wednesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
<b>Advanced 1</b>	Wednesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
<b>Advanced 2</b>	Wednesday	10:30am-12:30pm	5:30pm-7:30pm
<b>Conversation 1</b>	Saturday	12:15pm-1:45pm	
<b>Conversation 2</b>	Saturday	12:15pm-1:45pm	
<b>Children 1</b>	Saturday	9:30am-10:30am	
<b>Children 2</b>	Saturday	10:30am-11:30am	

**CONVERSATION I & CONVERSATION II**

**Saturday 12:15pm-1:45pm**

**Conversation 1:**

This conversation course is for those students enrolled in the very basic Italian courses. Because this class is for the most basic levels, (B1, B2, and B3) instructors will have a more hands on approach to teaching conversational skills. Throughout this class students can expect to not only improve their oral communication but also their pronunciation.

**Conversation 2:**

This course is for those students at the intermediate to advanced levels. Unlike conversation 1, this course is less structuralized. It complements the standard Italian classes by allowing students to put into practice what they learned in class, and to further develop their advanced conversational skills.

**CILS - University for Foreigners in Siena**

**For class schedule please contact: (312) 832-4053**

Italidea offers intensive preparation courses for the CILS exam. CILS is often used to obtain acceptance in any Italian higher education institution or work related aspiration. Students have the opportunity to test their Italian proficiency, and receive an official designation of their level of linguistic ability. This is a 9 week course (twice a week, 5 hours per week). Certification is awarded by the Università per Stranieri di Siena, and is recognized by the Italian Government on the basis of an agreement with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The CILS exam takes place in June and December at the Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago.

In 2010, 84% of the Italidea students that completed the CILS intensive preparatory courses successfully passed the exam and received CILS certification.

**ITALIAN FOR OPERA LOVERS**

**Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm**

In this course, we will explore the great opera arias to deepen our comprehension of Italian language and culture. Whether you are already an opera lover or a newcomer to the art form this class will add a dramatic flair to your vocabulary and conversation skills. During the fall session the class will attend a live performance of Lucia di Lammermoor at Lyric Opera of Chicago, based on availability. Opera ticket not included.

**CINEMA ITALIANO**

**Friday 12:15pm-2:15pm**

In this class, students will learn the Italian language through short films. A basic knowledge of Italian is required.

**BOOK CLUB**

**Wednesday 5:30pm-7:30pm**

This class provides an overview of Italian literature from the late 19th century to the present day. It's designed for students who would like to improve their Italian through the close reading of texts. A wide selection of authors, prose styles and genres will be covered, including short stories, mystery novels, and newspaper articles. Reading comprehension and vocabulary building will be emphasized in class discussion.

**ITALIAN FOR TOURISTS**

**Wednesday 5:30pm-7:00pm**

This 15 hour class will give students the skills need for their next trip to Italy. Recommended for the beginner student, this course will offer such topics such as: asking for directions, getting around, ordering food, shopping, etc.

**ITALIAN FOR BUSINESS**

**Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm**

This class focuses on the use of spoken and written Italian in business. It is recommended for professionals and entrepreneurs who need to communicate using technical business terms. The class will provide students with the skills required to understand the specific terminology used in meetings, presentations, negotiations, speaking on the phone, and formal business correspondence. A basic knowledge of Italian is required.

**BUON APPETITO!**

**Thursday 5:30pm-7:30pm**

Italian gastronomy is one of the richest and most popular cuisines in the world. This course aims to give an overview of some famous Italian dishes and their cultural background. During class, we will analyze recipes and their ingredients, while improving your Italian vocabulary and grammar in a simple and fun way. A good basic level of Italian is required.

**CHILDREN:**

**Giocando con l'italiano!**

Group 1 (3-5 years old):

**Saturday 9:30am-10:30am**

Group 2 (6-10 years old):

**Saturday 10:30am-11:30am**

This 10 hour course makes learning Italian a fun and enjoyable experience through the use of cartoon stories, songs, games, and didactic activities stimulating the children's curiosity and imagination.

**BEGINNING LATIN**

**Saturday 2:00pm-4:00pm**

An introduction to the Latin language. Pronunciation and inflection of Latin nouns, adjectives, and verbs. Basic vocabulary, grammar, and reading/translation of simple texts. Latin roots/etymology of English and of Romance languages.

Class taught by Professor John F. Makowski - Department of Classical Studies - Loyola University Chicago  
 Book: *Oxford Latin Course, Part I* (Oxford University Press)

**WRITING FOR STANDARD ENGLISH**

**Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm**

This course is designed to help native Italian speakers improve their written communication skills in English. Through the use of in-class discussion, critiques, and take-home writing exercises it aims to guide students toward a more natural/native way of writing in English. Students will need a solid grasp of conversational English for this course.

**TEXTBOOKS**

The cost of required books is not included in the course fees. Books should be purchased at Italidea prior to courses starting.

**Basic Italian 1, 2, 3:**

Italian Espresso 1. Textbook and CD. Alma Edizioni, Firenze. - \$60.00 plus State tax.

**Intermediate Italian 1, 2,3:**

Italian Espresso 2. Textbook and CD. Alma Edizioni, Firenze. - \$66.00 plus State tax.

**Advanced Italian 1 and 2:**

Rete 3: Textbook and Workbook, Edizioni Guerra, Perugia, Italy. - \$54.00 plus State tax.

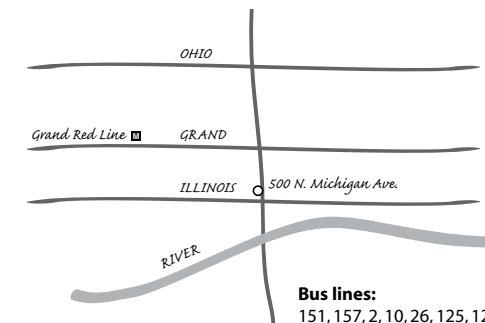
*The CD for the Rete textbook is sold separately*

All language courses are taught in Italian and emphasize speaking and listening. Students start speaking Italian from the very first day and build their skills with every lesson.

**The courses are based on the Common European Framework of Reference Specifications.**

Scholarships available for study in Italy and free access to all cultural events at the Institute.

Classes meet for 2 hours once a week for 10 weeks, unless otherwise specified.



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**FEES**

**Standard Courses:** \$330.00

**CILS Preparatory Course:** \$600.00  
 (6 student class minimum)

**Conversation Course (15 hours):** \$240.00

**Italian for Tourists (15 hours):** \$240.00

**Private Lessons:** \$70.00 per hour  
 (5 hour minimum)

**Semiprivate Lessons (2-3 students):** \$60.00 each

**Special Package:** Language Course + Conversation Course at \$530.00 (instead of \$570.00)

**Italian for Children:** \$150.00