

# Italian

The list of topics is indicative only (as typically encountered at those levels) to help prospective students select the most appropriate course. When topics and grammar points appear under several levels, they will be either a revision and/or more in-depth study of the topic/grammar area. Most grammar structures and vocabulary items are of course encountered again and often reinforced in subsequent levels.

Accelerator	Progression	Development	Typical topics	Grammar
Stage 1 (continued next page)	Beginners	Step 1	Personal details, introductions Countries Professions & work places States of being Needs & wishes Food & drink, ingredients, ordering Expressing preferences	Definite & indefinite articles Possessives & demonstratives Subject pronouns, reflexive pronouns Interrogatives Come? Dove? Quale? Che?... Verbs essere, avere, pendere, volere, preferire Regular reflexive verbs in –arsi Regula verbs in –are Irregular verbs stare, fare Gender & number agreement Prepositions di, a & in Negative non Superlative –issimo/a Molto as adverb, Bene & buono
		Step 2	Leisure, hobbies Expressing frequency Days of the week Telling the time Accommodation Expressing duration	Present of regular & key irregular verbs Adverbs of frequency, adverbs of place Piacere, giocare vs suonare, potere, venire, mancare Indirect object pronouns C'è/ci sono Combined prepositions Ordinal numbers

Stage 1 (continued)	Elementary	Step 1	Directions Preferences Talking about pas events The weather Shopping for food, quantities	Dovere, sapere, andare Expressions of frequency: poco, molto, qualche, ogni Passamo proximo Superlativo assoluto Partitive Use of ne Direct object pronouns Impersonal constructions
		Step 2	Work & Leisure Family	Reflexive verbs in the past Possessives
	Stage 2 (continued next page)	Lower Intermediate	Step 1	Describing a picture, a person Describing someone's character Family Talking about the past Pets
Step 2			Requests, suggestions, advice Appointments Invitations Expressing interest, surprise, shock	Present conditional Qualcuno/nessuno Stare + gerundive Direct pronouns, with infinitive/within a passato prossimo structure Adverbs già/non...ancora Relative pronouns che & cui Imperfect of volere Past tense of sapere & conoscere Ci vuole/ci vogliono

Stage 2 (continued)	Intermediate	Step 1	Eating habits Expressing opinions Alternative medicines Sport & physical activities The world of work Future projects	Conditional The Imperative & position of pronoun Use of 'bisogna' and 'metterci' Negative form Real conditional (1-2) Verbs servire, andarsene Adverbs of frequency Comparative & superlative of buono & bene Substantive in -tore, -ista, -sione, -zione Particle ne Impersonal forms
		Step 2	CVs Recounting an event Expressing disappointment Accommodation Expressing necessity, wishes	Future tense Gerundive and infinitive Past tense of modal verbs Use of mentre/durante Conjunctions: allora, quindi, però, quando, perché Adjective: bello Comparatives Introduction to the present subjunctive and its uses Adverb 'magari'
Stage 3 (continued next page)	Higher Intermediate (continued next page)	Step 1	Agreement & disagreement City living vs country living Italian regions Advertising Modern means of communication Everyday objects Complaints	Tenses of the indicative mood Combined pronouns Past conditional Particles ci & ne Possessive pronouns Puo' darsi che & ho paura che Imperfect subjunctive, past & present subjunctive Direct and indirect speech

Stage 3 (continued)	Higher Intermediate (continued)	Step 2	Books and reading Modern family Modern society Italian cities Art Immigration The European Union	Tense agreement The gerund (present) Special comparatives and superlatives Fare + infinitive Anche se..., nonostante..., ci si Comparatives & superlatives
	Advanced	Step 1	Family in Italy Festivities and celebrations Making light of something Famous Italians Lifestyles	Adjectives & their position in the sentence Comparatives and superlatives (including irregular ones) Synonyms & antonyms Conjunctions followed by the subjunctive Present & imperfect subjunctive Subjunctive vs Indicative Past conditional Use of 'fare' + infinitive Gerunds and position of pronouns Impersonal form of reflexive verbs (ci si) Periodico ipotetico II Adverb 'mica'
		Step 2	Italians in history Dates & centuries Regional stereotypes & colloquialisms Travelling by train	Adjectives ending in -bile Direct and indirect questions Passive forms Past gerund & past infinitive Periodico ipotetico III Introduction to past historic Pluperfect subjunctive

Stage 4	Higher Advanced 1	<p>Education systems Food/cultural dimension The language of advertising Communication in the 21<sup>st</sup> century The world of work Emotions Films Museums and cultural heritage</p>	<p>Imperfetto e passato prossimo e trapassato I verbi pronominali 'farcela, cavarsela, tenerci...' I pronomi relativi Aggettivi e pronomi indefiniti Il passivo Discorso diretto e indiretto Le frasi interrogative indirette Uso del condizional per esprime una notizia poco certa Il congiuntivo nelle frasi relative e con il superlativo relativo Il gerundio e la concordanza dei tempi Aggettivi derivati da sostantivi Il periodo ipotetico e il se nel periodo ipotetico La posizione dell' aggettivo Il congiuntivo con frase principale negativa e con purchè Concordanza dei tempi al congiuntivo Il gerundio Il congiuntivo con le frasi imperative e alcune forme colloquiali</p>
	Higher Advanced 2	<p>Movies, the cinema industry Museums, Pompeii Sustainable economies Weather changes and their effect on people's lives</p> <p>New tends in urban architecture The geography of Italy Curiosità culturali Curiosità linguistiche The use of dialect in different regions of Italy Rome, the eternal city The European community after Brexit</p>	<p>Concordanza dei tempi al congiuntivo The gerund Different uses of the future tense The subjunctive Subjunctive with 'purché' Subjunctive with 'in modo che' and 'far si che' Subjunctive with comparative clauses The plural in 'parole composte' and the comparative Relative pronouns (il cui, il che) Position of pronouns with verbs in the gerund and infinitive form Position of the adjective Position of the adverb 'Omonimi' and words with 2 plurals</p>

