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ABOUT US

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Educational Center welcomes you. With more than **45 years of experience** and thousands of candidates every year joining our University preparation, Italian language, and cultural courses, we represent one of the **leading institutes for international students** from all over the world who wish to pursue their academic careers in Italy. The variety of preparation programs in the fields of humanities, sciences, medicine, and arts, has the aim to accommodate different needs and to conduct students towards a successful University admission.

LOCATION

Florence, the capital city of the Tuscany region in Italy, is renowned for its exceptional art, stunning Renaissance architecture, and rich **cultural heritage**. Symbol of Florence: the breathtaking Duomo Cathedral, crowned by its colossal red dome that graces the city's skyline. The city's profound historical legacy, artistic eminence, and unwavering commitment to innovation make it a highly coveted study abroad destination for students from across the world. Florence is home to a multitude of esteemed universities and specialized schools, offering a diverse array of programs tailored to meet the educational needs and aspirations of international students. The city's fusion of historical significance and modern vitality cultivates a **stimulating and enriching learning environment**. Residing and studying in Florence entails immersing oneself in the masterpieces of renowned artists such as Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and Botticelli. Students do not merely visit – they become integral parts of a living museum, experiencing firsthand the Renaissance city that forever altered the course of history.



WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY AT SCUOLA LEONARDO?

ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Every year, thousands of students from all over the world choose Italian Universities to study in their undergraduate and graduate programs for endless reasons, starting with the **high quality of teaching**, its affordable education costs, and a long tradition and history. As the academic landscape evolves, Italian Universities are undergoing a remarkable **globalization process**, welcoming a record-breaking influx of international students.

In recent years, the number of international students has surged by over **30%**, with representation from more than **150 countries**: China, India and Iran above all. This vibrant community of learners has catalyzed a significant transformation in higher education, compelling Italian universities to adapt and innovate their programs and curricula.



HISTORICAL HERITAGE, LIFESTYLE AND SAFETY



Italy is the cradle of Western civilization: with 60 sites, it is the country with the most UNESCO World Heritage sites. It is also home to the oldest University in the world, which was founded in Bologna in 1088. Besides the excellent quality of education and the low tuition fees, you can complete your studies in a student-friendly environment thanks to the high quality of lifestyle, the great historical heritage, the food, the overall atmosphere, and the welcoming people.

LOW TUITION FEES AND LIVING COSTS



Compared to other European countries, tuition fees in Italy are extremely low, especially in public Universities, where tuition fees range from €200 to €5200 per year, depending on family income. Many Universities also offer scholarships to cover the tuition fees and sometimes also housing on campuses and meals in the University cafeteria.

HIGH QUALITY AND LEVEL OF EDUCATION



Italy hosts some of the most ancient Universities in Europe and, at the same time, it is at the forefront of research and technology. As you can see above, according to the QS World Ranking, many Italian Universities rank in the top 100 and top 200 Universities in the world. If you choose Italy to fulfill your academic dream, you will find a wide range of public and private Universities offering programs both in Italian and in English.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES



Italy, especially the northern part of Italy, offers plenty of opportunities to young people and international students in many different fields, from hospitality services to big technology companies to the fashion industry. Studying in Italy allows you to work up to 20 hours per week.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS IN FLORENCE

The School Leonardo da Vinci offers University Preparatory Courses geared towards foreign students who wish to attend University in Italy.

The University preparation course at Scuola Leonardo da Vinci® will prepare students by reinforcing language skills, enhancing writing competence and by focusing on subject matter and vocabulary closely related to each specialized program.

- Medicine & STEM
- Architecture
- Fine arts
- Design & Fashion
- Conservatory
- Fine arts Academies
- Engineering
- Business & Finance
- Human sciences
- Sciences



ITALIAN UNIVERSITY ENTRY EXAM

Admission to many Italian universities requires the successful completion of an **entry exam**. These entry exams are one of the main tools used by Italian universities to select new students for **limited access programs** (such as Medicine, Dentistry, Architecture, Engineering) or for programs where admission numbers are determined on a national basis. In many other departments (Mathematics, Statistics, Chemistry, Biology, Law, Economics and Business Studies, Psychology, Languages, Literature, Philosophy, Health Professions), entry tests are still required and are used to determine and identify gaps within students' preexisting knowledge.

TOLC EXAM

TOLC stands for Test OnLine CISIA. It is a test to enrol in a degree course that requires an evaluation of **prior knowledge before enrolment**. The knowledge to be evaluated depends on the chosen degree course.

MEDICINE

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci was the first Italian language school to offer a preparatory course for medical students. During our 35 years of experience, we have designed a program whose content corresponds to the official programs of the entrance exams to medical schools.

The purpose of this course is to teach the future medical student the specific scientific vocabulary needed to pass the university entrance exam and to participate without difficulty in the advanced lectures and tutoring courses offered during the first year of university.

EXTENSIVE COURSE

Intro	The course combines University preparation with an Italian language course, and it is suitable for absolute beginners or above.
Dates	Italian language: 20.01.2025 – 06.06.2025 University Preparation: 09.06.2025 – 04.07.2025
Number of classes	400 (Italian language) + 140 (University preparation)*
Topics	General Knowledge, Logic, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths
Level	from Beginner to B2
Format	in Italian and in person
Price	€ 4.880 + registration fee** <i>If there will be less than 5 participants: *4 participants = 110 lessons; 3 participants = 80 lessons in 3 weeks; 2 participants= 50 lessons in 2 weeks; 1 participant = 32 lessons in 2 weeks</i> <i>**The registration fee costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes all didactic materials.</i>

INTENSIVE COURSE

Intro	Its aim is not only to provide students with all the knowledges and skills to pass the selective entrance test but also to allow them to immediately begin studying these subjects
Dates	31.03.2025 – 25.04.2025 (4 weeks) or 09.06.2025 – 04.07.2025
Number of classes	140 lessons*
Topics	General Knowledge, Logic, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths
Level	Intermediate
Format	in Italian and in person
Price	€ 1.680 + registration fee**

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ARCHED (ARCHITECTURE)

Our preparation course for Architecture prepares students for Italian programs providing them with all the necessary knowledge and skills. The aim is to teach future architecture students the specific scientific vocabulary needed to pass the university entrance exam and to participate without difficulty in master's courses as well as in the works proposed in the first year of university.

Language skills are developed in order to allow the student to understand scientific topics and writings, to discuss and interpret them. The tutors are specialized professionals and know the environment of the university and its system up close.

EXTENSIVE COURSE

Intro	The course combines University preparation with an Italian language course, and it is suitable for absolute beginners or above.
Dates	Italian language: 03.02.2025 - 20.06.2025 University preparation: 23.06.2025 – 18.07.2025
Number of classes	400 (Italian language) + 140 (University preparation)*
Topics	Text comprehension, General Knowledge, Logic, Art history, Drawing and Representation, Physics, Maths
Level	from Beginner to B2
Format	in Italian and in person
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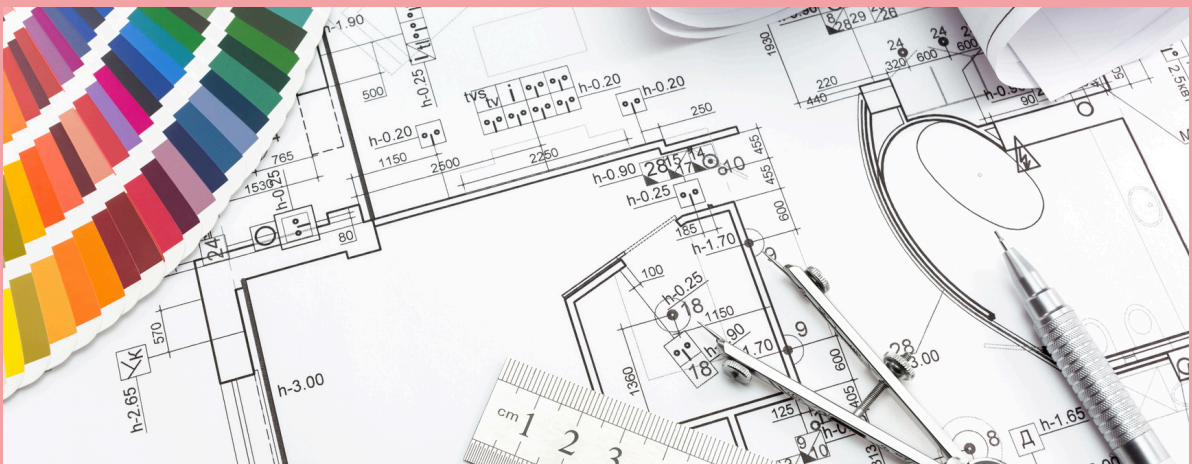
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FINE ARTS

The course program consists of a practical part of Applied Art, the preparation of the Portfolio and a theoretical part of History of Art and Artistic Language. Within the drawing course there are two classes: Life Drawing and Dynamic Drawing. The student will be able to agree and will prepare together with the teacher the portfolio. Students will then apply the studied materials to planning their personal portfolios to be handed to the examination commission of the chosen Academy of Fine Arts.

DESIGN

The course aims to introduce students to the world of fashion. During the course, students will plan their own personal fashion collections, taking inspiration from art, history, various cultures, and present and past events. Students will then apply the studied materials to planning their personal portfolios to be handed to the examination commission. Students will also study the flux of fashion trends and tendencies.

EXTENSIVE COURSE

Dates: 20.01.2025 – 19.09.2025

Number of classes: 300

Topics: General knowledge, Art history
Drawing, Portfolio revision,
Interview preparation

Price: €6.000 + registration fee*
**It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.*

PRIVATE COURSE

Dates: 26.05.2025 - 20.06.2025
(4 weeks)

Number of classes: 40 individual lessons

Topics: Art, drawing and painting and their techniques, fresco, fashion design, visual arts

Price: € 2.400 + registration fee*
**It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.*



CONSERVATORY

In collaboration with the **Music school "Il Trillo"**, Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Florence offers the possibility to offer a customized program to students who wish to be prepared for the **Conservatory entry exam** giving the possibility to combine the Italian language course to Music lessons.



SINGING OR INSTRUMENT

Individual Courses
(each lesson lasts 45 minutes)

Dates: January to July

Number of classes: 28 lessons of Singing or Instrument

Price: € 2.850 + registration fee*
*It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.

SINGING WITH ACCOMPANYING PIANIST

Individual Courses

Dates: January to July

Number of classes: 28 individual lessons with accompanying pianist (for singing students)

Price: € 1.850 + registration fee*
*It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.

CHAMBER MUSIC

Individual Courses

Dates: January to July

Number of classes: 28 lessons of Chamber music

Price: € 885 + registration fee*
*It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.

DICTION

Individual Courses

Dates: January to July

Number of classes: 28 lessons of Diction

Price: € 885 + registration fee*
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OUR TOLC EXAM

PREPARATION COURSES:



TOLC-I (ENGINEERING)

The course is designed to prepare anyone who wants to enrol in the Italian program of Engineering. Our teachers will guide you in understanding the professional and university system.

TOLC-E (BUSINESS AND FINANCE)

Our course is designed to help you excel in the TOLC-E (Test OnLine CISIA for Business and Finance). Our program with its individual path will help you unblock yourself thanks to the tutor who will accompany you and guide you towards your future in Italian university and the career opportunities.

PRIVATE COURSE

Dates: On request

Number of classes: 40 individual lessons

Topics: Text comprehension, Logic, Physics, Maths

Price: € 2.400 + registration fee*
**It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.*

TOLC-SU (HUMANISTIC STUDIES)

TOLC-PSI (PSYCHOLOGY)

TOLC-SPS (POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES)

Our course is designed for you to become highly skilled in critical reading, foundational humanities knowledge and logical reasoning. Our tutors are specialists in all Human sciences' branches.

Topics: Text comprehension, General knowledge, Logic

TOLC-S (SCIENCES)

Our course is designed to help those who want to excel in the TOLC-S.

Our program with its individual path will help you unblock yourself thanks to the tutor who will accompany you and guide you towards your future in Italian university and the career opportunities.

Topics: Text comprehension, Logic, Physics, Maths, Chemistry, Earth Science

PRIVATE COURSE

Dates: On request

Number of classes: 40 individual lessons

Topics: Aforementioned per TOLC

Price: € 2.400 + registration fee*
**It costs €80 for onsite courses. It includes didactic materials.*



GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

IF YOU HAVE LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION

>> Qualifications obtained after 11 or 10 years of global schooling do not allow access to Italian Universities unless you satisfy one of the following additional conditions:

- you attended one (in case of 11 years) or two (in case of 10 years) years of University studies;
- you obtained a post-secondary title to compensate for any missing years of secondary education;
- you attended a preparatory program (foundation year) at an Italian or foreign institution, to compensate for the missing years of schooling.

For students who have attended multiple secondary education institutions, secondary school qualifications will be considered valid if achieved after at least 2 years of attendance in the same education system.

IF YOU DO NOT HOLD A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, OR IF YOUR DIPLOMA IS FROM HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE USA OR THE UK

>> Check carefully as additional documentation may be required (i.e. additional APs or SATs).

Requirements and procedures to enroll in an Italian University vary depending on whether you are an EU or a non-EU student, and whether you're applying at undergraduate (referred to as 'first cycle') or graduate level (second and third cycle). Each University has a different admission procedure and its own admission test – details about the enrollment procedures can be found on the website of each University.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

TO APPLY TO AN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY, ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- 1. FINAL DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY STUDIES** accompanied by a translation in the Italian language officially legalized by the Italian competent Consulate.
- 2. CERTIFICATE PROVING THE COMPLETION OF 1 OR 2 YEARS OF ACADEMIC STUDIES** or a post-secondary title for those countries where the educational system lasts only 11 or 10 years, accompanied by its legalization or apostille.
- 3. ITALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE** for programs held in Italian and **ENGLISH CERTIFICATE** for programs held in English. If you do not have a language certification, you will undergo a language test organized by the University.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

As part of our educational offer, Scuola Leonardo da Vinci offers a variety of Italian language courses to meet diverse student needs, including **intensive**, **part-time**, and **private classes**.

The courses follow a **communicative approach**, encouraging students to practice Italian from day one with minimal use of other languages.

Classes are small (**3-14 students**) for personalized attention, and all teachers are native speakers with extensive experience.

The **learning materials**, created by the school's experts, incorporate digital content, games, and Italian culture.

With students of all ages and coming from all over the world, the **multicultural environment** provides added value to your experience: every day you will learn something new not only about Italian culture, but about all the cultures of the world. Here, students **create friendships that will last a lifetime**. Contact us for more information.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATIONS

To gain access to their courses in Italian, Italian universities and academies require a B2 level certificate. The most widely accepted certifications are **CILS**, **CELI**, **PLIDA** and **ROMATRE**. Most universities require this certificate among the documents required for enrolment, while other universities leave 3-4 months from the start of the course to present the certificate. We advise you to check directly with the university of your choice.

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci offers the possibility to sit the **CILS exam**, three times per year. Contact us for more information.

SCHOOL SERVICES

We know that starting a new adventure in a new country is full of challenges.

That is why at Scuola Leonardo da Vinci we are always ready to help students with enrollment procedures and any other important matter they will encounter on their path.



1. FULL ORIENTATION

Our helpful and friendly multilingual staff is always at disposal to ensure a pleasant experience before, during and after your stay. The familiar atmosphere in all of our schools ensures an inclusive and warm environment where students can find a home away from home!

2. LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TEST

3. ACADEMIC COUNSELING FOR ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Our director of studies will help you navigate the complex world of Universities and provide you with all the necessary information to make the best decision for your future.

4. ASSISTANCE IN THE UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT PROCESS

5. HELP WITH BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES

Study visa application, special documents, Italian permit of stay, fiscal code requests,

GuardMe and Welcome Association Italy international health insurances, public transportation pass etc.

6. TRANSFER SERVICE

The school will arrange a private transfer from and to the airport/train station upon request.

7. ACCOMMODATION SERVICE

The school offers private rooms in shared apartments with a few different options: self-catering, homestay with breakfast and homestay with half board.

8. FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES

The school offers a variety of free-time activities every week, which can be cultural or recreational. They are the best way to get to know the city as well as other students from the school and enhance your experience even more.

9. DIDACTIC MATERIALS

All didactic materials (books, handouts, notebooks, pens etc.) are included in the registration fee. As for other specific supplies, students are recommended to bring their own personal equipment.

ACCREDITATIONS AND AWARDS

Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is a Centre for Professional Training officially authorised by:

- the **Ministry of Education**
- the **Region of Tuscany**

The School is also:

- Certified "**ISO 9001:2008**" SQS-IQNet management system
- Founding Member of **ASILS**, Association of Schools that Teach Italian as a Second Language, and members of **EDUITALIA** and of **ELITE**, Excellent Language Institutions Teaching in Europe
- Member of the **ALTO**, Association of Language Travel Organizations, and of the **FYTO**, Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations
- Accredited in Germany by the **BILDUNGSURLAUB** and in Sweden by the **CSN**

Official Examination Centre

- **CILS** and **AIL** exams (official Italian language certifications)
- **DITALS** exam (qualification for L2 teachers of the Italian language)

Awards

- Winner of **Best Italian Language school Star Award** (2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024)
- Winner of **Best Italian language school UED Agency Award** (2022 and 2023)






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