

# ITALIANO 1: LA BELLA LINGUA

## Course Description

This comprehensive course caters to beginning students of Italian, offering guidance as they take their first steps. The student will be introduced to the fundamental aspects of the Italian language, and will understand why one would want to learn this beautiful language. It's equally beneficial for more advanced learners aiming to solidify grammar basics and enhance their pronunciation and vocabulary skills. General interest video clips promoting continued interest in the Italian language and culture will periodically be presented throughout this course. In this first semester, the student is introduced to the Italian language by studying the following topics:

## Weekly Layout:

My courses are not based on strict adherence to stated weekly syllabi. Greetings & introductions, Noun-adjective agreement, Gender in Italian.

The adverb BENE, Introduction to the first conjugation (verbs ending in -are ), The singular forms of ESSERE (to be), The preposition DI, the irregular verbs ANDARE and STARE.

Introduction to possessive adjectives, The demonstrative adjective QUESTO, Nationalities, The pronunciation of C, G, GL, GN, The polite form

Subject pronouns, Numbers 0 to 20, The days of the week, The three conjugations (-are, -ere, -ire verbs), Introduction to the past tense: PASSATO PROSSIMO

Vocabulary: common foods, The verb VOLERE (to want), The preposition CON, Jobs & workplaces, The verb FARE (to do), Indefinite and definite articles

Vocabulary: daily routine, Reflexive verbs, Adverbs of frequency, Expressing time

Vocabulary: free time activities, The verb PIACERE (to like), Indirect object pronouns

The adverbs ANCHE and NEANCHE, The verb AVERE (to have), More reflexive verbs, How to talk about age

The verb POTERE (to be able to), The verb SAPERE (to know), Vocabulary: hotels & holidays

Asking for directions, The particle CI used for location, The expressions C'È and CI SONO, Ordinal numbers

The plural of nouns, Nouns ending in -CA, GA; -CIA, GIA; CO, GO, Vocabulary: tableware