

Facts and Figures

Date of foundation: 1917 beginning of the courses of the School of Italian Language and Culture for Foreigners of Siena

Foundation of the University for Foreigners of Siena: 1992

Departments: 1

Undergraduate programs: 2

Graduate programs: 2

Doctoral programs: 2

Third cycle specialization programs: 8

Number of students: Several thousands of students enrolled in our Undergraduate, Graduate, Doctoral programs,

Third cycle specialization programs and Italian language and culture courses.

Honorary degrees to: Moni Ovadia and Amos Oz

Rankings and accreditations

The University for Foreigners of Siena has adopted a quality management system in accordance with UNI EN ISO 9001: 2008 and has achieved the Certification for "Projecting and providing formative activities for undergraduate and postgraduate level".

Winner of the European Label for the teaching of languages from 2004 to 2011:

Label 2004

Label 2005

Label 2006

Label 2008

Label 2009

Label 2010

Label 2011

Student Timeline

May-June:

pre-enrolment at the Italian Diplomatic Representation for Non-EU citizens

1st week of September:

Italian Language test for foreign students

1st week of October/3rd week of January:

General test for disciplines

1st week of October:

Foreign languages tests

1st week of October/Last week of January:

classes - first semester

February:

examinations - Winter Term

1st week of March/3rd week of June:

classes - second semester

3st week of June/Last week of July:

examinations - Summer Term

September:

examinations - Autumn Term

1st week of December

examinations - Extra Term

Siena

Living in Siena is a rare and precious experience for a thousand reasons. The first one is Siena itself, one of the loveliest cities in Italy that has preserved with much care its artistic and cultural heritage. Situated in the hearth of Tuscany, snug within its ancient walls, dominated by the gothic dream of the Cathedral, and stretching out around the unusually shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, Siena treasures the incomparable works of art in its museums, streets and old, exciting traditions year after year.

Student Services and Facilities

Accommodation

Guest house "Villa il Pino": 60 people (single, double, three-bed and four-bed rooms, small flats) villailpino@lacascinaglobalservice.it, www.villailpino.it

University dormitories, after the assignment of a scholarship provided by ARDSU (Regional Agency for University Services, Scholarships and Accommodation). Further information: <http://www.dsu.toscana.it>, accoglienza@unistrasi.it

Accommodation in private houses:

<http://alloggi.unistrasi.it/>

Other accommodation (specific agreements):

accoglienza@unistrasi.it

Cafeterias

The fees for the cafeteria service go from free (for the assignees of scholarship) to € 4,50 (maximum income amount) and vary according to the type of lunch or dinner chosen by the student. The cafeteria service is offered by:

Cafeteria Via Sallustio Bandini n. 47

Cafeteria Via S. Agata n. 1

Cafeteria San Miniato, Via de Nicola n. 9

Moreover, students of the University for Foreigners of Siena are allowed to buy (at the same fees) meal tickets for the Cafeteria in Via delle Grondaie n. 8 (near the University).

Health care

Non European Students without any health care coverage may choose to buy an insurance policy that covers urgent hospital admissions in emergency cases. This policy is also necessary for students who wish to obtain the Permesso di Soggiorno (Permit to Stay).

For generic medical visits, students can enrol at the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale (National Health Service) and choose a doctor at the ASL 7 in Siena.

In order to widen the services concerning the healthcare, the University for Foreigners has concluded an agreement with the Association "Pubblica Assistenza" of Siena (Viale Mazzini n. 95 - Siena) and with the Association "Arciconfraternita Misericordia" of Siena (Via del Porrione n. 49 - Siena), where students can obtain for free blood pressure measuring, medical prescriptions, checkups.

Didactics and cultural activities

The Welcoming Office of the University for Foreigners of Siena gives the students the possibility to go on trips and excursions at convenient fees. Programs, destinations and fees are published each month at www.unistrasi.it

Sport

The University for Foreigners of Siena promotes sport activities, in cooperation with ARDSU and with CUS (University Sport Centre of Siena).

Ex Alumni

Association open to those who have achieved a qualification or have attended a course in Italian Language at University for Foreigners of Siena. Further information www.unistrasi.it; management@unistrasi.it

The climate in Siena

Siena is located in central Italy, on a 300 m high hill with a Mediterranean climate. It is located about 80 km from the Tyrrhenian Sea and about 100 km from the central Apennine Mountains.

Spring: March-June (10° - 20° C)

Summer: June-September (15° - 35° C)

Autumn: October-December (5° - 20° C)

Winter: December-February (0° - 15° C)

Spring and autumn are generally the most rainy seasons.

The cost of living in Siena

Full meal at the Cafeteria: € 4,50

Bus ticket: € 1,10

Monthly bus ticket: € 33,00

A newspaper (medium price): € 1,80

Breakfast at the bar (cappuccino and croissant): € 1,80

Cinema: € 7,00

Pizza (1 slice): € 1,50

A full meal at a restaurant cooking pizza: € 23,00

Admission

EU students can enrol directly at the University for Foreigners of Siena such as Italian students.

Admissions are open from August 1st to October 1st of every year.

Non-EU students must follow the instructions provided by the Statutory Order (<http://www.studiare-in-italia.it/studenti/stranieri/1-1.html#uno1>).

Info about enrolment procedures and documents at: <http://www.unistrasi.it/articolo.asp?sez0=284&sez1=0&lng=1&art=1345&prev=b>

Fees

1st installment: € 730,00

(to be paid at the enrolment)

2nd installment: € 1000,00

(to be paid within April 30th)

Students can have fees reductions for merit, income bracket or reductions for worker-students.

Fees of Italian language and culture courses: € 475,00 per month

University for Foreigners of Siena

The University for Foreigners of Siena is a public University involved both in teaching Italian as a foreign language and in scientific research activities concerning the diffusion of the Italian language and culture all over the world.

The tradition of Italian language courses in Siena started in 1558, when the Grand Duke of Tuscany Ferdinand I established there the first school of "Toscana Favella" (Tuscan language) for German students. Nowadays his initiative goes on with the activity of the University for Foreigners of Siena, whose aim is the promotion of Italian language and culture and the development of the research in the field of modern languages teaching.

The University for Foreigners of Siena has widened its range of educational activities and enlarged its student body, from

students who attend the Italian language courses to students involved in Undergraduate, Graduate, Postgraduate and PhD degree programs. The University for Foreigners of Siena is a meeting point where one can encounter languages and cultures from all over the world and learn about different multicultural realities.

In addition to Italian for foreigners, several languages are offered in the degree courses, including Chinese, Arabic, Japanese, Russian, French, German, Spanish and English. All courses, research activities and facilities (audiovisual and multimedia centres, IT facilities, computer centres, linguistic laboratories, library etc.) of the institution are located in our highly modern building located in Piazza Carlo Rosselli Siena, inaugurated in 2008.



Bachelor and Master's Degree Programmes

FIRST CYCLE (BACHELOR 3 YEARS)

Linguistic and Cultural Mediation,
Italian Language and Culture

SECOND CYCLE (MASTER 2 YEARS)

Linguistic Sciences and Intercultural Mediation,
Textual Skills for Publishing, Teaching and Tourism
Promotion

Doctoral School in Humanities

Italian linguistics and language teaching
methodology

Italian studies: literature, history of language,
philology

Other Learning Opportunities – Lifelong Learning

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COURSES

FIRST LEVEL (1 YEAR) (BACHELOR BSC REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION)

Master DITALS, designed to improve both
theoretical knowledge and professional
competences of teaching Italian as a foreign and
second language.

Teaching Italian language and Literature (the skills
acquired in the Master can be used abroad in the
field of teaching Italian Language and Literature).

FIRST LEVEL (1 YEAR) (BACHELOR BSC REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION)

INTER-IMM, designed to improve the competences of
teachers in migratory contexts, with a focus on inter-
comprehension in prison background.

E-learning for teaching Italian as foreign language,
designed to develop competencies in e-learning and
devising on-line linguistic training projects.

Editorial design for teaching Italian as L2, designed to
develop abilities of planning, analysis and evaluation
of manuals and didactic materials for foreign students.

Courses of Italian Language and Culture

The Courses are divided in monthly sessions.
Students can attend either a one-month or a
complete three-month course or more.
Each month consists in 80 hours of lesson.
There are six language levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1,
C2, in accordance with the Common European
Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Winter 2013
Spring 2013
Summer 2013
Autumn 2013
January 7th - March 29th
April 3rd - June 28th
July 3rd - September 27th
October 1st - December 20th
January 7-31st
February 4-28th
March 4-29th
April 3-30th
May 6-31st
June 3-28th
July 3-31st
August 5-30st
September 2-27th
October 1-31st
November 4-29th
December 2-20th

SPECIAL COURSES UPON REQUEST AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR

Info at: <http://cluss.unistrasi.it>; cluss@unistrasi.it

Special Courses for Chinese students
(Marco Polo / Turandot)

Info at: <http://cina.unistrasi.it>, cinasiena@unistrasi.it

25 February - 3 March 2013: Welcoming
4-29 March
3-30 April
6-31 May
3-28 June
8-31 July
1-28 August

CILS Certificate

The CILS (Certificate of Italian as Foreign Language)
is one of the official certifications of Italian language.
Six levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, in accordance
with the Common European Framework of
Reference for Languages (CEFR) and specific levels
for young learners, immigrants, Chinese students,
teachers.

Info at: <http://cils.unistrasi.it>; cils@unistrasi.it

Exams (in Italy and abroad):

6th December 2012
6th June 2013
5th December 2013

On-line Learning (FAST Centre)

Online Italian language courses, Classroom, blended
and online learning for professional training in the
field of teaching Italian as a foreign language both to
individuals and institutions involved in teaching and in
spreading Italian language and culture.

Info at: <http://centrofast.unistrasi.it>; fast@unistrasi.it

Training for Professionals

DITALS CENTRE

The Centre provides certificates of professional
qualification to teachers of Italian as a second and
foreign language.

Ce.R.S.D.E.P CENTRE

cersdep@unistrasi.it

DITALS Certification Level One: basic competence
in teaching languages and a specific competence
in teaching to children, adolescents, adults,
immigrants, etc

DITALS Certification Level Two: advanced
competence in teaching Italian to foreigners

Courses and projects to train teachers and
develop methods and approaches for creating,
assessing and evaluating teaching materials.

Permanent cultural training intended for adults and
specifically for teachers.

Summer Courses for Teachers (one-two weeks).