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PORTICO LANGUAGE INSTITUTE – PORTICO DI ROMAGNA, ITALY

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

Portico Language Institute was established in cooperation with the community of Portico di Romagna. The school guarantees the professionalism of native Italian speaking teachers with experience in teaching the language to foreigners. Divided into small groups, students have the possibility to learn and above all to practice the language continuously.

Portico Language Institute uses the didactic method based on the inductive and deductive approach. The lessons of all levels are held in Italian so the student becomes accustomed to the sound and the rhythm of the language.

The lessons are held in one of the typical houses in the centre of Portico, a few meters away from the students' accommodations. In summer the lessons can be held outside, in the garden of the historical palazzo Portinari, in the shadow of an antic tower.

Portico di Romagna and San Benedetto, a single community made up of three small centers, was originally, that is, in the Middle Ages, part of the Princedom of Tuscany. From an administrative point of view, it is today part of Emilia Romagna. It has remained a picturesque and historical little town, situated in one of the many Appenine valleys between Tuscany and Emilia Romagna. Well restored medieval buildings, oak beams and narrow streets characterize the town. There are plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities and sports.

The 'Romagnoli', as the city inhabitants are referred to, are amongst the most friendly and forthcoming of all Italians. You will find it easy to make contacts, and you will be pleasantly surprised by their unforgettable politeness, honesty and generosity. The town and the villages in the vicinity organize, all through the year, various different cultural events - the Harvest Festivals, for instance, to which you are, of course, invited.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Portico Language Institute maintains group sizes at 5 to 8 students. Small groups offer the opportunity of a continuous cultural and human exchange between teachers and students in a friendly atmosphere that achieves excellent results in the communication and in the comprehension of the Italian language.

The classes are divided into different levels: beginners, elementary, middle and advanced knowledge. On the first day of the course, a placement test is given to determine the level of each student, with the exception of complete beginners.

There are two aspects of the lessons:

- * grammar and communication of the Italian language
- * themes of culture, Italian history and society, or any other topic proposed by the students.

Standard Course

20 lessons per week. The classes are made up of small groups of no more than 8 students. The two weeks courses include 4 lessons per day, scheduled Monday to Friday.

Intensive Course

30 lessons per week. This course combines the Standard course of 4 lessons of Group study with 2 lessons of Tutor one-on-one lessons per day. The Group classes are made up of no more than 8 students. The course is scheduled Monday to Friday.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Student Apartments

The school staff arranges lodging in student apartments located in a very quiet area, 5 minutes on foot from the language school. The apartments are plain and functional, with students being responsible for the cleaning of their own bedroom and of the shared spaces. There are single and double rooms available with a shared bath and kitchen. Bed linens are provided but students must bring their own towels.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural & Social Activities

For those who want to enjoy active leisure time, L'Olmo offers the following possibilities:

- * Horseback Riding - There is a riding stable and school close to Portico di Romagna where short or long riding expeditions are available. It is also possible to arrange weekend excursions on horseback.
- * Mountain Biking - Mountain bikes can be rented from the school at a low cost.
- * Trekking - The school organizes walks in the Appenine region between Tuscany and Emilia Romagna on a regular basis.
- * Tennis - A tennis court is in the front of the school and is available for a small fee.
- * Beach-Volley - Beside the tennis court is a Beach-Volley court.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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Program & Admission Information - Portico di Romagna, Italy

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Standard Course
Intensive Course

Admissions &
Academic Credit

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Activities

Comments

"Wow, what a taste of "real" Italy! The school, which was quite small, made up for it's small size by being big on attentiveness! It was great place to get away from "touristy" Italy and really learn and live Italian..."

Teacher, Seattle, WA.

"The teachers were interested to teach italian to me! Also the atmosphere in the village was "real italian" and the small groups were exellent occasion to learn to speak!"

Teacher from - Finland

"I was very impressed!"

University Student, Montclair,
NJ

The Programs

The average group size is six students with a maximum of eight students. Small groups offer the opportunity of a continuous cultural and human exchange between teachers and students in a friendly atmosphere that achieves excellent results in the communication and in the comprehension of the Italian language.



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- o grammar and communication of the Italian language
- o themes of culture, Italian history and society, or any other topic proposed by the students.

Standard Course 20 lessons per week. The classes are made up of small groups of no more than 8 students. The two weeks courses include 4 lessons per day, scheduled Monday to Friday.



Intensive Course 30 lessons per week. This course combines the Standard course of 4 lessons of Group study with 2 lessons of Tutor one-on-one lessons per day. The Group classes are made up of no more than 8 students. The course is scheduled Monday to Friday.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcome regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Italian is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their studies should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

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ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

** If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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