

Università degli Studi di Palermo
Scuola di Lingua italiana per Stranieri

Winter school

Italian, Sun and Culture

Palermo 2014
17th of February – 14th of March



The Italian Language School is based in Palermo, the biggest town of one of the most fascinating islands of the Mediterranean. Palermo is famous for its rich artistic heritage and for its mild climate and its clear sky during the whole year.

Palermo is also very rich in culture. In the winter, the numerous theatres in town offer high quality programs of shows and plays. Palermo is also very lively in the evenings, when famous musicians and bands perform lively for every musical taste, from rock to jazz and classical music, in the many bars and theatres of the town.



Winter School 2014

Our intensive courses last 40 hours. There are courses for every level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the European Council, with levels from beginner to advanced. The lessons take place in the morning, from 9 AM to 1 PM with qualified mother tongue teachers, and they are combined with afternoon activities with teachers and tutors, young Italian university students who support our students inside and outside the classroom in social and entertaining activities.

Activities included in the price of a course

- Guided visits to the main monuments of Palermo: the Politeama Theatre, the Massimo Theatre, Cappuccini catacombs, the Prisons of the Inquisition, the Cathedral, Piazza Pretoria, many churches and monuments of the Norman and Arabic period. All our students, guided by a qualified teacher in art and young tutors, will have the chance to discover the rich artistic heritage of Palermo through cultural walks in town.

- Nights out: every weekend the School organises “aperitivo” (a pre-meal drink served with a wide variety of finger food) in popular bars of the city centre where you will enjoy concerts and live music.

- A show at the Massimo Theatre: the School will give you the chance to watch a show at the Massimo Theatre and you will experience an unforgettable evening in the biggest opera house in Italy and one of the biggest ones in Europe.

- Palermo, the capital of street food: “Pannelle, croccché, arancine, panino con la milza, sfincione, cannoli” are the symbols of a thousand-year old gastronomic tradition that brings together Arabs, Jews, Spaniards, Normans and other populations who used to live in Sicily. A gastronomic walk to find out unique smells and tastes will guide you to enjoy Palermo Street Food.

Services for the students

- Accommodation: on your request, the School will select and suggest you an accommodation close to the premises of the School. Based on availability, the School will give you advice on arranging your accommodation in selected B&Bs, hotels, holiday rentals, hostels.

- Welcoming service: the staff of the School will support you with all the practical services (filling in your registration forms, applying for the residency permit, obtaining certificates of attendance to university and price reductions for museums and other entertaining activities).

Activities with an extra cost:

Cooking with a family from Palermo: together with a teacher, you will be a guest in a selected Sicilian house to cook together traditional dishes, discovering new recipes and the Sicilian lifestyle.

Dates

The Winter School 2014 will start on the 17th of February and it will end on the 14th of March. The courses are divided in two modules:

- from the 17th to the 28th of February*
- from the 3rd to the 14th of March*

Costs

The Winter School costs 300 euros per module (a 40-hours course in 2 weeks). A 20% price reduction will be applied if you enrol for both modules and special fares will be applied to groups.



Past editions

Visit the website www.itastra.unipa.it and the sections “Winter School” and “Summer School” in the menu of the courses to find out all the activities of the Winter and Summer Schools of the past years.

And what is going on after the Winter School?

“Italian all year round” and the “Summer School 2014”. The School has courses of Italian language and culture during the whole year with different intensities: semi-intensive courses for a total number of 40 hours in 4 weeks and intensive courses for a total number of 40 hours in 2 weeks. Also in 2014, the Summer School will take place in July, August and September. All our students will be involved in entertaining activities by the sea, boat rides and excursions alongside the Sicilian coastline. Also during the summer courses, young Italian university students will tutor our students inside and outside the classroom. Special fares and price reductions will be available if you enrol in more than one summer course or if you have already studied Italian during the Winter School.

For further information about the School, the teachers and the methodology, visit the website www.itastra.unipa.it and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/itastra

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