

Course	Elementary communication and grammar skills A1/A2	
Period	September (intensive course)	
Length of course	Intensive course (September) : 12.5 hours per week over a period of 3 weeks (37.5 h)	
Prerequisites	Level A 1 of the Common European Framework	
Course book and materials	Contatto 1B Loescher editore / Nuovo Contatto A2 Loescher editore	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to reach the level A 2 of the Common European Framework; • to be able to interact in Italian everyday situations • to refresh and improve the four main skills but also acquire vocabulary and more ability in text grammar • to gain insight into Italian life and culture 	
Learning Outcomes At the end of course you will be able:		
Competences		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be able to develop fluency in simple and routine tasks • to introduce yourself giving the most important information about what you do, the reasons why you are in Italy • to talk about your interests, your preferences, your habits • to talk about various aspects of your country (food, architecture, lifestyles, arts, sport, etc.) • to take an active part in discussion in familiar contexts • to understand texts that consist mainly of high frequency everyday or job-related language. • to participate in conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life • to give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans • to narrate a story or relate a plot of a book or film and describe reactions • to write simple corrected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest /to write personal letters 		
Linguistic knowledges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • verbs : present tense / past tense (passato + imperfetto) future (conditional) • nouns and adjectives : number, gender, agreement • articles : definite and indefinite • time adverbs • prepositions (time and place) • possessives and demonstratives • pronouns 		Cultural knowledges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living in Italy : info on the country • living in Florence : main info on the town (places, markets, museums, parks and gardens ...) • Italian newspapers • cinema, music, literature • sport
Methods		
<p>During the first weeks we work on introducing course participants to the language and customs of Italy. A particular emphasis is placed on the situations, both everyday and academic, in which members of the EUI community are likely to find themselves. We ask the participants to work in pairs or small groups to improve their speaking skills without feeling observed, and at the same time to get to know the other participants in the course.</p>		