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Italian Language Test

at the University of Pisa

GUIDE

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The University of Pisa is an old and prestigious university. Many of its graduates are famous throughout the world. This explains why many foreigners every year apply to be admitted to follow courses here.

The city of Pisa is located in a geographic position which makes for very easy travelling to other Italian, European or non-European destinations. Furthermore (and this is not of little importance) Pisa lies in one of the most beautiful regions in Italy, characterised by resorts in the mountains, hills and at the sea – very pleasant places to stay.

If you want to enrol at the University of Pisa, make sure as soon as possible if you are required to do the Italian language test¹. If this is the case, this guide will help you in giving you useful information so you may pass the exam as best you can. Please contact the Centro Linguistico of the University for any further information you need.

This guide provides you with:

- relevant dates and locations of the exams
- points concerning the course program preparing you to pass the exam
- a brief description of the exam.

1. WHEN AND WHERE

The date of the Italian Language Test is established annually by the Italian Minister of Education, University and Research. Usually it takes place around the beginning of September.

The test for the academic year 2014-15 will take place on **2nd September 2014, at 9.00 a.m.** at the Centro Linguistico dell'Università di Pisa, in Via Santa Maria 46, in laboratories 5 and 6.

¹ In order to verify if you do have to do the Italian language test contact the 'Ufficio Relazioni Internazionali dell'Università di Pisa' (see contacts at the end of this guide).

2. COURSE PROGRAM FOR THE B2 LEVEL

General Objectives

The objective of the B2 level is for candidates to be capable of understanding complex texts on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation. At the B2 level the student should be able to understand written and oral texts on current topics or topics of general interest, describe, recount, express opinions, provide reasoning and explanation of opinions, projects and actions by using various linguistic functions. He/she should be able to interact with native speakers without effort for either party and to have discussions related to his/her study discipline; furthermore, he/she should be able to follow a university lecture without effort, being also able to take notes.

Skills and competence

A student possessing level B2 has the following skills and competence:

Oral production: Can give clear, systematically developed descriptions and presentations, with appropriate highlighting of significant points, and relevant supporting detail.

Writing: Can effectively write clear, detailed texts on a variety of subjects, synthesising and evaluating information and topics from a number of sources.

Oral comprehension: Can understand standard spoken language, live or broadcast, on both familiar and unfamiliar topics normally encountered in social, academic or vocational life and can understand technical discussions in his/her field of specialisation.

Writing Comprehension: Can read with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes, and using appropriate reference sources selectively.

Has a broad active reading vocabulary, but may experience some difficulty with low frequency idioms. Can use a variety of strategies to achieve comprehension, including listening for main points and using contextual clues.

Interaction: Can use the language fluently, accurately and effectively on a wide range of general, academic, vocational or leisure topics, marking clearly the relationships between ideas.

Can communicate spontaneously with good grammatical control without much sign of having to restrict what he/she wants to say, adopting a level of formality appropriate to the circumstances.

Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction, and sustained relationships with native speakers quite possible without imposing effort on either party.

Socio-pragmatic competence: awareness of the relation between standard, neostandard e sub standard languages of Italian; linguistic register and diaphasic variability among the various contexts of use; diatopic differences in pronunciation and lexis (see: problem of geosynonyms)

During the test grammatical, lexical and textual competence will be assessed as far as historical, expository and narrative texts are concerned based on topics to do with Italian history, culture and society. There will be different types of exercises in the test (e.g. multiple choice, closes ecc.)

Attention: *in order to pass the B2 test students must possess the skills and competence necessary for levels A1, A2 e B1.*

3. COURSE MATERIAL AND REFERENCES: MANUALS, GRAMMAR PAGES, EXERCICES

For self study the following is suggested:

AA.VV, *Italiano in cinque minuti* voll. 1 e 2, Alma edizioni, 2009

Elettra Ercolino, T. Anna Pellegrino, *L'utile e il dilettevole Esercizi e regole per comunicare*, vol. 1 (liv A1-B1) e vol. 2 (liv B2-C2), Loescher Editore, 2012

S. Bailini, S. Consonno, *I verbi italiani. Grammatica, esercizi e giochi*, Alma edizioni, 2004

S. Nocchi, *Grammatica pratica della lingua italiana*, Alma edizioni, 2006

S. Nocchi, *Grammatica pratica della lingua italiana per cinesi*, Alma edizioni, 2008

In depth study suggestions (optional):

L. Serianni, *Grammatica italiana*, UTET Università, 2006

G. Salvi, L. Vanelli, *Nuova grammatica italiana*, Il Mulino, 2004

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE TEST

In the September session of 2014 the **Italian test** will measure the linguistic competence of candidates on their comprehension of a written and oral text.

The test, which lasts no more than 120 minutes, is carried out on a computer(*). It consists of exercises of a typology much widespread in language study (e.g. multiple choice, cloze tests, etc.).

The pass mark will be communicated at the start of the test.

The test results will be given a few hours after the test on the CLI website. For tests being carried out on paper the results will be given on 2nd September.

(* *Those who need assistance during the test are requested to report to the 'Ufficio Relazioni Internazionali' during the registration period for the test.*

5. B2 LEVEL ATTAINMENT

At the end of the test each candidate will receive his/her level.

Candidates whose level is inferior to the B2 level will be given a compulsory course free of charge by the CLI from 8th to 22nd September. Subsequently, those students whose level still remains below the B2 level will be able to participate in other courses set up by the CLI.

6. THE 'CLI'



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MISSION

(Who we are. What we do.)

The 'CLI' is a university centre which promotes and widens useful awareness of modern foreign languages by organising (and offering) courses and carrying out research in language acquisition and teaching. The centre boasts the most advanced technology in this field.



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COURSES

(What we offer)

The 'CLI' organises (and offers) courses at every level. It also offers students access to its technology, language labs, texts and consultancy services for autonomous individual learning. Courses offered: **English, French, German, Spanish, Italian** for foreigners, **Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese, Arabic**. The above are offered also as 'specialised courses' or 'one-to-one' courses. **All courses are taught by mother-tongue teachers.**

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES

THE CLI offers courses in French, English, Spanish, German also with the aim of obtaining internationally recognised languages certificates: **DEL F** (Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française) for French; **FCE** (First Certificate in English), **CAE** (Certificate in Advanced English), **CPE** (Cambridge Proficiency in English) and **TOEFL** (Test Of English as a Foreign Language) for English; **DELE** (Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera) for Spanish; **ZD** (Zertifikat Deutsch) for German.

ENROLMENT

(Who and how can one follow a course at the 'CLI'?)

EVERYBODY can enrol to do courses and use the CLI facilities. Matriculated students at the university of Pisa, PhD students, post-graduate research students, scholarship holders, research grant holders, University contract employees, post graduate 'specialising' students, students on an internship, academic experts, post graduates on a fellowship, professors, technical-administrative staff of the University, the SNS, the SSUP and the CNR have the opportunity of joining the courses at reduced prices. The full prices are downloadable from the 'CLI' website. Communication of dates and times of when to enrol for the courses is posted on the CLI website under the section 'New Courses'.

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THE 'CLI' – Accredited Education Body

Under the decree 5635 of 11 November 2009 the 'CLI' has been reconfirmed as having the status of being an "Accredited Education Body" by the Tuscan Regional Council. At the 'CLI' one may use 'education vouchers' consigned by the Tuscan Regional Council and by the Pisan Provincial Council (applied for after official notification is given) to finance, entirely or in part, courses for individual needs. Regional Council and Pisa Provincial Council announcements will be posted on their respective websites.



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7. CONTACTS

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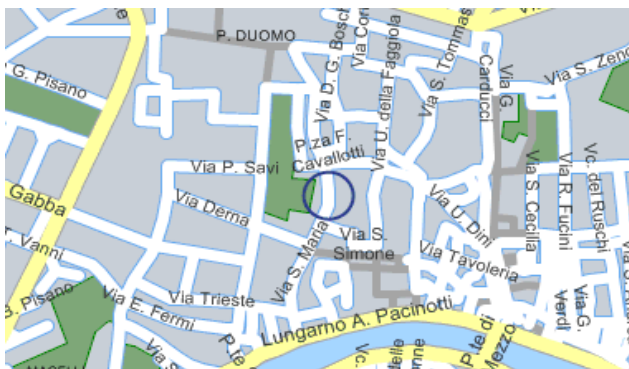
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For information about course times and dates and CLI activities, please consult our internet site:
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