

# Italian as a Foreign Language for Anglophone Speakers

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Over the past few years, the demand for teaching the Italian language expressed by American society has grown steadily. The reasons for the growing interest in Italian study are many, including the presence in the United States of a large community of Italians of first and second descent who wish to know the language, history, culture, and traditions of their country of origin. In addition, the Italian language is internationally recognized as the best way to connect to the "Italian style."

The US school system offers a complete course free of charge, ranging from kindergarten to high school (12th grade High School which corresponds to the last year of secondary school in Italy). In Miami Dade County, the Italian educational offer is presented to students with equal dignity with respect to the other subjects proposed in the curricula. The programs are differentiated on the basis of school autonomy and the grade of school, several schools offer an IS (International Studies) or IB (International Bachelor) program, plus it is possible to take the AP Italian (Advance Placement Program) exam which guarantees, in association with other AP exams in other disciplines, access to Italian and US universities. The US school allows the use of Fad, e-learning, and DAD.