

ITALIAN, AN AMERICAN PASSION!

Italian Language and Culture courses have been growing for over a decade in the US. Each year thousands of students of all ages and backgrounds choose to study Italian.

WHY?

Italian is the world-known platform for:

- Art
- Music
- Fashion
- Food
- Literature
- Science and Technology
- .. and more!

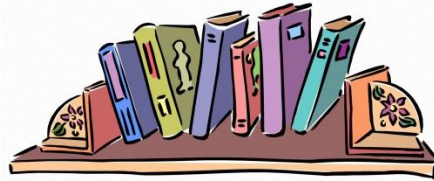


Moreover:

- Italy is a founding member of the European Union and belongs to the G7 group of most industrialized countries.
- Italy is a close friend and ally of the US.
- More than 17 million American citizens claim Italian descent.
- Italy is the top non-English speaking destination for American undergraduate and graduate students.

STUDYING ITALIAN IS MEANINGFUL, USEFUL and WONDERFUL!

Spread the word about the AP Italian Language and Culture course and exam, and promote the teaching of Italian and AP Italian in your community!



PARENTS

Encourage your children to select Italian as their foreign language of choice and encourage schools in your community to offer courses in Italian studies.

Italian is widely considered the oldest national language in Europe. It has always been, and continues to be, one of the main doors to European culture.

Italian is a natural choice for speakers of Spanish, French, and Portuguese because of their common roots in Latin. AP Italian Language and Culture allows high school students to earn college credits or advanced placement in college.

TEACHERS

Enrich and challenge yourselves professionally. By welcoming the AP Italian Language and Culture course into your school, you can teach at an even higher level.

Speak to your department chairperson and to your principal and contact the Education Office of the Italian Consulate General for information about possible support (scuola.chicago@esteri.it) in organizing an AP Italian Language and Culture course for your district and school.

STUDENTS

Speak to your principal about adding AP Italian. The College Board's AP Italian Language and Culture program can help you earn college credits and advanced placement in college.

Each year there are several scholarships or prizes offered for travel and study in Italy, and some of them are available to students who score 4 or 5 on the AP Italian Language and Culture exam.

WHY TAKE THE AP ITALIAN EXAM?



FOR MANY REASONS:

1. To save time and money

Thanks to AP courses, you have the chance to earn college/university credits before graduating from high school. Credits earned through AP courses and exams are accepted at many colleges and universities in the US and around the world.

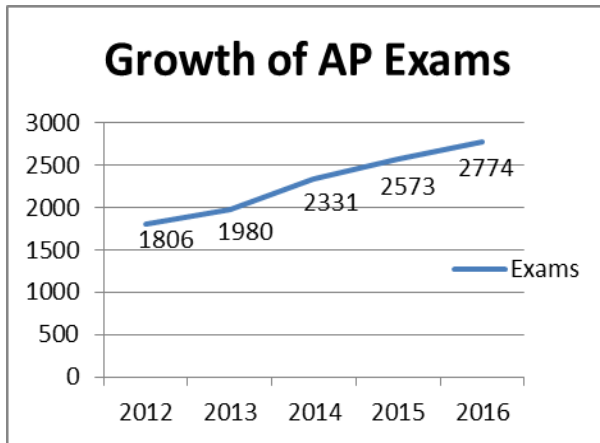
2. To access the Italian university system

You may access the competitive and affordable Italian University system (www.universitaly.it) with your American high school diploma and three AP exams. AP Italian Language and Culture is mandatory for enrollment in Programs taught in Italian.

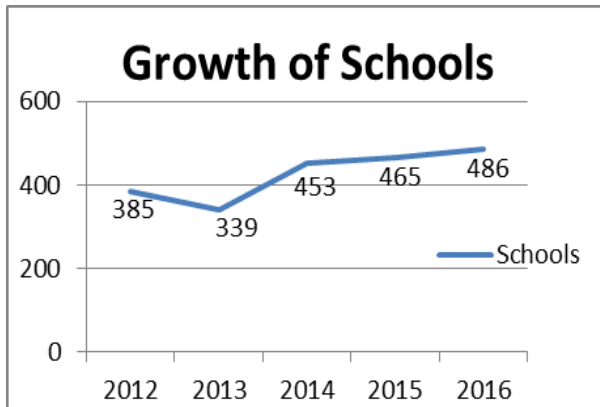
3. To strengthen your professional outlook.

Knowledge of foreign languages and cultures is crucial to your professional growth and future business. Moreover, 93,000 students taking Italian courses in US schools mean an increasing demand for Italian Language teachers.

IN 2016 WE GREW REMARKABLY FAST!



Number of students taking the AP Italian exam.



Number of schools where students took the AP Italian exam.

HOW TO JOIN AP ITALIAN COURSES

- For a list of schools and organizations offering Italian classes visit www.usspeaksitalian.org
- For further enquiries contact the Education Office of the Embassy of Italy: scuola.chicago@esteri.it

INFORMATION ABOUT THE AP PROGRAM

- Embassy of Italy
www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it
- College Board
www.collegeboard.org
- Consulate General of Italy in Chicago
www.conschiago.esteri.it

**AP ITALIAN IS HERE TO STAY!
LET'S CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS GROWTH!**

Italy counts **51 UNESCO** World Heritage Sites within its borders, the most of any country on the World Heritage List.



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Are you ready?

Take the Advanced Placement Italian Language and Culture Course!