

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS (Basic User – Breakthrough Stage)

This course provides the ideal introduction to Italian, covering the basic language needs in everyday situations on a visit to Italy. This **Absolute beginners** course will help you to make genuine progress and will give you a real sense of achievement.

It presupposes no previous knowledge of Italian. The course is textbook based and there is considerable emphasis on oral communication and listening skills. There will be many opportunities for interaction with other students and with the teacher. With plenty of student participation, the class atmosphere is generally relaxed and enjoyable but nonetheless the course provides a very solid grounding in grammar basics.

It is suitable if you wish to learn for fun or in order to prepare for further studies. This course should bring students towards Level A1 of the Common European Framework.

At the end of the course students will have the option of taking the examination for the CILS (Certificate of Italian as a Foreign Language) at an appropriate level (decided in consultation with the teacher), issued by the Università per Stranieri di Siena (<https://cils.unistrasi.it/home.asp>) of which the Italian department at UCC is an outreach centre.