

Option II Program: Course Information

- Italian language classes at the Centro meet four to five times a week, including Fridays, from 8:45 to 11:15.
- Classes are taught entirely in Italian by professors of the University of Florence who may not know the students' native language.
- Students are placed in high intermediate or advanced level courses depending on specific linguistic background.
- For additional credit, students can attend lecture series on Italian literature, Italian history and Italian art history. Other lectures are available not for credit. Lectures begin immediately after the end of the language classes.
Students who regularly audit a 3 for-credit lecture can, upon request, have an official AU grade recorded in the SU transcript.
- Pre and Post *Centro* Courses:

In the fall, the Option II program at the Centro is preceded by a one-credit review course. In the spring, it is followed by a one-credit conversation class. These courses are an integral part of the Option II Program and are registered as ITA 300.3 – Advanced Practicum.

Examples of Course Combinations

Whether students need to take a minimum of 12 crs or a maximum of 18 crs to complete their academic course load, they can combine Option II courses with Option I (at SUF) & III (at University of Florence) courses, and/or with an academic internship.

Please note that in order to avoid course conflicts, Option II students are not allowed to take Option I and Option III classes offered in the morning.

• Course combination #1

Option II Language course	6 credits
Pre or Post Centro course	1 credit
Three Option I courses in Italian or English	9 credits
Total credits	16 credits

• Course combination #2

Option II Language course	6 credits
Lecture series in Italian literature (or 1-crs internship)	1 credit
Pre or Post Centro course	1 credit
Two Option I courses in Italian or English	6 credits
Total credits	14 credits

• Course combination #3

Option II Language course	6 credits
Pre or Post Centro course	1 credit

Option I course in Italian or English	3 credits
Option III course in the Humanities	5 credits

Total credits 15 credits

• **Course combination #4**

Option II Language course	6 credits
Two Option I course in Italian or English	6 credits
Option III course in Political Sciences	4 credits

Total credits 16 credits

• **Course combination #5**

Option II Language course	6 credits
Pre or Post Centro course	1 credit
Option III course in the Humanities	5 credits

Total credits 12 credits

Credit Information

- Each language course is worth 6 (six) credits in Italian, which will be registered as follows:

ITA 380.1 – Upper Intermediate
 ITA 380.2 – Advanced I
 ITA 380.3 – Advanced II

- Lecture attendance for additional credit is calculated as follows:
 Language course + 1 lecture = 7 credits
 Language course + 2 lectures = 8 credits
 Language course + 3 lectures = 9 credits

Please note: the lecture courses in Italian literature and Italian history are made up of two sections; students are requested to attend both to earn 1 credit. Credits for each section of the art history course will be defined according to the program offered each semester.

Grading System

- Grades will be assigned on the basis of academic performance and final grades.
- Final examinations are both oral and written.
- At the end of the course, students will be awarded a diploma showing the courses attended and final grades.
- According to the Italian University grading scale, the minimum passing grade is 18/30 and the highest grade is 30/30.
- Following is the grade translation chart approved by Syracuse University:

30/30 = A 29/30 = A
 28/30 = A
 27/30 = B+
 26/30 = B

25/30 = B-
24/30 = C+
23/30 = C
22/30 = C-
21-18/30 = D

► **For spring semester students:** Please note that the spring term at the Centro begins a few days earlier than the Syracuse University in Florence semester. Option II students travel independently from the Option I group. A special orientation section is arranged for them upon their arrival in Florence in early January, where they are individually assisted by staff and faculty.