



ITALIAN AT UAB

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Pescara



Costiera amalfitana



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"You may have the universe if I may have Italy."

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Giuseppe Verdi

“ In Italy for thirty years under the Borgias they had warfare, terror, murder and bloodshed but they produced Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance. In Switzerland, they had brotherly love; they had five hundred years of democracy and peace and what did that produce? The cuckoo clock ”

Orson Welles

What is Italy to you??

- ✓ Pizza
- ✓ Colosseum
- ✓ Wine
- ✓ Venice
- ✓ Roma
- ✓ Ferrari
- ✓ Firenze
- ✓ Torre di Pisa
- ✓ Fashion
- ✓ Opera
- ✓ ...



Why do some people want to learn Italian?

- Italian family heritage
- Travelling
- Culture & Language
- Food & Cuisine
- International Business (hospitality)
- Catholicism
- Fashion & Luxury items

Benefits of Learning a Second Language

- Brain Growth
- Keep dementia away!
- Hear language better
- Boost up your memory
- Increased attention
- Improve your first language
- Experience new cultures
- Better job prospects
- Higher pay
- Travel and leisure opportunities
- Improved understanding of the world
- Sense of achievement

Why Italian? How can Italian be useful to my career?

- **Law**

Italian is the closest existing language to Latin, which can help with remembering Law terms

- **Anthropology**

According to UNESCO, most of the world's cultural heritage sites are in Italy.

- **Art**

Some of the most remarkable cultural works in the entire world were produced by Italians and some words in the field are still Italian or have Italian roots.

- **History**

Italian gives you access to one of the richest cultural traditions in Western Civilization (the Roman Empire, the Renaissance)

- **Medicine**

Learning Italian as a Foreign Language will help you with memorization of Latin based words (and kill your admission interview)

- **Engineering**

Italy is a world leader in machine tool manufacturing, electromechanical machinery, shipbuilding and construction machinery.

- **English & Foreign languages**

Italian will help you gain a better understanding of your first language; also, Italy inspired a lot of foreign writers such as Keats (buried in Rome), Shelley, Byron, and many more.

- **Business**

Many employers are seeking people who speak both Italian and English. About 7,500 American companies do business with Italy, and more than 1,000 U.S. firms have offices in Italy (IBM, Citybank, Motorola, General Electric and Pricewaterhouse Coopers)

- **Music and Theatre**

Opera was born in the Italian language, so foreign singers need to know Italian to sing operas.

Other careers students of Italian can pursue are...

- Computer programming and web design
- Public Relations
- Journalism
- Telecommunications
- Arts administration
- Politics
- Government employment
- Diplomacy
- International Trade
- Military
- Priesthood and Mission work

For more information

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- Or send me an email!

We are looking forward to hearing from you!