



Pontifical North American College

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Europe

Italian Language Study Programs Summer 2010

Living and studying in Rome provides both the setting and the incentive to gain a facility in the Italian language, a critical factor for successful theological studies. Additionally, comprehension of Italian is also essential for participation in a number of our apostolic programs and for a genuine appreciation of the society and culture in which the seminarian lives.

Seminarians who will be studying at the *Pontifical Gregorian University* are required to have at least 100 hours of Italian instruction before starting classes in October. During the first week of classes at the Gregorian, all non-Italian students will be required to demonstrate a B1 Level (European Union standard) working knowledge of Italian, which on average ordinarily requires 240 study-hours. Students who do not pass the Italian test administered by the Gregorian will be required to take an additional 60 hours of Italian classes before taking the Italian test again in February before starting second semester classes.

The College provides a four-week (76 hours) intensive program in the Italian language for new students during the month of September prior to the beginning of classes at the universities. ***Regardless of the university they will be attending, seminarians who know well enough in advance that they will be assigned to the North American College for priestly formation are very strongly encouraged to begin their formal study of Italian as soon as possible. We recommend an intensive language course of at least four weeks prior to the program offered by the College.***

Why not consider coming to Italy in July and doing an immersion course? Experience has shown that those seminarians who come to Italy early to participate in an Italian immersion course have a distinct advantage over their classmates who did not have an opportunity to do so. Of course, many seminarians may find it a bit daunting to leave home and adjust suddenly to a new culture totally on their own. In order that the New Men coming to the College might experience some fraternal support and find living arrangements conducive to fostering their vocation, we have negotiated arrangements with three Italian language programs in Italy that our seminarians and formation faculty have found to be quite good.

The Pontifical North American College will make reservations for new seminarians to study Italian at one of three Language Study Programs located in Italy. All costs for these programs (tuition, room, board, etc.) will be billed to the seminarian's sponsoring diocese.

Please review the following options. Of the three, we especially recommend the program in Assisi because of the past positive experience of students. A formation faculty member will accompany this group for most of the course.

When you have identified your preferred Italian language program, you will need to print the final page of this document and complete the necessary information. Please follow the instructions on that form to submit your registration.

2010 Italian Language Study Programs

1) ASSISI – Accademia di Lingua Italiana

Web site: www.aliassisi.it
Arrival in Rome/PNAC: July 19
Dates: M-F, July 26 – August 24, 2010
Description: **COURSE:**
Intensive 132 hour course, 6 hours/day x 22 class days (4 hrs morning group lessons/2 afternoon for no more than 3 students)
Cost: €1558 (*includes enrollment fee*);
ACCOMODATIONS
€36/day full board/single room for 31 days
Casa Santa Rosa/Hotel Posta Panoramic

2) VERBANIA (*Lago Maggiore*) – The Italian School at “Il Chiostro”

Web site: www.theitschool.it
Arrival in Rome/PNAC: July 19
Dates: M-F, July 26 - August 24, 2010
Description: **COURSE:**
66 hours individual tutoring (3 hrs/day for 22 class days);
or
two students per class (3 hrs/day for 22 class days)
Cost: €1881 for individual tutoring
€2640 for two students per class (€1320 each))
ACCOMODATIONS
Hotel Il Chiostro
via Fratelli Cervi 13
28921 Verbania
Tel. (0323) 404077
Fax (0323) 401231
Double room full board €47/person x 31 days = €1457
Single room full board €60/person x 31 days = €1860
Double room booked as single
full board €70/person x 31 days = €2170
NB) Limited number of single rooms available.

3) SIENA – Institute Dante Alighieri

Web site: www.dantealighieri.com
Arrival in Rome/PNAC: July 19
Dates: M-F, July 26 – August 24, 2010
Description: **COURSE**
Intensive C10 132 hour course, 6 hours/day x 22 class days (4 in the morning group lessons/2 in the afternoon individual lessons);
Cost: €1930
ACCOMODATIONS
Convento Frati Conventuali di S. Francesco: € 26/day for single room (1 available) or € 22/day/person for a small

apartment with two single rooms and central bath (4 available) (meals not included).

OTHER ACCOMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

The school is available to arrange accommodations with a family or in apartments. The administrative charge for this service applied by the school is €30. Normally the charge for a room with a family or an apartment is about €70.

MEALS:

The Sunday when students will arrive in Siena, the school is available to organize an orientation tour with the men in order to cover all their needs (meals, laundries etc.)

-The University of Siena will maintain the special prices for meals at certain restaurants. In the past a special card must be required from the school. Each meal will need to be paid by the student.

- Meals can be had at a Self-Serve on Piazza del Campo (five minutes from the school). A 10% discount will be applied. An ID card will need to be required from the school, i.e. a plate of meat and vegetables plus ½ mineral water €10 less 10% = €9. A full meal would range in the area of €15.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE STUDIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Those seminarians wishing to remain in the U.S. until the end of August may make arrangements on their own at the **Scuola Italiana at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont**. This is a seven-week total immersion experience. Students pledge to speak solely in Italian for the duration of the program. The Scuola may be able to provide special living accommodations in a separate house or dormitory for seminarians and priests participating in the program. Contact the Scuola for information regarding Tuition, room and board. To learn more about the program, visit their web site www.middlebury.edu/academics/is/italian or call (802) 443-5510.

ONLINE LANGUAGE COURSE

Before coming to Italy (or even while you are here!), seminarians may want to begin their studies of the Italian language with an online course. One such program can be found at www.capturator.com. Capturator has good, solid references and is one of the programs recommended by the Gregorian University in their university catalog.

There are 3 courses available online:

- **Course A1 'Basic'** for students with no knowledge or a very elementary knowledge of the Italian language.
- **Course A2 'Elementary/Pre-Intermediate'** for students who have already acquired a basic knowledge of the language.
- **Course B1 'Intermediate'** for students who have already acquired a good knowledge of the language.

Each course allows you to study for about 50 hours online at your own pace and from wherever you want as long as you have an Internet connection.

The cost for 1 course (1 level): € 60 (approx \$80); the cost for 2 courses (2 levels): € 100 (approx. \$130). Payment is made directly to Capturator.

In order to pay for the courses by credit card, go to the following link for access to the PONTIFICAL NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE "Reserved Area":

<https://secure.capturator.com/index.php?cuec=2>

Simply follow the instructions as they appear on the screen. Within 48 hours you will receive a login password for the selected course.

You can choose the level of your course. If you think the level is not appropriate you can change level within 10 days by sending a mail to courses@capturator.com.

In the "Reserved Area" there are also other foreign language courses available, as well.

If you need any further information, please contact: courses@capturator.com. You can also find out more information about the school and their programs at their website, BUT be sure to sign-up for courses via the PNAC "Reserved Area" to take advantage of the special prices given to NAC students.



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REGISTRATION
Concerning

Applicant's Name

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Form with fields: Address, City, State/Province, Country, Zip/Post Code, Phone, E-mail Address, Arrival Date in Rome, Airline/Flight Number/Time arrival. Includes checkboxes for July 19 and Other.

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- ASSISI - Academia Lingua Italiana
VERBANIA (Lago Maggiore) - Italian School at "il Chiostro"
SIENA - Institute Dante Alighieri (Since there are only few rooms available at Convento Frati Conventuali di S. Francesco, please indicate your 2nd choice of either Assisi or Verbania).

Complete this form and FAX it to the attention of Maria Soggiu at (011.39.06) 687-5557. You may also e-mail a scanned copy of this document to msoggiu@pnac.org.