

## **Mandatory Language Class**

### **ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE: (8hrs/week + conferences)**

*“The limits of my language means the limits of my world”*

The more we are able to speak a language the more we are able to not only communicate but to understand the culture that surrounds it. This beginner course is designed for students who are approaching the study of the Italian language for the first time. Studying in country means that as students acquire the language they will be able to immediately apply it and acquire a more in-depth knowledge of Italian culture and society. By using authentic and varied materials students will acquire the lexical, phonological and syntactical competences needed to communicate in language, as well as increase cross-cultural and intercultural competency.

During the course, therefore, much importance is given to developing the students' ability to communicate in Italian. We will begin with simpler situations gradually arriving at more complex structures. The approach to grammar is functional to the context so that grammar becomes a tool for communication. For this reason, active participation in the classroom is very important both in individual and group work. The objective of the teaching method is to try to highlight the resources and capabilities of each student paying attention to the learning style of each one, because the teacher is not only the person that gives information and corrects errors, but is also a guide to discovering the new language, that must be felt as an encouraging challenge.