The AP® Italian Language and Culture Exam

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How is the AP® exam administered?

- AP exams are developed, printed, distributed and graded by the College Board.
- Unlike the SAT’s, however, they are not directly administered by the College Board.
- Each individual HS offers a different number and selection of AP exams.
- Therefore the HS itself is responsible for signing up students, ordering and proctoring the exams.
Responsibilities of the High School

The HS AP coordinator has the following responsibilities:

- Provide registration forms to students
- Collect fees ($91 for each AP exam. Some schools charge additional fees. Fee reductions are available.)
- Order the appropriate number of exams
- Administer the test in a secure environment
- Collect and account for all test material
- Return all exam materials to the College Board
If your HS does not offer an AP Italian course, what do you do?

- Contact your school’s AP Coordinator and ask if they can order and administer the AP Italian exam at your school.
- If they say yes, then follow their procedures for registering and paying for the exam.
- Keep in mind that schools must order the exams by mid-March and begin collecting registrations in early February.
- You would then take the exam on the date it is given across the country - Thursday, May 14, 2015 at noon at your own high school.
- If you are thinking of taking an online course or a course at a community college, talk to your counselor about the possibility of obtaining credits.
What if you are homeschooled or your school is not able to proctor the AP Italian exam for you?

- If you live in Southern California, contact Fondazione Italia at info@fondazione-italia.org and ask for a list of Southern California high schools that offer the AP Italian exam.
- If you don’t live near any of these schools, contact the College Board at (888) 225-5427 in January 2015. They will give you names of schools near you that may be willing to administer the exam for you.
Contacting the host school

- Contact the AP Coordinator at the host school
- Students should inform each AP Coordinator they contact that:
  - They are trying to locate a school willing to administer the AP Italian Language and Culture Exam on May 14, 2015 at noon
  - The student must use his own high school code on the exam materials, not the host school code. This ensures that the visiting student’s exam score will be reported to the student’s school and not to the host school
What if schools near you cannot assist you with your request?

Contact Fondazione Italia at info@fondazione-italia.org or by phone at 310-739-9350. We will follow up with the College Board to try to find you a school.
The College Board strongly encourages schools to assist outside students

- the AP Program encourages schools to assist homeschooled students and students whose schools do not offer AP courses and exams
- Schools that do agree to assist you are allowed to charge additional fees to cover their added costs
- However, if you qualify, there are Federal and State assistance programs to help you pay for the exam
What skills does the AP Italian Language and Culture Exam assess?

AP Italian Language and Culture Course

*Overarching Premise*

When communicating, students in the AP Italian Language and Culture course demonstrate an understanding of the culture(s), incorporate interdisciplinary topics (Connections), make comparisons between the native language and the target language and between cultures (Comparisons), and use the target language in real-life settings (Communities).
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What is the level of the exam?

AP Italian Language and Culture Course

*Critical Revisions*

ACTFL Performance Guidelines for K-12 Learners

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Pre-Advanced

**AP Course**
What themes could I encounter in the exam?

AP Italian Language and Culture Course
A Thematic Approach

- Global Challenges
- Beauty and Aesthetics
- Science and Technology
- Families and Communities
- Contemporary Life
- Personal and Public Identities
Where can I find more information and a practice exam?

Where can I find the course and exam description?

How will I receive my score?

- You must have a College Board account in order to access your AP scores.
- Scores are posted in July
How can I prepare for the exam?


- Practice on your own or with a private teacher using **ACE THE AP ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE EXAM** (3rd Edition) available from Edizioni Farinelli at [http://www.edizionifarinelli.com](http://www.edizionifarinelli.com)

- Purchase the ICoN AP Italian online course at [http://www.iacelanguage.org/2014/03/3195/](http://www.iacelanguage.org/2014/03/3195/). While some of the activities have automatic corrections, it is recommended that you work with an instructor on the free response material.

- Take a class at a community college
Any questions?

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