

Italian for foreign students enrolled in academic year 2013/2014

Politecnico di Torino considers it fundamental that all its foreign students have a basic knowledge of Italian. This can be proven through certification issued by other institutions that meets the requirements established in these regulations, or by passing the final exam of one of the Italian courses provided by the Politecnico Language Center (CLA).

The following rules do not apply to students holding any of the certificates listed in the ministry regulations (MIUR) "Rules for the admission of foreign students on university courses 2011-2014", protocol n.602 of 18 May 2011 (art I.10).

Foreign student: the term defines those students whose nationality is not Italian, holding a non-Italian high school or degree certificate.

Italian knowledge table:

Major	Italian language course	Rule
Three-year degree course taught in Italian or taught in English for the first year only	Lingua Italiana - A2 (*)	- Requirement for graduation - The exam must be passed before submission of the final project application form
Three-year degree course entirely taught in English	Italian language - A1 (*)	- Elective course
Second level degree course taught in Italian	Lingua Italiana - A2 (*)	- Requirement for graduation, it's recommended to pass it on the first year - The exam must be passed before submission of the final project application form
Second level degree course entirely taught in English	Italian language - A1 (*)	- Requirement for graduation, it's recommended to pass it on the first year - The exam must be passed before submission of the final project application form

(*) CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

Italian knowledge test

Foreign student has to do the Italian test: if the results are the same or higher than the level required for the access to the degree course he needs to enroll in, it will be not compulsory to attend and to pass other exams; instead, he has to attend the Italian language course he has been assigned according to the results obtained. Lo studente straniero al suo arrivo deve sostenere la prova di lingua italiana: se l'esito della prova è uguale o superiore al livello di conoscenza previsto per l'accesso al corso di studio a cui intende iscriversi, non sarà necessaria la frequenza e il sostenimento di esami aggiuntivi; viceversa lo studente sarà indirizzato a frequentare un corso di lingua italiana idoneo alla sua preparazione.

Entry on the study plan:

All foreign students must have the Italian Language or Lingua Italiana course in their study plan, so that it can appear on any certificate issued as an exam passed, with the following rules according to each specific case:

Major	Italian language course	Entry on the study plan:
Three-year degree course taught in Italian or taught in English for the first year	Lingua Italiana - A2	The course will be counted as surplus and the students will graduate with 186 ECTS (credits)

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Three-year degree course entirely taught in English	Italian language - A1	The course will be entered into the study plan as elective course

The following rules apply only to foreign students holding a foreign three-year degree (attained abroad); they do not apply to foreign students who have attained a three-year degree at Politecnico or another Italian university:

Second level degree course taught in Italian	Lingua Italiana – A2	the course will be counted as surplus and the students will graduate with 126 ECTS (credits)
Second level degree course entirely taught in English	Italian language – A1	the course will be counted as surplus and the students will graduate with 126 ECTS (credits)

It is not possible to put both courses on the study plan. Students wishing to attend the higher level Italian course although the regulations require them to take the lower level exam must request the change at their Academic Office before reserve the exam.

Course characteristics:

- ✓ 'Italian language – first level', 6 university credits, for degree courses taught fully in English
- ✓ 'Italian language – second level', 6 university credits, for degree courses taught in Italian or for students who attend only the first year in English.

The course will end with a final exam, with the result PASS or FAIL.

Course dates: the Language Center will deliver intensive courses in September (before the beginning of the first semester lessons) and February. All students (enrolled and International students in the frame of an exchange programme) may attend the courses. Italian courses will also be organized during the first and second semester.

Examinations: there will be an exam at the end of each September and February intensive course. Further exams will follow the general regulations for exam sessions. The other Italian courses delivered during the year will follow the same rules as curricular courses and therefore their exam dates will be scheduled in the usual examination periods:

- ✓ One exam date during the winter session (January-February)
- ✓ One exam date during the summer session (June-July)
- ✓ One exam date during the autumn session (September)

Students must sign up for the exam through their home page on the student portal. The exam will be registered electronically.

Italian certification: Politecnico di Torino accepts certificates of proficiency in Italian issued by assessment authorities acknowledged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education:

- ✓ Università degli studi di Roma Tre;
- ✓ Università per stranieri di Perugia;
- ✓ Università per stranieri di Siena;
- ✓ Università per stranieri non statale e legalmente riconosciuta "Dante Alighieri" di Reggio Calabria
- ✓ Società Dante Alighieri (PLIDA).

Politecnico also accepts certificates issued by embassies, Istituti italiani di cultura all'estero or universities or associations and corporations certifying the conclusion of courses which requires a final examination (certificates of attendance will not be accepted) and that states the level of proficiency attained through the course (A1, A2 or higher, as described in the CEFR). Students must hand in their certificates to their Academic Office, which will register the exam and establish which of the two courses ('Italian language – first level' or 'Italian language – second level') must be entered into their study plan.

International students: international students which haven't got the previous certifications have to pass Italian language –first level exam, 6 credits, with exception of the students enrolled in the following projects:

- Scienza senza Frontiere program, which requires that students pass lingua italiana III livello (8 cfu) and lingua italiana IV livello (8cfu)
- Double degree, joint degree and full degree (Erasmus /Mundus) programs, for which students follow their study plan rules as table available in page 1