Vivace: intermediate Italian   L150

Presentation pattern   October to June

Module description

Vivace: Intermediate Italian is a 30 point Level 1 Italian module that follows on from *Andante: beginners' Italian* (L195). It revises and consolidates the knowledge of Italian that students already have and teaches more advanced language in the context of Italian society and culture. The module is designed to enable students to achieve a level of language proficiency equivalent to level B1 of the Council of Europe Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Study resources – include printed module books, an interactive DVD-ROM and a dedicated website, all of which support independent learning. The module materials are carefully designed to develop the four language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. They provide clear learning objectives, guidance and model answers. The module also teaches good study skills and language-learning strategies.

You will be teaching this module by a blended tuition of synchronous online conferencing, face-to-face tutorials and online forums. Tutorials will be online using a voice and visual conferencing system. There is also normally some face-to-face tuition (or alternatively telephone tuition) depending on geographical location. The module also makes use of the University's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). The VLE will be a mixture of interactive tools and additional audio and reading material as a learning support to the printed material. You will be expected to regularly support and tutor students on the VLE via an online tutor group forum.

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the generic person specification for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

▪ a degree or equivalent in Italian or another relevant qualification and be a native speaker or have near-native speaker competence in Italian
▪ extensive teaching experience of Italian, preferably to adults
▪ commitment to communicative language teaching
▪ sensitivity to the particular problems of teaching and learning languages at a distance
▪ a broad understanding of Italian society and culture
▪ a willingness to develop students' intercultural awareness
▪ the ability to use information and communication technology for language teaching.

It would be an advantage to have:

▪ an appropriate teaching qualification
▪ experience of teaching at post-beginners level.

Additional information

▪ Experience of using electronic forms of distance teaching and support would be useful, but training will be provided.
▪ Tutorials are arranged in the evenings or at weekends. You are expected to be available by telephone or email between tutorials to help students with their difficulties.
▪ Assignments will be submitted, marked and returned electronically
▪ You will need to have access to a computer that conforms to the specifications set out on the personal computing website for L150

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	30
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	4
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	4
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	4

There may be opportunities for ALs to undertake associated assessment work for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.