



## *per la diffusione della lingua e della cultura italiana nel mondo*

The Dante Alighieri Society of Washington (DAS) welcomes everyone who wants to enjoy all things Italian — while expanding their knowledge of Italy — the country, its people, language, food, music and culture.

### **EXPERIENCE THE CULTURE**

You can enjoy *la dolce vita* right here in the Northwest. DAS offers a rich monthly program of free public lectures in English and Italian — preceded by a friendly community dinner that celebrates Italian cuisine. Topics might include art, history, music, literature, travel, culture and modern life. Everyone is warmly welcomed — whether member or guest. There is an annual wine tasting dinner, and a special Christmas celebration for children. We publish a monthly newsletter, *La Voce della Dante*, with news, photos, recipes and stories. We co-sponsor local Italian events including Festa Italiana and the Italian Film Festival at SIFF.

### **BECOME A DAS MEMBER**

Surrounded by people with a shared love of all things Italian, you will soon want to become a member. Come to an event! You'll discover a group of friends you haven't met yet. For more information and to view the 2017-18 calendar of events visit [danteseattle.org](http://danteseattle.org)

### **LEARN THE LANGUAGE**

Have you always wanted to learn Italian? Are you planning to visit Italy? Are you going to study, work or live there? Whatever your plan is, we offer Italian language classes for people at all levels. Our PLIDA certificate program is recognized by the Italian government as demonstrating proficiency in the language.

## **PLIDA: Certified Proficiency in the Italian Language**

### **PLIDA (PROGETTO LINGUA ITALIANA DANTE ALIGHIERI)**

Planning to study at an Italian University? Do you need to demonstrate your proficiency in Italian for a job, or an extended stay in Italy? Or do you want a certificate to recognize your accomplishment in learning Italian? Then our PLIDA exam may be just the thing for you.

PLIDA is widely recognized as a qualification of proficiency in the Italian language for foreigners in Italy to study, work and live. DAS Seattle and its Language Program is an official examination center of the *Società Dante Alighieri* — enabling students and others to take exams leading to a PLIDA certificate. For more information, visit [plida.it/plida/](http://plida.it/plida/)

### **DATES, REGISTRATION, LOCATION, FEES**

PLIDA certificate sessions are held every year in May and November. Candidates choose to take an exam at the level closest to their proficiency. Registration does not require having taken lower-level tests.

Candidates need to register 30 days in advance of exam date. Exam dates, registration deadlines, location, exam fees and instructions are available at [danteseattle.org](http://danteseattle.org)

### **QUESTIONS?**

Email: [plida@danteseattle.org](mailto:plida@danteseattle.org)



DAS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to promote Italian language and culture throughout Washington State.

# Dante Alighieri Society *of Washington State*



## *Italian Language Classes*

*Join us for monthly cultural  
events in English & Italian*

*Become a DAS member*

## **Language School Testimonials**

- *It's working for me, and I love Dante Seattle. I have recommended this program to a lot of people.*
- *As a trained and experienced language teacher I would recommend this class highly, and I have talked about it to many friends already.*
- *Teacher does a really good job of giving us a combination of lectures, speaking, listening, reading, and writing — working in partners, groups, moving around, singing different songs — all helping us learn.*
- *The teacher is excellent. She uses our time really well and knows how to teach us little tricks to unlock the code for us. She gets an A+ in my book.*
- *My favorite was doing the exercises from the textbook. We weren't allowed to switch to English! Teacher was there to explain anything we didn't understand.*
- *The teacher has great energy and a fun manner — ensuring that everyone participates, encouraging and correcting with a very easy style.*
- *Yes. I will continue learning Italian at the Dante Alighieri Institute.*



## Italian Language Program 2017-2018

### LEARNING ITALIAN

Since 1984 the local chapter of *Società Dante Alighieri* has offered a comprehensive Italian Language Program for anyone interested in learning, improving or perfecting their language skills. Our instructors are qualified native speakers.

### CLASSES TO MATCH YOUR NEEDS & SCHEDULE

Beginning in the fall, our evening classes are small, and offer excellent value for your investment. Enrollment permitting, four class levels are offered – from beginner to upper-intermediate and an advanced conversational class. You will always find a class that is right for you.

Beginning in fall, each class runs for 30 weeks over three 10-week quarters (Fall, Winter, Spring). Most classes meet twice weekly (Tue & Thu).

### LOCATION

Seattle University Campus,  
Administration Building (33)  
(Madison St E and 10th Avenue)



Ritratto di Dante (Botticelli, 1495)

### Beginning Italian Level A1

For people with little or no knowledge of Italian. Learn basic phonetic, grammatical and lexical structures through conversation and simple dialogues. Features a variety of fun activities as students begin their journey of learning Italian.

Tue & Thu 7:00 - 8:30 pm \$180 per quarter

### Elementary Italian Level A2

For people who have already studied some Italian. Finish exploring essential grammar structures while learning appropriate and useful words and expressions. By the conclusion of Level A2, you will be able to use the basic language structures with confidence with ability to communicate well in daily situations.

Tue & Thu 7:00 - 8:30 pm \$180 per quarter

### Intermediate Italian Level B1

Review and reinforce basic knowledge of Italian while increasing vocabulary and ability to understand written and spoken language. Exposure to cultural and literary readings builds greater understanding of Italian culture, lifestyle, and ways of thinking.

Tue & Thu 7:00 - 8:30 pm \$275 per quarter

### Upper-Intermediate Italian Level B2

Builds on foundation of Level B1. Review and reinforce basic and additional grammar structures. Enables students to read and understand newspapers and Internet, song lyrics, literary excerpts, videos, movies and commercials. At course conclusion, you will be able to engage effectively in conversations, express opinions and give simple explanations.

Tue & Thu 7:00 - 8:30 pm \$275 per quarter

### Intermediate-Advanced Conversational Italian – New!

A multi-level conversational course open to students who have completed Level A2, and recommended for those with a level of proficiency above B1. Course will advance your fluency, listening comprehension and conversation skills, expand vocabulary and improve your grammar.

Mon & Wed 7:00-8:30 pm \$300 per quarter

## Course Schedule 2017 - 2018

**Fall Quarter 2017:** Sept 28 – Dec 7  
Thanksgiving: No classes Nov 23  
Registration Deadline: Sept 25

**Winter Quarter 2018:** Jan 11 – Mar 20  
Registration deadline: Dec 18

**Spring Quarter 2017:** Apr 5 – Jun 12  
Registration deadline: Mar 19

### REGISTER

Online using PayPal:  
[danteseattle.org/classes.html](http://danteseattle.org/classes.html)

By mail:  
DAS Italian Language Program  
PO Box 16257  
Seattle, WA 98116-0257

### TEXTBOOKS

Visit [danteseattle.org](http://danteseattle.org)  
Class material will also be shared at first meeting.

### REFUNDS

Tuition is 100% refundable within the first two weeks of quarter.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Call: (425) 243-7663

Contact: Giuseppe Tassone, Director  
[info@danteseattle.org](mailto:info@danteseattle.org)

More information also available at:  
[danteseattle.org](http://danteseattle.org)

 [facebook.com/danteseattle](https://facebook.com/danteseattle)

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