

WEA Course information sheet

2019-20

Course title: Italian History, Culture and Language		Course ID: C2226781
Start date: 13/01/2020	End date: 02/03/2020	Day(s)/time(s): Mon 14:00
Number of sessions: 7	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Denise Bianchini
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements: Half term 17/02/2020		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 2
Fee: £59.50 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Kings Centre, King Street, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1PH		
<p>Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision.</p> <p>Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments</p> <p>The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture Education 2. 		

Course Aim

A brief introduction to Italian History and Culture including some language learning.

Course Description

This course is aimed at people with an interest in "Everything Italian". There is so much history so this is an overview of the middle ages, the renaissance period, the historical "Risorgimento" (unification) and will include modern day politics, some geography and modern culture. The course will also give learners a practical introduction to the musical language of Italian with the aim of being able to "GET by" on holiday in Italy.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Discuss and debate aspects of Italy's history including their own experiences in Italy.
2. Describe the basic elements of the Unification.
3. Use basic language skills that are particularly helpful when holidaying in Italy.
4. Compare geographical and cultural differences between each of the regions.

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will be encouraged to consider other students work and give your opinions and suggestions
- Some role plays around language

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- Nothing else is needed
- A selection of materials and basic equipment will be provided but you are welcome to bring additional materials with you
- A sense of humour would be good to appreciate anecdotes around mistakes in language learning!

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- You could progress to Higher Education courses. Follow link to the PEARL website for information <http://pearl.open.ac.uk/>
- Access the WEA What Next? booklet here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/what-can-i-do-next>

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB Tel: 0300 303 3464 Email: courseenquiries@wea.org.uk



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