

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE COURSE FOR STUDENTS OF CHINESE NATIONALITY PARTICIPATING IN THE "TURANDOT PROJECT"

WHAT IT IS

The Turandot Project was launched in Italy in 2009 and was set up with the aim of promoting the Italian academic system concerning the arts, music and design in China as well as to facilitate the access of students of Chinese nationality to Italian academic institutions belonging to the system of Higher Education in Art, Music and Dance - AFAM.

Through the Turandot Project, Chinese students wishing to enrol in a course at the 'Pietro Vannucci' Academy of Fine Arts in Perugia can obtain an entry visa to Italy without knowing Italian beforehand.

The programme requires students to successfully complete a 10-month Italian language course at this institution before starting the academic course of interest.

Once they have passed the final exam of the Turandot Course held at this Academy, Chinese students are exempt from the Italian test and can complete their enrolment in Italy without having to return to China.

In order to carry out the Turandot programme, the Academy may enter into agreements with foreign university-level training institutes or agencies recognised by the territory to which it entrusts prior recruitment.

OBJECTIVES

The Turandot Project has two main objectives

- to guarantee a consistent and continuous daily exposure to the Italian language, in order to allow the achievement of the initial B1/B2 level with the aim of a continuous growth of linguistic skills useful to understand the specific academic vocabulary for the study of the chosen academic course; language lessons will be aimed at developing the following skills: listening, reading, elaboration of a written text, grammatical reflection, expression and conversation;
- fostering the students' integration into Italian culture through historical and cultural knowledge of Italy and the Italian style.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course is held in Italian. It consists of Italian language and culture lessons and guided tours for a total of 1000 hours, divided into 40 weeks (from November to September with an interruption from 1 August to 21 August). Lessons are held at the premises identified by the Institute's Management and last a minimum of 4 hours a day for 5 days a week, mainly in the mornings from Monday to Friday, from 8.30 to 13.30.

Attendance at classes is compulsory.

The Italian language lessons are taught by qualified teachers and are aimed at bringing students to a full knowledge and understanding of the academic vocabulary specific to their studies.

Supporting figures such as language mediators and art historians take care of the programme of guided tours.

The lessons develop the following skills: listening, reading, ability to write a text, ability to express oneself in a conversation, grammatical reflection.

On the first day of the course, students will take a placement test (written and oral) to establish their starting language level. If necessary, classes will be differentiated according to different language levels. Periodic monitoring will be carried out, with written and/or oral tests, on the progress of language learning. At the end of the course there will be an Italian language exam that will certify the B1 level of competence of the Council of Europe, to be integrated with the B2 level at the end of the degree course.

The programme also includes optional supplementary activities such as excursions, specific workshops and guided visits to cities of art in Italy or Europe, the cost of which is borne by the students.

The course will be activated subject to enrolment of a minimum number of 15 students.

WHO IT IS AIMED AT

The course is aimed at Chinese students who do not know Italian or who wish to improve their level of Italian in order to enrol in a course of study entirely in Italian.

To be admitted to the Turandot programme, students must have passed the "Gao Kao" exam (minimum 300/750) and the "Artistic Specialisation" exam ("Yi Shu Kao Shi" or "Yikao"). The sum of the marks obtained (Gao Kao + Yikao) must have a total average of at least 400/750 or equivalent, in line with the indications provided by the Italian Diplomatic Representation in China.

For students from Hong Kong and Macao, who are not subject to the Gao Kao examination system, the study documentation must be assessed by the AFAM Institution and the competent Italian Consular Authority, in order to verify the requirements for admission to study courses in Italy.

ENROLMENT METHODS

1) SUBMISSION OF THE PRE-ENROLMENT APPLICATION ON THE UNIVERSITALY PORTAL

Chinese students participating in the Turandot Project from 3 June 2024 must fill in the relative pre-enrolment application on the UNIVERSITALY portal (<https://www.universitaly.it>), indicating the "Marco Polo / Turandot" option as the reason for requesting a visa and filling in all the relative data required in order to send their pre-enrolment application to the reference Institution, which must then validate it.

In particular, students must specify in the pre-enrolment application

- personal and residence data
- data of the Italian representation to which they apply for a visa;

- reason for visa application: enrolment in a course of study;
- chosen AFAM institution for enrolment in the course of study: Academy of Fine Arts of Perugia;
- type of course: first or second level course chosen (for a list of courses of study at the Academy of Fine Arts of Perugia, visit the link https://www.abaperugia.com/course_category/1-livello-triennale/ for three-year courses and the link https://www.abaperugia.com/course_category/2-livello-biennale/ for two-year courses)
- the location for the Italian language course: STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TAKING THE COURSE AT THE ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI "PIETRO VANNUCCI" DI PERUGIA MUST SELECT THE OPTION "THE COURSE IS CARRIED OUT AT THE HIGHER TRAINING INSTITUTION WHERE I AM PRE-ENROLLING".
- Course duration: 10 months

Students must then attach the required documentation.

The Academy of Fine Arts of Perugia will verify the contents of the pre-enrolment application and, in case of acceptance, will validate the application according to the procedures established within the UNIVERSITALY portal.

The diplomatic-consular Representations will verify the information validated by the Institutions within the UNIVERSITALY portal and will verify the information regarding the course location where the Italian language course will take place.

2) SUBMISSION OF THE PRE-ENROLMENT APPLICATION TO THE "PIETRO VANNUCCI" ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

Chinese students participating in the Turandot Project, after having filled in the pre-enrolment application on the Universitaly portal, must

- fill in and send by email to segreteria@abaperugia.org by 20/08/2024, the form that can be downloaded at the following link: <https://www.abaperugia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Domanda-di-preiscrizione-Progetto-Turandot-1.pdf>
- attach the following documents to the form
- copy of an identity document;
- pre-enrolment application on the Universitaly portal;
- receipt of payment of 10% of the total amount of the course (€ 450.00) to be made exclusively by payment into the current account in the name of the Academy of Fine Arts "Pietro Vannucci" at the following coordinates

PIETRO VANNUCCI" ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

SAVINGS BANK OF ORVIETO

IBAN: EN 05 J 06220 03000 000000000006

Specifying the following reason for payment: "SURNAME AND NAME - Accademia di Belle Arti "Pietro Vannucci" - Turandot Programme 2025/2026";

The Student secretariat will, after payment of 10 % of the total fee, send by e-mail, to the address indicated on the form, the pre-enrolment certificate useful for obtaining the visa.

Please note that this amount will not be refundable in the event of failure to obtain a visa.

3) SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FORM FOR THE TURANDOT PROJECT AT THE "PIETRO VANNUCCI" ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

Following payment of the full fee, enrolment in the Turandot Project will be formalised.

At this point students must

- complete by 15/09/2024 and send to segreteria@abaperugia.org the enrolment form to be downloaded at the following link: <https://www.abaperugia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Domanda-di-iscrizione-Progetto-Turandot-1.pdf>

The receipt of payment of the balance of the fee (€ 4,050.00) must be attached to the form.

COSTS

The cost of the annual course is € 4,500.00 to be paid exclusively by bank transfer to the current account in the name of the "Pietro Vannucci" Academy of Fine Arts at the following coordinates

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IBAN: EN 05 J 06220 03000 000000000006

Specifying the following reason for payment: "SURNAME AND NAME - Accademia di Belle Arti "Pietro Vannucci" - "Turandot Programme 2025/2026".

The payment will be made in two instalments

- 10% of the total amount, i.e. € 450.00, upon presentation of the pre-enrolment form at the Academy;
- the balance of € 4,050.00 upon final enrolment.

FREQUENCY

Attendance on the course is compulsory and no more than 20 days' absence is permitted (except in cases of serious, certified health problems).

Students are required to sign the attendance register at the beginning and end of each lesson.

The course is supervised by a coordinator of teaching and laboratory activities and a student tutor. Students arriving to class more than 30 minutes late are considered absent.

FINAL EXAMINATION

At the end of the course there will be an Italian language exam certifying the B1 level of competence of the Council of Europe, to be supplemented with the B2 level at the end of the degree course.

The final written and oral examination will be held before a Commission according to a schedule established by the Director of the Academy on the basis of the academic year's programme.

The Commission for the final examination, consisting of no less than three members, at least one of whom is an expert in the examination discipline, is appointed by the Director. If the Director is a member of the Board, she assumes the chairmanship of the Board.

Passing the final examination is necessary to take the admission test for the chosen course of study.

Once they have passed the final examination, students can finalise their enrolment directly at this institution following the instructions that will be provided by it.