



LANGUAGE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

We strongly encourage all non-native speakers to improve their Italian language skills as much as possible prior to their studies, as the better their abilities, the more satisfying their study experience in Italy will be, especially living in Bra, as English is not widely spoken.

Moreover, Italian language skills are essential for those considering internships in Italy, even in large companies.

Language Learning in and around Bra:

[Società Dante Alighieri in Bra](#), [Academy International](#), (sometimes) [CPIA2](#) and [Wall Street English](#) (this last, in Alba) are all nearby schools offering language courses;

The **City of Bra** also periodically offers language courses through the Youth Office (*Informagiovani*) and the Foreigner Services Center (*Al Elka*). Please see [this webpage](#) for more information;

Emiliano Trucco of Cooperativa Orso (338 389 1126) who also conducts Italian classes for the University;

The **Bra public library** has a wide range of books by both Italian and non-Italian authors. Students can search their online catalog [here](#), using the “advanced search function”, by selecting “TOO - Civica Giovanni Arpino di Bra” from the list of available libraries;

Language apps, such as [Memrise](#), can be useful for vocabulary building and pronunciation practice;

Intermediate learners looking to improve reading, comprehension and vocabulary should consider **bestselling popular fiction writers translated into Italian**;

Dual-language books, such as Pulitzer Prize-winning American author Jhumpa Lahiri’s book, “*In altre parole*”, which is presented in English on one side and Italian on the other, whose fascinating account of her time in Rome, relationship with the Italian language and journey to fluency, are perfect for deciphering unfamiliar terms.

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