



## **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:**

**Emiliano Trucco** of Cooperativa Orso (338 389 1126) and **Paola Capellino** ([pcapellino@yahoo.it](mailto:pcapellino@yahoo.it)), both of whom also conduct Italian classes for the University;

[Academy International](#), [ARCI Bra](#), 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.

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**.

Additionally, the Pulitzer Prize-winning American author **Jhumpa Lahiri** wrote a fascinating account, of her relationship with the Italian language and journey to fluency. The book, “*In altre parole*”, is presented in English on one side and Italian on the other, perfect for deciphering unfamiliar terms.

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