

Casa Monteripido

Perugia



ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES FOR PRIESTS AND MEN AND WOMAN RELIGIOUS

Perugia – 20 kilometers from Assisi and 160 kilometers from Rome – is an important destination for many priests and religious needing to learn Italian in order to study theology at Papal Universities or for those striving to improve their skills in the Italian language.

The University for Foreigners (*l'Università per Stranieri*) is one of the world's oldest and most renowned universities. It is located in Perugia and hosts students from all over the world who come to learn the Italian language and culture.

The Friary St. Francis of the Mount of the Friars Minor (Convento San Francesco del Monte dei Frati Minori) is located just a few minutes from the historical city center and from the University for Foreigners. The Friary, one of the earliest Franciscan establishments, was founded as early as 1229 by the third companion of Saint Francis, Blessed Giles. Thanks to Saint Bernardine of Siena, the Friary became a Franciscan center of education in the 15th century, leading to the creation of a prestigious eighteenth century library.

For fifty years the Franciscan Community has had a **Residence Hall for students** on the Friary grounds, called **Casa Monteripido**.

Casa Monteripido combines closeness to the historic center of Perugia (a 15 minute walk) with the peace of a Franciscan place, offering ideal conditions for study, rest, and prayer.

For many years, priests and religious have been our welcomed summer guests.

True to the cultural mission of the Friary – and to meet the growing demand for hospitality – Casa Monteripido has established a program for the month of **August 2019**, especially for priests and religious.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Casa Monteripido offers:

- Rooms with a bath
- Cleaning of rooms and change of linens
- Free WLAN
- Laundry service
- Study rooms, TV room and dining hall
- Large gardens
- Parking facilities

(Single room € 400.00 per month, double room € 270.00 per month)

MEALS

Casa Monteripido strives for the highest standards and offers Italian cuisine, famous for its quality. Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are prepared by a catering service run by faithful volunteers who donate the entire proceeds of their work to missionary projects.

(€ 600.00 per month)

COMMUNITY LIFE

The Friars are happy to share times of prayer with their guests. A chapel is also available for the celebration of Mass and personal prayer.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE COURSES *AD HOC*

The growing demand and the desire to meet the needs of priests and religious led our Community to search for a way to collaborate with the University for Foreigners. The University has agreed to conduct special Italian language courses at our Friary (details on the next page).

The courses at Monteripido are offered in August and September of this year on the condition that there are at least five participants at the same level of the Italian language.

In the case this prerequisite is not met, interested students can enroll in the regular courses offered by the University for Foreigners on its campus. Priests and religious who are guests at Monteripido will be granted a 20 percent reduction of fees.



The University for Foreigners of Perugia is the oldest and most prestigious Italian institution specializing in teaching and spreading the Italian language and culture throughout the world (art, literature, history, etc.). From its very beginning, the University for Foreigners has been a symbol of openness and tolerance. It is a place where people from many cultures meet and today it is a real center for intercultural exchange.

THE PROGRAM

The program for priests and religious coming from all parts of the world offers suitable linguistic preparation at the various levels. The levels offered are: Beginner (A1, A2), Intermediate (B1, B2) and Advanced (C1, C2). Attendance at the intermediate and advanced levels will prepare the student for attending theology courses at Pontifical Universities as well as for carrying out pastoral activities. At the end of the course the student will receive a certificate of attendance with 6 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).

WEEKLY STUDY PROGRAM (80 hours per month)

- Italian language (40 hours)
- Oral and written exercises (12 hours)
- Pronunciation and reading: techniques and methods for fluency, rhythm, pauses and accent (8 hours)
- Expressive intonation (8 hours)
- Content, specialized language and specialized teaching materials aimed at and adapted for international religious learners (8 hours)
- Cultural insights (4 hour)

In August classes will be offered at the Monteripido Friary. Lessons will be from 8:45-12:45 Monday through Friday, starting on August 1 (Evaluation Test). For anyone enrolling only for the September course, the Evaluation Test will be on September 1.

SERVICES

The University offers welcoming of the group and handling of all the enrollment procedures as well as mentoring during the course.

MONTHLY COST OF THE COURSE

€500.00 (minimum number of participants 5). The cost includes the textbook, certification of attendance and cost of the revenue stamp.

OPTIONAL LESSONS

In the afternoon (minimum of 5), students can attend Latin, Greek and Sacred Music lessons. Guided visits to the most sacred places in the Region of Umbria will also be available. The cost will be based on the number of participants.

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