

Language Centre

Politecnico di Bari has long maintained the importance of language training and established the Language Centre with funding from the EU European Social Fund. The Centre is located within the “Ernesto Quagliariello” campus, on the 3rd floor of the university block opposite the Student Centre.

The Centre provides Politecnico students and staff with services aimed towards the acquisition of foreign languages. It also offers;

- 24 workstations equipped with online computers for language courses and practice;
- a selection of audio, video and software material;
- a wide selection of original language books and magazines as well as exam preparation materials.

Why visit the Language Centre?

The Centre offers activities for those who wish to

- prepare for the curricular English language [exams](#);
- improve their knowledge of foreign languages before an [Erasmus](#) mobility abroad;
- improve foreign language skills, also in the technical field, before entering the [job market](#).

The teaching programme is designed to offer maximum flexibility for those whose aim is to learn a foreign language. The Centre offers two types of language learning experience: language courses and individual self-study sessions.

Language Courses

Courses are available in English, German, Spanish, Chinese and Italian for foreigners; these are classified by level and held by mother-tongue teachers. Participation is free and groups are limited to a fixed number of students. At the end of the course there is a final test and an attendance certificate is issued to participants.

Courses are divided into two sessions per year in line with the two semesters of the academic calendar. Courses generally last ten weeks, based on 120-minute lessons. Schedules and timetables are issued at the start of each session. Access to courses is regulated by Language Centre directives, which are published before each session.

Self-Study Sessions

Self-study sessions are an ideal solution for students who are unable to follow courses. These are based on tutoring carried out by mother-tongue teachers as well as Language Centre staff. The calendar of days and times for self-study sessions is updated and published monthly on the Centre noticeboard as well as the [Language Centre page of the Politecnico website](#). Access is free for all staff and students of Politecnico di Bari.

During self-study sessions participants can learn more about specific features of foreign language study according to their individual needs. The Language Centre also offers preparation for the most important language certificate examinations such as Cambridge Assessment, IELTS, TOEFL, Goethe Institut, Istituto Cervantes and HSK.

Curricular English Language Exams

The Language Centre runs courses to prepare students for the [B1 and B2-level English language exams](#), which form part of the Politecnico di Bari study programme. These exams are also held at the Language Centre.

Exam programmes, dates and all other related information can be found on the Language Centre page of the Politecnico website.

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