

Accredited Examination Centre for the CILS

The Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo at Pavia University is an accredited centre for the CILS examinations.

The CILS Exam (*Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera*, Certification of Italian as a Foreign Language) is a proficiency examination to prove competence in the Italian language. The CILS certificates are official recognitions of the attained level of linguistic competence of Italian as a foreign language. As a certificate of proficiency, the exam can be taken at every level of competence, from Beginners to Advanced.

Why the CILS

- CILS Certifications are internationally recognized.
- The CILS is awarded by the University of Siena for Foreigners and is recognized by the Italian State as a certification of proficiency in Italian as a foreign language.
- The CILS certificate is recognized by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the document entitled "Coordinated system of Certificates of Italian for Foreigners", Rome 1998.
- The CILS is used by employers in Italy to select foreign candidates who wish to undertake activities in relation with Italian institutions for professional purposes.
- Most Italian universities adopt the CILS Certificates as an entrance requirement for prospective students, Erasmus students, and year-abroad students.
- The CILS is very useful to those who study Italian, who are planning to or already work and study within an Italian context.

The CILS is a certified measurement of attained level of ability in Italian.

For further info visit [Siena University for Foreigners](#) (CILS)

When does it take place?

The CILS test is held twice a year in June and December at the centres accredited by the Università per Stranieri di Siena. The Centro Linguistico will organize adequate rooms and provide information about the timetable to the candidates one week prior to the scheduled exam date.

The Università per Stranieri di Siena is responsible for the exam papers, has established the competences standards in accordance to the European Framework for languages, and sets the dates of examination.

Forthcoming CILS exam sessions

Thursday, June 8th, 2017

How does CILS work?

Divided into levels - beginner, elementary, intermediate, and advanced - for each level the CILS exams consists of five parts:

- Listening test
- Reading comprehension
- Use of the Italian language
- Written test
- Speaking test

Which are the levels?

Each CILS level denotes an ability to communicate which may be used in different contexts and situations.

The Certificazione di Italiano come Lingua Straniera covers six levels: **Level A1, Level A2, Level ONE-B1, Level TWO-B2, Level THREE-C1 and Level FOUR-C2**. Each of these represents a progressively higher level of linguistic - grammar, syntax, vocabulary - and communicative ability.

The levels correspond to the language proficiency levels described in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Who can take the exam?

All learners of Italian as a foreign language, Italian citizens residing abroad (descendants of Italian emigrants), foreign citizens, and foreign immigrants in Italy may request to take the CILS exam. There are no age limits. Applicants are not obliged to possess previous educational certificates or degrees.

For Intermediate and above students it is not necessary to have passed lower levels of the CILS exams in order to attempt the attainment of higher levels. Candidate can prepare individually to sit the CILS exams.

How do you sit the exam at Pavia University?

- Complete the application form that can be downloaded [here](#).
- Supply a photocopy of one form of identification (such as passport, ID card, driving licence, etc).
- The application is completed only once payment of fees is received. For the payment go to a Post office and fill in the form ("bollettino postale") as follows:
 - *post account number*: 10347532
 - *account name*: Università per Stranieri di Siena
 - *Reason for payment*: sede n. 169 – CILS del dd/mm/yyyy

Fees

Level	Fee	Capitalized fee*
CILS A1 e A2	€ 40	€ 12
CILS UNO - B1	€ 90	€ 22
CILS DUE - B2	€ 105	€ 23
CILS TRE - C1	€ 135	€ 30
CILS QUATTRO - C2	€ 160	€ 35

*If the candidate reaches the minimum score only in some abilities the result can be capitalized: in the following exam the candidate can be tested only in the abilities he/she did not pass. The capitalized abilities are valid for one year beginning from the first exam.

Please note that the Centre is not allowed to refund fees if the candidate cannot sit the exam.

In extraordinary circumstances, which must be clearly documented, fees can be transferred to sit the following sessions (minus or plus adjustment to the fees); extraordinary circumstances may be granted with appropriate documentation regarding health problems, serious family problems, and impossibility to postpone study commitments.

Related links:

Centro Linguistico d'Ateneo – <http://cla.unipv.it>

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