

# HOW TO BUILD AN EFFECTIVE AP\* ITALIAN COURSE

## 5 WEBINARS

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This series of webinars will focus on practical suggestions on How to build an effective AP\* course and is designed to introduce new AP\* Italian teachers to the course and to provide experienced teachers with new guidelines and ideas to help students be successful in their AP\* course and exam. The course also aims to provide useful information to those who want to activate a new AP\* Italian Course. Even though the examples of lessons are in Italian, the general presentations will be in English. The objective is thus to suggest general effective strategies to teach the AP\* program through engaging lesson plans, technological resources for appealing activities, original lessons, authentic material, useful self-evaluation rubrics, and more.

**Each webinar lasts about 90 minutes** and includes practical examples of activities. You may attend as many webinars as you like; when you register, you will receive an invitation to join the meeting. The dates and the topics for each webinar are as follow:

1: **February 29**, 11.00 - 12.30 EST

2: **March 14**, 11.00 - 12.30 EST

3: **March 21**, 11.00 - 12.30 EST

4: **April 4**, 11.00 -12.30 EST

5: **April 18**, 11.00 - 12.30 EST

### Webinars' content

<p><b>I. February 29 - The course framework/1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Why AP*?</li><li>• AP* Themes</li><li>• Current events</li><li>• Exam tasks</li><li>• Practical examples of activities</li></ul> <p><b>II. March 14 - The course framework/2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to write a syllabus</li><li>• How to adapt textbook activities to the AP*</li><li>• Useful authentic resources</li><li>• Practical examples of activities</li><li>• Practical examples of activities</li></ul>	<p><b>III. March 21 - Practice for AP* activities/1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Class discussions</li><li>• Original teaching units</li><li>• Use of cultural events</li></ul> <p><b>IV. April 4 - Practice for AP* activities/2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cultural comparisons</li><li>• Oral presentations</li><li>• Use of technology-based activities</li><li>• Practical examples of activities</li></ul> <p><b>V. April 18 - The Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical suggestions for the tasks</li><li>• How to use the scoring guidelines</li><li>• How to design a simulated exam</li><li>• Practical examples of simulated exams</li></ul>
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## Registration

Registration is Free. Teachers can enroll for as many webinars they choose. They will receive a Certificate of Attendance.

⇒ **Please, click the link and fill in the **Registration form****

Registration Deadline: a week before each webinar's date

## Technical requirements

After registering, you will receive an invitation and the instructions to join the meeting a few days before the webinar starts.

Technical requirements: A computer with audio (a webcam is optional) and a connection to the Internet.

## The instructor



Roberta Pennasilico has been teaching Italian Culture and Language –levels II through Advanced Placement\*- at Naples Middle High School since 1991. Ms. Pennasilico is a member of AATI (American Association of Teachers of Italian), has been a member of the Advanced Placement\* Exam Planning Committee and has been an AP\* reader in 2016-2019. She designs original lessons for AP\* and for lower levels on regular basis and is always willing to share them with colleagues at the end of the sessions that she presents, through the College Board Teacher Community and on USspeaksItalian.

Ms. Pennasilico has a vast experience presenting workshops in Italian pedagogy. She presented in several teachers' trainings and conventions (at her own school, at College Board Advanced Placement Convention, AP Summer Institute and at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages). She really enjoys sharing her ideas, energy, lessons and techniques with her colleagues around the world. Please visit this website link to view some of the sessions and workshops Ms. Pennasilico presented and the related topics. <http://www.robortapennasilico.it/>

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