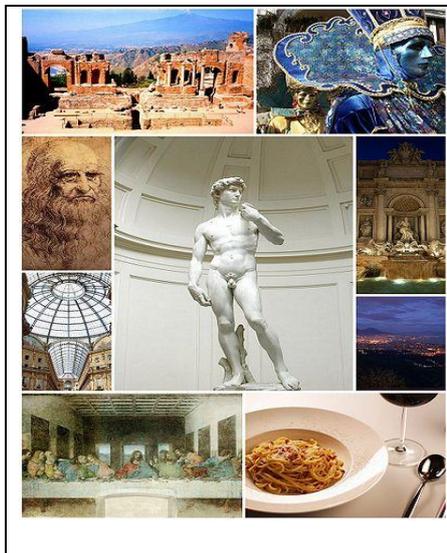




# UNIVERSITI MALAYA DIVISION OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE



*Italian is a Romance language spoken mainly in Europe: Italy, Switzerland, San Marino, Vatican City, by minorities in Malta, Monaco, Croatia, Slovenia, France, Libya, Eritrea, and Somalia, and by immigrant communities in the Americas and Australia.*

*Italian is spoken as a mother tongue by 65 million people in the EU (13% of the EU population), and as a second language by 14 million. Including the Italian speakers in non-EU European countries (such as Switzerland and Albania) and on other continents, the total number of speakers is more than 85 million.*

*From antiquity until the 16th century, Italy was at the center of Western culture, fulcrum or origin of the Etruscan civilization, Ancient Rome, the Roman Catholic Church, Humanism and the Renaissance.*

*Italy's contributions to the cultural and historical heritage of Europe remain immense. Famous elements of Italian culture are its opera and music, its iconic gastronomy and food, which are commonly regarded as amongst the most popular in the world, its cinema (with classic films such as *La Dolce Vita*, *Life is Beautiful*, *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly* etc.), its collections of priceless works of art and its fashion (Milan is regarded as one of the fashion capitals of the world). Italy is home to the greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites (47) and one estimate says that the country is home to half the world's great art treasures.*

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*With almost 100 companies established in Malaysia, Italy is an important commercial partner and learning Italian is an added advantage in order to secure a bright future.*



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