Classes are planned from July 9th to August 2nd, for a total of 90 hours, including internal and outdoor lectures and activities. They will be covering levels A1, A2, B1, B2.

The opening meeting and course presentation will be on July 9th at 8,45 in via Pispini n.1; all the attendants must be present at this meeting to receive the class assignment and detailed information on the programme.

Level A1
The student learns to converse about concrete subjects with one or more other people, provided that they speak with him slowly and clearly, using a standard or neo-standard version of the language. He learns to communicate his needs and to furnish personal information and talk about his family. He knows how to introduce himself and give basic information about himself, at times with some assistance from the other interlocutors. He learns to thank others and to apologize, but also to ask for and give explanations regarding vocabulary and grammar rules.

Level A2
The student learns to understand and use common expressions to speak about the personal sphere (family and friends) and the social sphere, in order to fulfill immediate linguistic needs. Often written texts are presented with images: maps, weather forecasts, ads, or comics. The classroom activities create an atmosphere in which students make brief presentations for their peers on topics prepared ahead of time.

Level B1
The student is able to understand and to produce simple and coherent texts on familiar subjects and ones of personal interest. He is able to narrate events and experiences in some detail, managing to explain, briefly, his motivations and actions. He can discuss both concrete and abstract topics. He is able to speak about himself, to express needs and desires, feelings and states of mind, intentions and the ability to act.

Level B2
The student is able to speak of herself, to express agreement and disagreement, to express personal opinions and speak of her own tastes and interests. He is able to oblige or convince someone to do something, or prohibit them from doing it. In telling about an experience or narrating a story, he has the necessary tools to discuss cause and effect. He is able to write clear, fluent texts on an ample range of topics related to her own field of study, and to compose texts from notes taken during a class, seminar, or conference.

The class will deal with various topics which center upon a single subject, while experimenting with different textual genres (biography, monographs, newspapers, literary texts, song lyrics, etc.) with the additional goal of underlining the typologies of the texts themselves (narrative, explanatory, argumentative, regulatory, descriptive).

The University of Siena attendants will have the opportunity to take part to the additional events and field trips, organized by the Universidad de Puerto Rico, according with the following draft programme:

1 - Saturday, July 13th: PISA and LUCCA
2 - Sunday, July 14th: MONTEPULCIANO and PIENZA
3a - Saturday, July 20th: VENEZIA - group 1
3b - Sunday, July 21st: VENEZIA - group 2
4 - Wednesday, July 24: FIRENZE
5 - Saturday, August 3rd: SAN GIMIGNANO e VOLterra

The field trips are free of charge. Possible costs related to meals or entrance tickets are to be paid by the participants, except for travels provided by the organizers (no other public or private transport will be granted and admitted).