



ITALIAN ART ACADEMY  
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ART COURSES IN FLORENCE  
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## PAINTING WITH ANCIENT TECHNIQUES

The course is based on the “Book of Art” by Cennino Cennini (1370-1440) and introduces the painting techniques in use from 1300 to 1500, through the copy of ancient paintings to learn how to use egg tempera and gold leaf. The whole process for the realization of the painting is covered, from the preparation of the supports to the painting.

### What is egg tempera?

Egg tempera is a very stable type of paint composed of pigments mixed with a water-soluble binder (normally a sticky substance like egg yolks). This type of paint dries very quickly and lasts over time. There are art works painted in egg tempera that date back more than 2000 years ago. The egg tempera was the most used pictorial method until after 1500, when it was replaced by oil colors.

### What is gold leaf?

Gold leaf is a thin sheet of hammered gold used for gilding, an artisan process that must be done by hand and has remained unchanged for hundreds of years. The gold leaf is traditionally used to decorate statues, paintings, frames, jewels and architectural elements.



## PROGRAM

- Preparation of the wooden panel with chalk
- Preparing of egg tempera
- Creation of a drawing
- Transfer of a drawing on panel or canvas with *spolvero* technique
- Preparation for gold leaf application
- Gilding techniques
- Copy of a painting with egg tempera
- Final varnishing of paintings



## PRICES

Number of weeks	BASIC COURSE <i>6 hours per week</i>	SEMI-INTENSIVE COURSE <i>10 hours per week</i>	INTENSIVE COURSE <i>20 hours per week</i>
1	<i>available only as Intensive course</i>		400 €
2	285 €	395 €	700 €
3	370 €	515 €	1000 €
4	440 €	615 €	1120 €
5	515 €	725 €	1320 €
6	580 €	840 €	1490 €
7	670 €	965 €	1760 €
8	760 €	1085 €	2040 €
9	850 €	1235 €	2245 €
10	940 €	1340 €	2440 €
12	1120 €	1600 €	2900 €

Art materials are not included in the course fees.

Students will be given a list of supplies to buy in a specialized store near the school, where they can find a wide variety of high quality art materials at discounted prices.

Some basic materials can be provided by the school.

Classes are held in Italian and/or English and Spanish language, Monday to Friday from 3PM to 7PM.

At the end of the course students will receive a Certificate of Participation (Diploma).

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