

Forte Academy

Guest Tutors – Call for Online Courses 2022

Thanks for your interest in joining us as a guest tutor! Each Autumn Term (October – December) we offer online courses only, and we warmly welcome pitches for new courses that fit our subject areas and philosophy. If you'd like to pitch an online course for next term, simply read the information below and email us your idea(s) **by Wednesday 17 August 2022**.

About Us

Forte Academy offers interdisciplinary and cutting-edge courses in Florence & online embracing the fields of Classics, Latin, Italian, Art, History and the Renaissance that promote independent thinking. View our [current online courses](#).

Our philosophy

Our philosophy is to question everything and challenge the canon of traditional curricula and scholarship, so that our students gain the tools to study the past with "fresh eyes". As an academy, we are intellectually curious and politically independent.

Our pedagogy

We aim to combine the best elements of engaging secondary school pedagogy with the academic depth of postgraduate study. Tutors above all should be passionate about their topics and role models for the intellectual curiosity that we hope to inspire in others. We believe in teaching students "how to think, not what to think" and we encourage open-minded discussion, drawing links between past and present, and engaging with primary material from different perspectives.

Online Course Structure

Our courses consist of i) setting students pre-reading activities (approx. 1 hour of independent study) and ii) teaching a 60 – 75-minute live lesson via Zoom each week.

Pre-Reading Activities

For language courses, this is typically a two-page worksheet with activities (e.g. vocabulary learning, exercises, or passage preparation) that introduce new concepts or consolidate learning in between lessons. For interdisciplinary courses, this is up to five pages of primary sources (written or visual) accompanied by guiding questions to warm up students' ideas and maximise your lesson time together. Examples of pre-reading worksheets will be provided.

Interactive Lesson/Seminar

By "interactive", we mean a tutor-led presentation (with PowerPoint) that breaks at least once for students to participate actively with the course content. Ideas include:

- A starter or plenary activity (e.g. quiz) to introduce or conclude the lesson.
- Asking questions and encouraging students to share ideas from pre-reading activities.
- A Zoom Poll, Kahoot or Pear Deck slides.
- A passage or piece of art used as a prompt to explore a question in pairs/as a class.



	Course Length	Lesson Duration	Start Date
Language Courses	5 or 10 weeks	60 minutes	Time and day are flexible. Starting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • w/c 26 September <i>or</i> • w/c 3 October 2022
Interdisciplinary Courses	6 weeks	75 minutes	Time and day are flexible. Starting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • w/c 31 October 2022

Remuneration

Our online course fees fall between £75 - £150 depending on duration. On each course, up to 5 free places are made available for students in financial need or underrepresented backgrounds, decided through a bursary application form. For course collaborations taught entirely by a guest tutor, we share the net income 50:50 between Forte Academy and the lead tutor.

Courses will only operate with a minimum number of 8 paid students signed up by the course confirmation deadline (two weeks before the start date).

Pitching a course

If you would like to pitch an online course idea – as the lead teacher or in collaboration with other tutors – please email Florence at info@forte-academy.co.uk in the first instance with the following key info:

- Course title
- Brief description
- Proposed Duration
- Your availability for lesson day/time and start date

Deadline: Wednesday 17 August 2022.

