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ONLINE

AMI MONTESSORI ORIENTATION COURSE FOR AGES 6-12

DATES: 18 March - 14 April 2026

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March 2026: 18, 19; 23, 24, 26; 30, 31

April 2026: 1; 8, 9; 13, 14

WORKING LANGUAGES

English with translation to Italian

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The AMI Montessori 6-12 Orientation Course is designed to give an overview of the 6-12 children and is an introduction to the developmental characteristics and needs of children of this age. It supports an understanding of this developmental stage of life and the Montessori philosophy regarding children of this age.

The course format offers live online lecture presentations, discussion, reading and practical activities for a total of 60 hours.

AWARD

Successful participation in all Orientation Course Requirements leads to the award of the internationally recognized AMI 6-12 Orientation Course Certificate.

Association Montessori International (AMI) was founded by Maria Montessori to continue her work and keep the quality and authenticity of Montessori education worldwide. AMI certificates and diplomas are recognized and accepted worldwide.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

This course is suitable for any adult who wants to better understand the Montessori approach to elementary education, including parents, grandparents and carers; professionals working with children - teachers, student teachers, specialist teachers and school administrators.

The course is a solid starting point for the future Montessori professionals.

The course is a good foundation for new assistants in the Montessori Elementary classroom and can serve as a refresher for current assistants.

GOALS AND BENEFITS OF THE COURSE

- To acquire general knowledge of the Montessori approach to development and education
- To learn about developmental needs and characteristics of the 6-12 children
- To gain knowledge on the prepared environment in Montessori elementary
- To explore how an adult can best support the optimal development of children of this age
- To understand the general importance of observation and learn to observe.

COURSE SCHEDULE

33 hours of online lectures (Zoom platform)

Week 1

- Wednesday 18 March 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Thursday 19 March: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time

Week 2

- Monday 23 March: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Tuesday 24 March: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Thursday 26 March: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time

Week 3

- Monday 30 March: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Tuesday 31 March: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Wednesday 1 April: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time

Week 4

- Wednesday 8 April: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Thursday 9 April: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time

Week 5

- Monday 13 April: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time
- Tuesday 14 April: 18:00 - 20:45 Italian time

27 hours of asynchronous independent guided work (readings, videos, reflecting, preparing materials) (Canvas LMS)

Outside of this course schedule, participants will undertake **9 hours of observation of the elementary children** (can be done in a Montessori school, traditional school, after school programs and activities for elementary children etc).

Specific instructions on how to conduct Observation will be given during the Course.

ZOOM SESSIONS and CANVAS LMS

The live lectures will be delivered via the Zoom platform.

Participants need access to a computer with speakers, a microphone, and a good internet connection. Participation with the camera on is required during Zoom sessions.

All the required readings (with translations), assignments, videos and instructions for the independent work will be available via Canvas LMS, which is easy to access and use.

CONTENT

- María Montessori's Life and Work
- Introduction to Montessori Theory and Education
- Human Needs and Tendencies
- Work – a Vital Instinct
- Four Planes of Development
- Transition from the First to the Second Plane of Development
- Second Plane of Development
- Observation Theory and Techniques
- Acquisition of Culture and the Montessori Approach to Subject Areas in Elementary

- Use of the Imagination in the Second Plane
- Stories in Cosmic Education
- Moral and Social Development in the Second Plane
- Grace and Courtesy in Elementary Classroom
- Cosmic Education
- Prepared Environment in the Second Plane
- The Role and Preparation of the Adult in the Second Plane
- Going out
- Freedom and Responsibility in the Second Plane
- Education and Peace

TRAINER – Irena Mitrović

Irena Mitrović obtained a bachelor's degree at the University of Belgrade (Spatial Planning, Faculty of Geography) with an MSc in Environmental Sciences and Policy (Central European University). She holds an AMI 6-12 Diploma (Bergamo), AMI 3-6 Diploma (Munich), and an Adolescent Workshop certificate (Prague). She has been involved in the Montessori education since 2009.

Irena works at the Bergamo Training Centre with Baiba Krumins Grazzini as a 6-12 auxiliary trainer.

REQUIRED READING (excerpts)

By Dr. Maria Montessori:

- From Childhood to Adolescence
- To Educate the Human Potential
- Education and Peace
- Citizen of the World
- The Formation of Man

Other readings may be included.

AMI REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

- Minimum attendance of 90%
- Submission of three short 500-word papers on topics set by the Trainer
- Observation: 9 hours of observation
- Submission of observation notes and observation report
- Submission of required independent work via Canvas LMS
- Overall satisfactory participation in the course, as evaluated by the Trainer.

Observation report and all the assignments to be submitted after the online part of course is over, during the time period specified by the trainer.

FEE

Early bird (for applications and payments by January 31st 2026): **500 €**

Regular fees (for application and payments by March 16th 2026): **580 €**