

# Testi del Syllabus

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## Testi in italiano

**Lingua insegnamento** INGLESE

**Contenuti (Dipl.Sup.)**

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## Testi di riferimento

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## Obiettivi formativi

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## Prerequisiti

None

## Metodi didattici

Frontal lessons

## Altre informazioni

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## Modalità di verifica dell'apprendimento

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