

SPRING SEMESTER 2008

Course : ITA 102
Instructor : Dott. Barbara Lastrucci

SYLLABUS

Textbook

“Parliamo italiano (third edition)” by S.Branciforte and A.Grassi. Houghton Mifflin Company
Daily explanations by the professor will supplement, expand and simplify the material of the textbook, so that students will be assisted in learning the language and culture of Italy

Course description

This course is mainly concerned with the study of the grammar structures of the Italian language; taking place in Italy, it is focused on the improvement of the skills that will help the students interacting with the Florentine environment in their everyday life. Therefore, grammar will be immediately used in talking and discussing vocabulary, expressions and culture.

Course outline

January

general review of the material covered in ITA 101
progressive present tense
the verbs *conoscere* and *sapere*
impersonal SI
indirect object pronouns

February

Imperfect tense
Comparative and superlative
Progressive past tense

March

Imperative
Double pronouns
Future tense

April

Conditional

Quizzes and Exams

Jen.22, Feb.5 : quizzes
Feb.21 : Mid Term Examination
Mar.11, Mar.25 : quizzes
Final Examination : to be decided by the administration
No make-up exams are offered. If you have any serious problem and/or justification, you should contact the instructor as soon as possible, otherwise missing a test is the equivalent of an F that will be factored into your grade.

Grading system

Final Exam: 30%

Mid Term Exam: 20%
Quizzes : 30%
Class participation : 20%

Grading Scale

100-95 = A	75.9-74 =C
94.9-90 = A-	73.9-70 = C-
89.9-86 = B+	69.9-66 = D+
85.9-84 = B	65.9-64 = D
83.9-80 = B-	63.9-60 = D-
79.9-76 =C+	Below 60 = F

Absences

According with the general rules of Gonzaga in Florence program.
The students will be responsible for all explanations and work missed.
It is my philosophy that it is impossible to learn a foreign language without a constant practice in hearing, speaking and understanding, so class participation is integral and indispensable part of this process

Office hours

By appointment