

GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITAL 101: Elementary Italian I
Credits: 4 Credits
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OFFICE HOURS

By appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course students will develop the basic language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in order to communicate successfully in Italian.

In addition there will be a focus on achieving “cultural competency”, by studying such topics as Italian geography, the Italian school system and the Italian family. Each unit in the textbook pairs themes of Italian culture with essential points of grammar and vocabulary.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Basic communication skills in daily situations:

- Asking for and giving basic information.
- Expressing personal needs, likes and dislikes.
- Expressing past actions.
- Comprehension of short dialogues and simple conversations.
- To be able to read and comprehend basic written texts.
- To be able to construct basic texts in the form of e-mails, letters and description of daily life.

REQUIREMENTS

Course requirements include four quizzes, one Mid-Term and a Final Exam.

Regular attendance, completion of all homework assignments and active class participation are essential.

TEXTBOOK – *PARLIAMO ITALIANO!* by Branciforti –Grassi, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston

- Third Edition 2006

- *PARLIAMO ITALIANO!* Workbook

GRADING SYSTEM

- Quizzes 30%
- Class participation 20%
- Mid-Term Exam 20%
- Final Exam 30%

GRADING SCALE

A = 92.5 – 100	B = 82.5 – 87.4	C = 72.5 – 77.4	D = 60.0 – 67.4
A- = 90.0 – 92.4	B- = 80.0 – 82.4	C- = 70.0 – 72.4	F = Below 60
B+ = 87.5 – 89.9	C+ = 77.5 – 79.9	D+ = 67.5 – 69.9	

QUIZZES AND EXAMS

- Quiz n. 1 - Thursday, October 1, 2009
- Quiz n. 2 - Wednesday, October 14, 2009
- Mid-Term - Thursday, October 29, 2009
- Quiz n. 3 - Tuesday, November 17, 2009
- Quiz n. 4 - Tuesday, December 1, 2009
- Final Exam - T.B.A.

ABSENCES

In accordance with the rules of Gonzaga University.

When absent, students will be responsible for making up any class work missed.

If you have any serious problem and justification that requires the missing of a quiz or exam, please contact the instructor.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week one (September 17)

Unità preliminare.

Greeting people; Introducing yourself; Alphabet; Numbers (0-100); Interrogative words

Week two (September 21-24)

Unità 1- Unità 2

Nouns; Indefinite article ; Definite article; Verb *essere* ; *C'è – Ci sono*

Week three (September 28 – October 1)

Unità 1

Verb *avere* and idiomatic expressions with the verb *avere*; Simple prepositions; Present Tense (regular verbs of the first conjugation)

Week four (October 5-8)

Unità 2

Present Tense (verbs of the second and third conjugation); Adjectives; Possessive adjectives; Possessive pronouns

Week five (October 12-15)

Unità 2- Unità 3

Irregular verbs (*andare, venire, uscire, dare, stare*) ; Verb *piacere*; Interrogative words

Week six (October 19-22)

Unità 3

Adjectives (bello, buono, questo, quello) ; Verb *fare*

Week seven (October 26-29)

Review and Mid-term Exams

Week eight (November 2-5)

Unità 3

Modal verbs: *volere, dovere, potere*; Prepositions

Week nine (November 9 – 12)

Unità 3

Irregular verbs (*dire, bere*); Prepositions

Week ten (November 16 -19)

Unità 4

Present perfect (regular verbs)

Week eleven (November 23-26)

Unità 4

Present perfect (irregular verbs); Direct-object pronouns

Week twelve (November 30 – December 3)

Unità 4

Quantities; The partitive; The pronoun *ne*

Present perfect (agreement with the direct-object pronouns);

The adverb *ci*

Week thirteen (December 7,9,10)

General review.

December 14-18 : Final Exams