

# GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITAL 101: Elementary Italian I  
Credits: 4 Credits  
Instructor: Henry Batterman



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## OFFICE HOURS

By appointment

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

this course students will develop the basic language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking in order to communicate comfortably and successfully in Italian. In addition there will be a focus on achieving “cultural competency”, by studying such topics as Italian geography, Italian food, the Italian school system and the Italian family. This course strongly emphasizes the use Italian in everyday situations (in the stores, at the station, at a restaurant, in social situations, etc.)

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

Basic communication skills in daily situations:

- Expressing personal needs, likes and dislikes.
- Describing yourself and asking about others
- Asking for and understanding directions
- Buying clothes, food, drink, etc.
- Comprehending basic conversational Italian.
- Reading and comprehending basic written texts.
- Writing e-mails, letters and short compositions.

## REQUIREMENTS

Course requirements include four quizzes, a Midterm and a Final Exam. Regular attendance, completion of all homework assignments and active class participation are essential.

**TEXTBOOKS** Course packet (provided by the teacher)  
*PARLIAMO ITALIANO!* by Branciforti –Grassi, third edition

## GRADING SYSTEM

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| - Quizzes + midterm   | 60% |
| - Class participation | 20% |
| - Final Exam          | 20% |

## GRADING SCALE

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| 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 (subject to revision)

Quiz n. 1 - Thursday, October 1, 2008  
Quiz n. 2 - Wednesday, October 14, 2008  
Mid-Term - Thursday, October 29, 2008  
Quiz n. 3 - Tuesday, November 17, 2008  
Quiz n. 4 - Tuesday, December 1, 2008  
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. For any serious problem that justifies missing a quiz or exam, students are asked to contact the instructor.