

# GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITA 105 ITALIAN CONVERSATION  
Credits: 3 Credits  
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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the first part of the semester, students will learn how to interact with the Italian environment during everyday life situations, such as :

- going to the open-air markets for grocery shopping
- going shopping and bargaining for clothing and souvenirs
- going to cafes, bars and restaurants
- asking for an information on the street
- buying tickets, taking a train, a bus or an airplane
- visiting new places
- meeting new friends

Also, students will be encouraged to tell and talk about themselves and the second part of the course will be focused on conversations and discussions about American and Italian cultures (with their peculiarities and differences).

Weekly field trips and visits in downtown (during class hours) will be integrating part of the course, in order to make immediate use of the material covered in class.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

The main focus of this course is to help students develop the practical skills necessary to use the language in everyday situations and their curiosity for a different society

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

It provides the students with a better knowledge of Italian life-style, social culture and traditions, so that they will “read” , understand and enjoy better their experience here.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Students are graded on two oral exams, a weekly composition and class participation

Final : 25%

Mid Term :20%

Class participation : 30%

Compositions / Presentations : 25%

## GRADING SCALE

100-92.5 = A	77.4-72.5 = C
92.4-90 = A-	72.4-70 = C-
89.9-87.5 = B+	69.9-67.5 = D+
87.4-82.5 = B	67.4-60 = D
82.4-80 = B-	
79.9-77.5 = C+	Below 60 = F

**EXAMS**

To be announced

**ABSENCES**

In accordance with the rules of Gonzaga University.

**SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL LEARNING:**

Use Italian as much as possible, even when you know that you would probably be understood just as well using English.

Find Italian friends- Join the organized activities and meet Italian students

Don't be afraid to make mistakes when speaking

Ask people to repeat when you don't understand. Ask a lot of questions (in class and after class).

HAVE FUN !! Putting to practice the language you learn in class is exciting and rewarding.