

GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITAL 105: Elementary Italian Conversation I
Credits: 3 credits
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Only for those students who are taking or have taken ITAL 101

TEXT: Buongiorno Italia
Handouts

OBJECTIVES: Italiano 105 is an entry level course in Italian.. The main focus of the course is help students develop the practical skills necessary to use Italian in everyday situations (in the stores, at the station, in social situations, etc.) Topics to be covered include:

- Basic Italian pronunciation
- Introductions and greetings
- Ordering in an Italian cafe'
- Asking for and understanding directions
- Shopping and money
- Travelling by train
- Buying clothes, food and drink
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Italian food and restaurants
- Telling about past experiences
- Describing yourself and asking about others

In addition students will expand their vocabularies and practice using the structures presented in Italian 101. There will be an opportunity to have an Italian conversation partner.

GRADING: 60% quizzes- There will be a quiz (written or oral) at the end of each unit.
Midterm – end of October
20% class participation
20% final exam (oral)

As this is a conversation class, regular attendance is **essential**.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL LEARNING:

- USE ITALIAN WHENEVER POSSIBLE (in the pensione, in the stores, cafe's, etc.)
- REMIND PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE STUDYING ITALIAN
- ("Sto studiando l'italiano.") WHEN THEY RESPOND IN ENGLISH.
- FIND ITALIAN FRIENDS
- DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES WHEN SPEAKING
- ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS IN AND OUT OF CLASS