

GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITAL 101: Elementary Italian I
Credits: 4 Credits
Instructor: Serena Baldini



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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 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 and the Italian family. This course strongly emphasizes the use of Italian in everyday situations.

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.

TEXTBOOKS (purchase at the Feltrinelli International bookstore- Via Cavour 12 in Florence)

- A. Battaglia – L.Tarini, *dimmi...Manuale per la Comunicazione. Primo Livello*, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2008.
- A. Battaglia – L.Tarini, *PRATICAMENTE dimmi... Esercizi e Attività. Primo Livello*, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2008.

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, September 30,	2010
Quiz n. 2	- Wednesday, October 13,	2010
Mid-Term	- Thursday, October 28,	2010
Quiz n. 3	- Tuesday, November 16,	2010
Quiz n. 4	- Thursday, December 2,	2010
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 16)

Presentation of the course.

Week two (September 20-23)

Unit 1

Introductions; Asking questions. The alphabet; Numbers; Questions words; The verbs to be (*essere*) and to have (*avere*).

Week three (September 27-30)

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Expressions for ordering at the caffè and at the restaurant. Elementary descriptions. Articles, nouns and adjectives.

Week four (October 4-8)

Unit 2

Describing oneself. Present tense of regular verbs.

Friday, 8 October: make-up class day for Thursday, 14 October.

Week five (October 11-13)

Unit 2

Describing a house.

Present tense of irregular verbs. Use of "molto".

Week six (October 18-21)

Unit 3

At the restaurant. Present tense of irregular verbs.

Week seven (October 25-28)

Review and Mid-term Exams

Week eight (November 2-4)

Unit 3

Shopping. Present tense of irregular verbs. Prepositions.

Week nine (November 8-11)

Unit 3

Asking and understanding directions. Prepositions.

Week ten (November 15-19)

Unit 4

Travel. Talking about past events. The past of regular verbs.

Friday, 19 November: make-up class day for Wednesday, 24 November.

Week eleven (November 22-23)

Unit 4

Travel. Talking about past events. The past of irregular verbs.

Week twelve (November 29-December 2)

Unit 5

The family. Possessive adjectives and pronouns.

Week thirteen (December 6,7,9)

General review.

December 13-17: Final Exams