

GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITAL 106: Elementary Italian Conversation II
Credits: 3 Credits
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PREREQUISITES OR CO-REQUISITE

ITAL 102

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In the first part of the semester, the students will review and expand the material covered in ITAL 105, improving the knowledge they already have of everyday situations such as :

- Telling about themselves
- Going to the market for grocery shopping
- Asking for information and directions
- Buying train tickets, taking a train or a bus
- Meeting new friends

The second part of the semester will be focused on developing students' self-confidence while conversing and expressing ideas and opinions. We will cover topics such as:

- Going shopping for clothing
- Talking about things you used to do
- Describing actions, situations, people and things in the past
- Talking about sport, hobbies and fashion
- Describing daily activities
- Talking about the future
- Expressing ideas and opinions
- Expressing wishes and requests politely

Field trips and visits in downtown (during class hours) will be an important part of the course, in order to make immediate use of the material studied in class.

Students will improve their vocabulary and practice using the grammar structures studied in Italian 102.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The main focus of this course is to help students improve the practical skills necessary to use the language in everyday situations and develop their interest in Italian culture.

The students will gain a better knowledge of the Italian life-style, of Florentine culture and traditions, in order to take full advantage of their experience in Italy.

REQUIREMENTS

Course requirements include two oral presentations, compositions, one Mid-Term Exam and a Final Exam.

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

GRADING SYSTEM

- Oral presentations 10%
- Compositions 15%
- Class participation 30%
- Mid-Term Exam 20%
- Final Exam 25%

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	

EXAMS

- Mid-Term Exam - February 21-24, 2011
- 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 an exam, please contact the instructor.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL LEARNING.

Use Italian as much as possible, even when it would be easier to use English.

Find Italian friends. Join the organized activities to meet Italian students.

Do not 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!

Put to practice the language you learn in class!