

GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE SYLLABUS

Course: ITA 101 ELEMENTARY ITALIAN 1
Credits: 4 Credits
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course, taking place in Italy, is focused on the improvement of the skills that will help the students interacting with the Florentine environment in their everyday life; therefore, the basic grammar rules that we will study, will be immediately used in talking and discussing vocabulary, expressions and culture.

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 to analyze 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.

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The continue practice in class will put the students in the condition to feel comfortable interacting with Italians during their experience in Florence

Also they will be able to tell about themselves and their lives and to express their opinions and feelings.

TEXTBOOK

Textbooks listed on Gonzaga-in-Florence syllabi may change. Confirm the books through the Gonzaga University bookstore website <http://www.zagshop.com/>

“*Dimmi...*” by Battaglia-Tarini, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2008

“*Praticamente dimmi...*” by Battaglia-Tarini, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2008

Daily explanations by the professor will supplement, expand and simplify the material of the textbook, so that students will be assisted in learning the language and culture of Italy

COURSE OUTLINE

Verbs ESSERE and AVERE
Definite and indefinite articles
Nouns and adjectives
Present tense of regular and irregular verbs
Past tense

GRADING SYSTEM

Students are graded on two exams, two quizzes and class participation.

Final : 30%

Mid Term : 20%

Quizzes : 20%

Class Participation : 30%

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.

Make-up exams are offered just if you have a serious problem and/or justification; in this case you should contact the instructor as soon as possible, otherwise missing a test is the equivalent of an F that will be factored into your grade.

ABSENCES

According with the general rules of Gonzaga in Florence program.

The students will be responsible for all explanations and work missed.

It is my philosophy that it is impossible to learn a foreign language without a constant practice in hearing, speaking and understanding, so class participation is integral and indispensable part of this process.