

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY – IP ITALY
SYLLABUS**

**Fall Semester 2015-2016
ITL 102 Elementary Italian II**

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Class meets: Tuesday & Thursday, 15:30-17:20

Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday,
17:20-18:20 or by appointment

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Course Description

The objective of the course is to help students build on the work done during their PLP by providing a sound and competent basic knowledge of written and spoken Italian, as well as some basic notions on Italian culture and the arts. In particular, students will be encouraged to improve their vocabulary and to put it to great effect when dealing with everyday situations, both inside and outside the class. Students will also improve their listening and reading skills (through songs and other listening activities, and through reading comprehensions), and will consolidate their ability to provide oral reports and to write short writing pieces on the topics covered throughout the course.

Class Format

Classes will cover the grammar aspects indicated in the schedule provided below (and including: direct, indirect, and double object pronouns; conditional and imperative tense; comparatives, and relative pronouns), the relevant vocabulary terms and expressions (including colloquial/idiomatic expressions), and will be oriented towards improving students speaking skills, through oral reports, short speaking activities (e.g. role plays), and conversation exchanges in class among students and/or between students and the instructor. In addition to regular exercises as homework, students will be asked to submit at least three short written compositions (two at home, one in class) to consolidate their writing skills. Please note: Homework are either checked in class or at home.

Up to two occasional visits might be arranged. These will be announced to students (in class or via email) as the course progresses, at least a week prior to the day of the visit.

Class Schedule

Important notice: Please, note that the following schedule is **tentative** and may thus be subject to change at the discretion of your instructor, and taking into consideration the overall pace of the class.

Week 1 Unit 9

Review
“Pronomi diretti” (Direct object pronouns)

Week 2 Unit 9

Practice with direct object pronouns
Reading & oral report: *La casa sulla scogliera*, Chapter 5

Week 3 Unit 10

“Pronomi indiretti” (Indirect object pronouns)
Grammar and vocabulary test 1 (in class)

Week 4 Unit 10

Indirect object pronouns

NO CLASS ON THURS., NOV. 26 DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

Week 5 Unit 11

“Il condizionale” (Conditional tense)
Practice with the conditional tense

Week 6 Unit 12

“Comparativi” (Making comparisons)
Review in light of Mid-term
Reading & oral report: *La casa sulla scogliera*, Chapter 6

Week 7 Unit 12

Practice with comparisons
Mid-term exam

WINTER BREAK: DEC. 18 – JAN. 3

Week 8 Unit 12

“Pronomi combinati” (Double object pronouns)

Week 9 Unit 13

“L'imperativo” (Imperative tense)
Grammar and vocabulary test 2 (in class)

Week 10

Unit 13
Review
Reading & oral report: *La casa sulla scogliera*, Chapter 7

Week 11

Unit 14
“Pronomi relativi” (Relative pronouns)
Role play

Week 12

Unit 14
Relative pronouns
Review
Reading & oral report: *La casa sulla scogliera*, Chapter 8

Week 13

Final Exam – EXACT DAY AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

Examination schedule

Class participation:	<u>ongoing</u> (see details below)
Grammar and vocabulary test 1 (in class):	Nov. 19
Grammar and vocabulary test 2 (in class):	Jan. 21
Mid-term Exam:	Dec. 17
Final exam:	Feb. 8- 11. Exact date and time to be announced

Grading scale with percentages

Please, note that attendance and punctuality will be considered highly, and will thus impact on your final grade for this course. Students are allowed a maximum of 2/two unexcused absences, after which the final grade will be lowered.

Important notice

In the section on percentages (below), “Class participation” refers to: attendance and punctuality; effort in speaking Italian; effort in working collaboratively with the class; submission of homework (including regular assigned exercises, oral reports, written compositions assigned at home and/or in class)

Percentages

Class participation:	35%
Grammar and vocabulary tests (x2) and Mid-term Exam:	30%
Final Exam:	35%

A 100-94	B 86-84	C 76-74	D 66-64
A- 93-90	B- 83-80	C- 73-70	D- 63-60
B+ 89-87	C+ 79-77	D+ 69-67	F 59-0

The dates of the exams CANNOT BE CHANGED to adjust to personal needs.

Bibliography – Required textbooks

Mazzetti, Falcinelli, Servadio, *Qui Italia. Lingua e grammatica I livello*, Firenze, Le Monnier.
Mazzetti, Falcinelli, Servadio, *Qui Italia. Quaderno di esercitazioni pratiche*, Firenze, Le Monnier.
Medaglia, Cinzia, *La casa sulla scogliera*, CIDEB.

Important notice

Additional materials (grammar handouts; short reading comprehensions; songs) will be photocopied and distributed by your instructor, and will be mostly aimed to consolidate the work done in class as exemplified in the class schedule above. This need to be considered part of the workload for both Mid-term and Final Exams.

Memorandum

To: Italian Language students
Re: Italian Language courses, addition to the syllabus
From: The Italian Language Department

Attendance to these courses is mandatory and more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade (excused absences will be accepted for serious medical reasons or serious emergencies).

More than **five unexcused absences** will result in failure of the course.

In order not to disrupt the class, punctuality is required. Students are expected to be in class at the beginning of the class hour; any delay exceeding ten minutes will be considered an absence.

During the academic year photocopies and other material will be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who have not been in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies. All assigned homework should be completed prior to entering the class. Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations.

The language spoken in class is Italian.

No other activities such as eating, etc. are allowed.

Dates of exams can not be changed for individual needs. Students should take note of the dates and hours of the midterm and final exams and plan their trips after the last exam. It is important to tell friends and relatives about this so they do not surprise you by buying tickets for you for trips to be made before that date. Missing the midterm or the final exam will mean failure of the course.

The completion during the PLP of one of the Italian Language courses ITL101 I, ITL102 I, ITL201 I or 301 I is prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Fall Semester. The completion of two of the Fall Semester Italian courses is prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Spring Semester. Incompletes will be allowed only for serious emergencies and must be completed within two weeks.

Professors are available, by prior appointment, for short clarifications and explanations, during office hours.