

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SYLLABUS**

**ITL 125
Elementary Italian Conversation &
Reading**

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Wednesday, 16:00-17:00**

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Monday and Wednesday
14:00 - 15:50**

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AIMS OF THE COURSE

The focus is on the oral abilities: reading and speaking. This course is designed to prepare students for concentration courses offered in Italian during spring semester. Attention will be on Art, History, Literature, Cinema, cultural and sociological aspects of Italian life. All work is focused on giving student confidence and developing language proficiency in reading comprehension, vocabulary, oral comprehension; focus will be on new words and expressions, oral summary of readings, speaking.

CLASS FORMAT

Reading and comprehension of short stories; passages; newspapers and magazine articles; introduction, viewing and discussion of Italian movies, lexical studies; oral reports.

CLASS CALENDAR

Week 1- Islands of Italy: Sardegna	Week 2 – Regioni italiane: Valle d’Aosta	Week 3 - Piemonte
Week 4 - Veneto	Week 5 – film: Pane e Tulipani. Venezia	Week 6 – Biografia: Enzo Ferrari. Emilia-Romagna
Week 7 Architettura. Renzo Piano e l’Auditorium di Parma	Week 8 – Arte: l’Allegoria della Primavera di Sandro Botticelli	Week 9 – film: Mediterraneo
Week 10 – Letteratura: Dino Buzzati	Week 11 – Letteratura: Italo Calvino	Week 12:-Letteratura: Primo Levi. Ripasso

Week 13: Final oral exam

The **final oral exam, Feb. 8 – 10 (exact days and times to be announced)**, 15 minutes for each student, will be divided into two parts:

1. - a presentation on Art, movies, Literature, society topics, etc.(taking models from the course’s contents);
2. – the readings done and the movies seen during the course.

The calendar is tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the instructor to reflect the class’s rate of progress.

GRADING

The grading will be based on attendance, punctuality, assignments, class participation, oral reports, mandatory attendance of movies, final oral examination.

Grading weights:

class participation: 30%

oral presentations: 35%

final oral exam: 35%

More than two unexcused absences will lower the grade.

Dates of exams can not be changed to adjust to students'

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.