

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SYLLABUS - Grammar

ITL 201
Intermediate Italian 1

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AIMS OF THE COURSE

The major purpose of the course is that of helping the students to build up a solid knowledge of some of the basic features of Italian phonetics, syntax and lexicon, so that by the end of the semester they should be able to handle easily, both orally and in writing, an everyday communication with Italians.

CLASS FORMAT

We will study grammar units, with drills and conversation on topics based on the grammar units and additional ones provided by the teacher. Students will be asked to give oral reports on subject of their own choice, so that they will actively contribute to building of vocabulary and knowledge of idiomatic expressions. There might be occasional sightseeing in town.

CLASS SCHEDULE

The following schedule is tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the instructor to reflect the class's rate of progress.

1° week: unit 9	2° week: unit 9 and 10	3° week: unit 10 and test
4° week: unit 10	5° week: unit 11	6° week: unit 11 and review
7° week: unit 12 and midterm	8° week: unit 12	9° week: unit 13
10° week: unit 14 and test	11° week: unit 14 and review	12° week: review
		13° week: final exam

Examination schedule:

oral reports: assigned periodically

Tests: **Nov. 19, Jan. 21**

Mid-term: **Dec. 17**

Final exam: **Feb. 8- 11, exact date and time to be announced**

GRADING

Attendance and punctuality are a must, and they will weigh on the final grade, therefore more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade.

The other main points on which grading will be based are:

class participation; oral reports; outside assignments; tests; mid-term; final

Grading weights:

35% - class participation and attendance; oral reports.

30% - tests and mid-term.

35% - final examination.

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

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Gloria Venturini, *Lezioni di Italiano*, Edizioni Medicea Firenze

Additional material to be photocopied at the center.

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.