

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SYLLABUS
Fall Semester 2017-2018

ITL 201 Grammar
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: review after plp break and unit 6. Reflexive verbs. Typical day description.

2°week: unit 6,7. Reflexive forms, direct object pronouns, gerund with 'stare'. Weather, seasons.

3°week: unit 7 and review. **Test 1: Nov. 21**
No class on **Nov. 23**
due to Thanksgiving

4° week: unit 9,10. Future tense, possessives. Family. Indirect object pr. People description.

5° week: unit 12 and unit 1 from the book n 2. Imperative form (tu, noi, voi). Clothes, colors, sizes, quality. Review of past tenses.

6° week: unit 2. Present Conditional, review of Future, Comparatives. Sport.

7° week: unit 2, review.
Midterm: Dec. 21

8° week: unit 3. Past
Conditional, Past
Perfect, Relatives pron.

9° week: unit 3 and 4.
Past absolute (remote),
review of past.

10° week: unit 3 and 4.
Test: Jan. 23

11° week: unit 4.
Review

12° week: review

13° week: final exam
Feb. 12-15. Exact date
to be announced.

Examination schedule:

oral reports: assigned periodically

Tests: **Nov. 21, Jan. 23**

Mid-term: **Dec. 21**

Final exam: **Feb. 12-15, 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:

“L’Italiano all’Universita”, Edilingua, book 1 and 2.

ATTENDANCE POLICY FOLLOWS:

General Attendance Policy 2017-2018 (for classes that meet twice a week)

Attendance to all CSU courses is mandatory. Two unexcused absences are allowed during the semester but more than two unexcused absences will lower your grade (excused absences will be accepted for serious medical reasons or emergencies) as follows: 3 unexcused absences, lowers one letter grade; 4 unexcused absences, lowers two letter grades; 5 unexcused absences, lowers 3 letter grades. More than **five unexcused absences could 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 **five** minutes will be considered an absence.

Dates of mid-term and final exams **can not** be changed for individual travel plans or personal 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 inform friends and relatives about these exam dates so that no tickets are purchased for you that will interfere with these exam dates. **Missing the midterm or the final exam could result in failure of the course.**

During the academic year photocopies and other material may be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who were not in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies.

Other class policies:

Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations, unless previously approved by the professor.

Eating is **NOT** allowed in class.

Cellular phones must be **turned off** or placed on ***silent mode*** during class.

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.