

**SYLLABUS PLP 2017  
September 4 - October 27**

**ITL 101I - Intensive Beginner Italian**

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**Schedule**

15 hours a week  
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Tues 13:00 -16:00  
Occasional visits in town for general orientation.

**Aims of the Course**  
**Intended for students who have not taken any Italian**

The objective of the course is to provide the students with the basic linguistic ability to cope in every day situations. Practice will take place in all four basic skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing, with opportunities for self-expression in concrete situations (bus, city, market, bar, post office, station, etc...)

**Classroom Calendar**

**September 2017**

**Week 1 - (Sept 4-Sept 8)**

Chapter 1

Mon, Tue, Weds, Thurs: introduction, to be, to have, gender of nouns and adjectives, the articles, numbers, nationalities, negative sentence.

Friday: Review for 1.5 hours, followed by General Meeting in aula magna at 10:30 a.m.

Completion of Resident Permit Kits (permesso di soggiorno) with CSU staff and PLP faculty

**Week 2 - (Sept 11-15)**

Chapters 1 and 2

Mon, Tues, Weds: regular and irregular verbs, prepositions, article+nouns+adjectives.

Thurs: Review for 1 hour and **Test 1**

Friday, Sept. 15 – CSU Day Trip Toscana

**Week 3 - (Sept 18-22)**

Chapters 2 and 3

Mon, Tues, Weds: verbs, "I would like", bar and food, "I like".

Friday: Review for 1 hour and **Test 2**

**Week 4 - (Sept 25-29)**

Chapters 3 and 4

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs: articles, "can", "want", "must", the city, time, day of the week.

Friday: Review for 1 hour and **Test 3**

## **October 2017**

### **Week 5 - (Oct 2-5)**

Chapter 5

Mon, Tues, Weds: there is/there are, prepositions with articles, house.

Thurs: Review for 1 hour and **Test 4**

Friday, Oct. 6 – Departure for CSU weekend field trip: Padova, Verona, Vicenza & Venezia\*\*

Note: The field trip is Friday, Oct. 6 – Sun., Oct. 8

### **Week 6 - (Oct 9-13)**

Chapters 8 and 11

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs: past tense, past events, week-end, imperfect, difference between the two tenses.

Friday: Review for 1 hour and **Test 5**

### **Week 7 - (Oct 16-20)**

Chapters 8, 11 and review.

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs: past tense, imperfect, present tense

Friday: Review for 1 hour and **Test 6**

### **Week 8 - (Oct 23-27) final exams week**

Mon.: Last day of class. Review for final exams.

Tues: Oral exams \*

Wed: Oral exams\*

Thurs: Oral exams\*

Friday morning: Review and Final written exam

\*schedule for oral exams to be posted on bulletin board the week before exams begin

\*\* Field trip dates are subject to change.

## **Grading**

Attendance (more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade – see **attached policy** for details), punctuality, outside assignments and class participation 20%, weekly tests on Friday 40%, written and oral final exams 40%

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

**October 24, 25, 26: oral exam**

**October 27, Friday: written exam**

**Dates of exams cannot be changed to adjust to student's individual needs.**

General basis for grading: 1- results of the exams and the final exam, 2- class participation; 3- attendance; 4- outside assignments.

## **Bibliography**

M. La Grassa, L'ITALIANO ALL'UNIVERSITÀ, ed. Edilingua, 2011 and material provided by the instructor

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY PLP 2017**

Attendance to CSU PLP courses is mandatory. Two unexcused absences are allowed during the course 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** (see **Grading** – attendance counts for up to 20% of your final grade).

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 in class.

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 weekly tests (40% of the grade) or the final exam (40% of the grade) could mean failure of the course.**

Remember that during the PLP there are weekly exams every Thursday or Friday from 10:00 – 12:00, students missing that exam could receive an F.

The completion during the PLP of one of the Italian Language courses ITL101 I, ITL102 I, ITL201 I or 301 I is a prerequisite for admission to Italian classes in the Fall Semester. The completion of two of the Fall Semester Italian courses is a 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 for short clarifications and explanations during office hours.