



**SYLLABUS ITL 101I – *Intensive Elementary Italian I***

**PLP 2017 September 4 - October 27**

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**Office hours: Mon. (12:00pm to 1:00pm) + Tues. (12:00pm to 1:00pm) (online session)**

**SCHEDULE: 15 hours a week**

**Mon. – Fri.: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Occasional visits in town for general orientation.

**DESCRIPTION:** The objective of this course is to provide students with the basic linguistic ability to cope with everyday situations intertwined with a basic but solid grammar backbone structure. Practice will take place in all four basic skills: listening, understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, with opportunities for self-expression in concrete situations. A specific focus will be given to build up a vocabulary that is the main tool to learn, express and interact in daily context. **Intended for students with no previous structured study of Italian.**

**CALENDAR SCHEDULE (tentative)**

**1<sup>st</sup> week: from 09/05/2017 to 09/08/2017**

**Introduction - Italiano all'Università, Unit 1**

**Grammar:** the alphabet (sounds and spelling); to be and to have (present tense); gender of nouns and adjectives; some adjectives of quality; negative sentence.

**Oral Expression:** Greetings; introducing people (what is your name? where are you from? how old are you? asking for/giving general information); daily basic Italian phrases. Idioms with to be and to have.

**Vocabulary:** Cardinal numbers from 0 to 100; nationalities and countries; classroom and personal objects, food and beverages I.

**Friday 09/08/2017: Review for 1.5 hours, followed by General Meeting in aula magna at 10:30am  
Completion of Resident Permit Kits (permesso di soggiorno) with CSU staff and PLP faculty**

**2<sup>nd</sup> week : from 09/11/2017 to 09/15/2017**

**Italiano all'Università, Units 1 - 2**

**Grammar:** Present tense regular and irregular verbs (3 conjugations: -are,-ere,-ire); focus on some movement verbs (*andare, venire, tornare, partire*); prepositions (*in, a, da, di, su, con*) and their use, definite articles, article+noun+adjective agreement; possessive adjectives.

**Oral Expression:** Making friends (greetings, asking about your studies); making plans and arrangements I; shopping, making invitations to dinner and prepare a meal; daily activities (at school, at home, with friends, etc.); feeling good/feeling bad.

**Vocabulary:** Jobs; activities; hobbies; sites; colors; seasons and months; weather forecast (present tense); food and beverages II; meals; shopping at large (clothing and shoes); idioms and some phrasal verbs; chart of most used adjectives of quality in daily conversation.

**Thursday 09/14/2017: Review for 1 hour + Test 1**

**Friday 09/15/2017: NO CLASS TODAY - CSU day trip: Certosa, Albergaccio Machiavelli, USA War Memorial Cemetery**

**3<sup>rd</sup> week: from 09/18/2017 to 09/22/2017**

**Italiano all'Università, Units 2 - 3**

**Grammar:** Present tense irregular verbs (*-are,-ere,-ire*); review and practice on movement verbs and prepositions; the verb *piacere*; polite requests with *mi piacerebbe*; more irregular verbs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> conjugation (*-ire*); review and practice prepositions.

**Oral Expression:** How to express like/dislike; to be sorry; how to express agreement and/or disagreement, asking for permission; making plans and arrangements II; go shopping and/or prepare a meal at home; going to a restaurant.

**Vocabulary:** Food and beverages III; medications; shops and shopping at large (clothing, shoes, etc.) II; common weights, sizes and measures; transportation; the body and the face; family members; chart of most used adjectives of quality in daily conversation II.

**Friday 09/22/2017: Review for 1 hour + Test 2**

**4<sup>th</sup> week: from 09/25/2017 to 09/29/2017**

**Italiano all'Università, Units 3 - 4**

**Grammar:** Review and practice present tense irregular verbs with/without prepositions I; indefinite articles; Modal verbs (*potere, volere, dovere, sapere*); interrogatives (*quanto/per quanto/dove*); "*ci*" in Italian.

**Oral expression:** Asking for information/giving information; asking for permission; the time; Expressing intentions (will, obligation, desire, uncertainty, refusal, need, ability); finding your way around, using a city map; describe your own living space and buildings; facial expressions in Italian.

**Vocabulary:** Time; days of the week; road directions; the city (buildings and locations); travelling; idiomatic expressions I.

**Friday 09/29/2017: Review for 1 hour + Test 3**

**5<sup>th</sup> week : from 10/02/2017 to 10/06/2017**

**Italiano all'Università, Unit 5**

**Grammar:** Articulated prepositions and their use; *c'è/ ci sono*; present tense irregular verbs with/without prepositions I; practice of Modal verbs II; some adverbs (*forse, sicuramente, mai*)

**Oral Expression:** How describe the living space, housekeeping activities, living with roommates; travelling (how to book a room, buy a ticket and ask for general information when travelling)

**Vocabulary:** The living space (the apartment, furniture and appliances and related activities); transportation; idiomatic expressions II.

**Thursday 10/05/2017: Review for 1 hour + Test 4**

**Friday 10/06/2017: NO CLASS TODAY - CSU weekend field trip: Padova, Verona, Vicenza & Venezia\*\* (field trip will be Friday, Oct. 6 – Sun., Oct. 8)**

**6<sup>th</sup> week: from 10/09/2017 to 10/13/2017**

**Italiano all'Università, Units 6 - 7**

**Grammar:** Reflexive verbs; frequency adverbs; direct object pronouns; *stare* + gerundio; quantity adverbs; using *molto* as adjective and adverb.

**Oral Expression:** Describing daily habits, asking / telling about the weather; describing the climate.

**Vocabulary:** Verbs to express daily habits; university; months; seasons; expressions to talk about weather.

**Friday 10/13/2017: Review for 1 hour + Test 5**

**7<sup>th</sup> week: from 10/16/2017 to 10/20/2017**

**Italiano all'Università, Units 7 - 8 and review**

**Grammar:** Past tense sentence (*passato prossimo*), to be and to have; forms and agreement of the past participle (regular verbs, 3 conjugations -are, -ere, -ire) and their use; past tense (*passato prossimo* taking to be as an auxiliary) with verbs of movement, i.e. *andare, restare, uscire, venire, arrivare*. Irregular past participles of 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> conjugations (focus and practice on these verbs: *fare, bere, piacere, prendere, aprire, dire*, etc); Direct object pronouns with past tense and modal verbs.

**Oral Expression:** Travelling (making plans with a friend and/or family, how to reach the place, booking a ticket; what to see and why; share a fieldtrip's experience with others also using past tense sentence); problem-solving issues while travelling.

**Vocabulary:** Leisure activities; habits and manners in Italy and Europe while travelling (focus on food habits); Italian idiomatic expressions.

**Friday 10/20/2017: Review for 1 hour + Test 6**

**8<sup>th</sup> week: From 10/23/2017 to 10/27/2017**

**10/17/2016: Last day of class:** General review and practice: present tense, past tense sentence (*passato prossimo*). Past tense (*passato prossimo*) irregular past participles of 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> conjugations (focus and practice on these verbs *fare, bere, piacere, prendere, aprire, dire*, etc);

**FINAL EXAMS:**

**From 10/24/2017 to 10/26/2017: ORAL EXAMS \*\***

**Friday 10/27/2016: Review + FINAL WRITTEN EXAM 9am-12pm**

\* field trip date is subject to change

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

**BIBLIOGRAPHY: La Grassa, Matteo, Italiano all'Università, Roma, Edilingua, 2013 vol. I**

**CLASS COSTS: 19,71 euros** (10% off the regular price which is 23,9 euros. The discount is granted to CSU students only at the Feltrinelli Bookshop in via Cerretani)

On a regular basis, additional material (charts, lists of words, etc.) will be provided to each student by the instructor in class and/or by email or loaded on google.docs.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

Movie nights and occasional site visits.

**GRADING**

Attendance (more than two unexcused absences will lower the grade - see **ATTENDANCE POLICY** for details), punctuality, outside assignments and class participation (20%), weekly tests on Thursday or 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.

### **PLP 2017 ATTENDANCE POLICY**

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.