



ITL 101 I Intensive Elementary Italian I

PLP 2019

Credits – 5 CSU units

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Class Days/Times: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

Office hours: Monday 12:10pm - 1:10pm or by email appointment

Location of Course – California State University, Florence~Via G. Leopardi, 12~50121 Florence, Italy

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course aims to provide students with the basic linguistic skills to operate in everyday-life communication in Italian language. Teaching of grammar and vocabulary is combined with regular practice of the four language abilities, i.e. aural and written comprehension, speaking, and writing. Students on the module will develop their understanding and expertise within Italian language, in conjunction with the introduction to some basic elements of Italian culture. The course is intended for students with no previous structured study of Italian.

CSU GE CATEGORY: – C1, C2 or C elective

REQUIRED BOOKS AND READINGS:

La Grassa, M., *L'Italiano all'Università*, Roma, Edilingua, 2013 vol. I.

CLASS COSTS: 21,51 euro for the textbook (discounted 10% from the original price of 23,90 euro; discount is for CSU students only, at the Feltrinelli Bookshop in via Cerretani).

*Thursday, Sept. 5th, 11am-12:00pm, the teacher will walk students to purchase the textbook at the Feltrinelli Bookstore. Bring money with you!

On a regular basis, additional material (e.g. videos, songs, pictures etc.) will be provided to each student by the instructor, in class, by email and/or through online tools. Students are responsible for their own material.

LIBRARY SESSION

To be announced in class once the semester begins.

COURSE METHODS

Presentation (introduction of new material in context), practice (a controlled practice phase to enhance listening, understanding, comprehension and expression skills) and production (activities in class and home

assignments designed for less-controlled practice to enhance memorization and writing & vocabulary skills). Teaching method may incorporate visual aids such as computer, tv and listening aids such as radio to make the learning of the language enjoyable students (such as learning songs).

GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

You are responsible for the weekly readings, the information given to you in class, on handouts **and via email**. Part of your grade will be determined by regular attendance, participation in class discussions and active engagement in all activities of this course. ***Make sure to check your email on a regular basis for updates and additional information.***

CLASS SITE VISITS

Visits to various public sites (gardens, libraries, markets etc.) are included in this course and you are required to attend all of them.

COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Students will learn to use the basic language structures and common vocabulary and to accomplish communication goals corresponding to levels A1 and A2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the semester students will be able to talk about their interests, hobbies and daily activities, weather, food, travels, family, and studies, in present and past tenses. They will be able to understand written and oral inputs about the same topics as well as to produce short written texts.

GRADES/EXAMS AND WEEKLY TESTS

MANDATORY WEEKLY TESTS: They will take place usually **each Friday but sometimes on Thursdays.**

Review: From 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Weekly test: then from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Weekly test format: 6 sections. a) listening comprehension b) written comprehension, (multiple-choice exercises, fill-in exercises) c) vocabulary oriented exercises, d) grammar review exercises e) brief written compositions f) reading comprehension (complete sentence, fill-in exercises) (2h length).

Weekly tests will be returned to students at the beginning of the week with comments and grades., On Friday, before the weekly test, there will be an hour review upon issues dealt in class along the week.

ORAL EXAMS: October, 22 23, 24 - time and schedule to be announced.

Oral exam format: Students are required to set an oral conversation with a peer about daily life topics such as:

1. Presentations and self-description: personality, moods, daily and/or weekly habits;
2. ask for/give information downtown;
3. describe a recent trip (by using the past tense);
4. shopping (grocery, pharmacy, clothing store);
5. Going to a restaurant/bar/pizzeria;

Oral exam **will last 10 minutes** for each student. Topic will be chosen by lot during the oral exam session among the above mentioned.

WRITTEN EXAM: The final exam will take place **October 25 from 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.**

Written exam format: It will include all issues dealt with in class during the course.

IMPORTANT: EXAMS

You must attend all exams and quizzes as scheduled. Make-up exams are given only for valid reasons. Please check your academic calendar **BEFORE** you book trips, flights and hotels. **GRADING:**

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

GRADE AVERAGE SYSTEM:

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

A Student performance has been outstanding and indicates an exceptional degree of academic achievement in meeting learning outcomes and course requirements

B Student performance has been at a high level and indicates solid academic achievement in meeting learning outcomes and course requirements

C Student performance has been adequate and indicates satisfactory academic achievement in meeting learning outcomes and course requirements

D Student performance has been less than adequate and indicates deficiencies in meeting the learning outcomes and/or course requirements

F Student performance has been unacceptable and indicates a failure to meet the learning outcomes and/or course requirements

VERY IMPORTANT: Failure to complete all work assigned in the course could result in failure of the class.

CLASS CODE OF CONDUCT

Activities unrelated to the course (including private conversations, emailing, text messaging, reading, web surfing, etc.) are not permitted during class time. Please turn off or put all electronic devices on silent mode prior to the beginning of the class.

SAFETY

All students are expected to respect the safety and security policies in place at CSU Firenze. Students will be expected to follow the procedures outlined by CSU Firenze for the safe use of all spaces, including the upstairs. Refusal to respect these policies and procedures could lead to access restrictions or disciplinary actions.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Any form of plagiarism or cheating may result in a failing final grade in the course and might be reported to IP and your campus. You are better off spending your time studying for the class. If you have questions about what constitutes academic dishonesty, please refer to the student handbook and catalog of your campus and also ask your instructor and/or the Resident Director for more information.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Upon identifying yourself to the instructor and the university, students with disabilities will receive reasonable accommodation for learning and evaluations. For more information, contact the Resident Director.

COPYRIGHT AND PRIVACY LAWS

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In addition, no portion of class lectures, discussions, and activities can be reproduced and used in any format, including electronic, without the written consent of the instructor and/or guest speakers.

CHANGES - IMPORTANT

Information contained in this syllabus, including the class calendar, other than that mandated by the University, may be subject to change with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

ATTENDANCE POLICY PLP 2019

Attendance to PLP CSU 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 cannot 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 Friday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Students missing that exam will receive an F.

The completion during the PLP of one of the Italian Language courses ITL 101 I, ITL 102 I, ITL 201 I or ITL 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 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 clarifications and explanations, during office hours.

IMPORTANT: EXAMS

You must attend all exams and quizzes as scheduled. Make-up exams are given only for valid reasons. Please check your academic calendar **BEFORE** you book trips, flights and hotels.

CLASS CALENDAR

1st week: Sept. 3–6

Oral expression: greetings; introduce yourself (name, age, country and nationality); ask common questions; ask questions in the language class.

Grammar and vocabulary: the alphabet; present tense of verbs “essere” (to be) and “avere” (to have); gender of nouns and adjectives; some adjectives of quality; the negative sentence; cardinal numbers from 0 to 100; nationalities and countries.

Tuesday, Sept. 3, Codice Fiscale in class (the second half of class)

Thursday, Sep. 5: from 10:30 am to 11:30 am: Teacher will walk students to Feltrinelli’s bookstore to purchase the textbook. Teacher will accompany students back to CSU for General Meeting at 12:00. **Day and time to be confirmed.**

Friday, Sept. 6: review for 1.5 hours (9:00-10.30 a.m), followed by General Meeting in aula magna at 10:30 am Completion of Resident Permit Kits (permesso di soggiorno) with CSU staff and PLP faculty. No weekly test.

2nd week: Sept. 9-12

Oral expression: make friends; ask about your studies; make plans and arrange to meet; talk about things you do and common daily activities.

Grammar and vocabulary: present tense of regular and irregular verbs (3 conjugations: –are, –ere, –ire); definite articles; article+noun+adjective agreement; vocabulary for jobs, activities, hobbies, places, colors, months, seasons and weather.

Thursday, Sept. 12th: Weekly test: review and test 1.

Friday Sep. 13: NO CLASS DUE TO CSU FIELD TRIP: Vinci, Certaldo, Albergaccio Machiavelli, (1 day trip)

3rd week: Sept. 16-20

Oral expression: express likes/dislikes; apologize; express agreement/disagreement; communication in a café/restaurant (ordering food/beverages and paying).

Grammar and vocabulary: present tense, irregular verbs; verb “*piacere*” (to like/dislike); vocabulary for food, beverages, shops and shopping.

Weekly test: Friday, Sept. 20th: review and test 2.

4th week: Sept. 23-27

Oral expression: ask/give information; ask for permission; ask/say the time; express will/desire, obligation, need and ability; invite someone to do something; accept/refuse an invitation; find your way around using a city map; describe your own living space and buildings.

Grammar and vocabulary: indefinite articles; present tense of modal verbs “*potere*” (to can), “*volere*” (to want), “*dovere*” (to have to), “*sapere*” (to know/to be able to); vocabulary for times and days of the week, road directions, buildings and locations in a city.

Weekly test: Thursday, Sept. 26 – review then test 3.

Friday, Sep. 27 : NO PLP CLASSES TODAY DUE TO PASSPORT CHECK AND RESIDENT PERMIT KIT DELIVERY AT THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE. STUDENTS MUST MEET PAOLA AND THEIR ITALIAN TEACHER DIRECTLY AT THE CENTRAL POST OFFICE IN FLORENCE, Piazza della Repubblica,. The exact time will be announced once PLP begins.

STUDENTS MUST BRING THEIR ORIGINAL PASSPORT WITH THEM TO THE POST OFFICE.

5th week : Sept. 30 - Oct. 4

Oral expression: describe a living space; jobs and activities in the home; communication with roommates; book a room in a hotel; buy a bus/train ticket and ask general information when travelling.

Grammar and vocabulary: prepositions; verb “*esserci*” (there is/there are); some adverbs; vocabulary for a living space (e.g. furniture and appliances in the house) and transport.

Weekly test: Friday, Oct. 4th: review and test 4.

6th week: Oct. 7-10

Oral Expression: talk about what you did (e.g. last week/month/year etc.); talk about a good/bad experience in the past; say when you were born.

Grammar and vocabulary: past tense of regular verbs (“*passato prossimo*”); adjectives to describe places, emotions and feelings; ordinal numbers related to days and weeks.

Weekly test: Thursday, Oct. 10th: review and test 5.

Friday, Oct. 11th: NO class due to field trip (Padova, Verona, Vicenza, Venezia)

7th week: Oct. 14-18

Oral Expression: talk about travels; make plans with friends/family; talk about what to see and why; talk about a trip you did; talk about problems while travelling; talk about habits in the past.

Grammar and vocabulary: the “*passato prossimo*” of regular and irregular verbs; the past tense “*imperfetto*”; vocabulary for describing habits and free time activities.

Weekly test: Friday, Oct. 18th: review and test 6.

8th week: Oct. 21-25

Oct. 21: Last day of class: General Review and Practice.

FINAL EXAMS: OCT. 22 – 25

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- ask for/give information;
- describe a trip;
- shopping (grocery, clothing store, etc.);
- going to a restaurant/bar/pizzeria/gelateria/market;

Oral exam **will last about 10 minutes** for each student. Topic will be chosen by lot during the oral exam session among the above mentioned.

FINAL WRITTEN EXAM: The final exam will take place **on Friday, October 25, 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.**

Written exam format: It will include all issues dealt with in class during the course.