

## SPRING SEMESTER 2016

### **ITL201 Intermediate Italian I**

Tue. 14:30 – 16:20

Thu. 14:30 – 16:20

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### **AIMS OF THE COURSE**

This course focuses on the study of more advanced grammar structures and vocabulary of Italian aimed to provide students with the ability to move from familiar material to more complex constructions, backed by a more nuanced understanding and ability to understand several aspects of Italian culture, including fiction and film. All students are expected to speak the language with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary in order to satisfy social and practical needs, and will be encouraged to use extensively class time for making and showing effort in interacting solely in Italian.

### **CLASS FORMAT**

The study of grammar units and vocabulary, and students' participation in grammar drills and conversation will be based on unit reading and on a wide variety of additional material (handouts, grammar charts, exercises, readings from literary texts, films) provided by the instructor. There will be periodical oral reports on subjects chosen by both students and the instructor, and an oral presentation/role play to be held before the end of the semester. At this level, the vocabulary learnt will include idiomatic expressions and colloquialism(s). **The language spoken in class is Italian.**

Occasional site visits in town might be arranged (max. 2), according to the pace of the class.

### **GRADING**

Grading will be based on the following criteria: **1)** Attendance and punctuality; **2)** Class participation, for which effort in speaking Italian and interacting with both the instructor and other students are fundamental; **3)** Outside assignments (i.e. written compositions); **4)** Oral reports, tests, Mid-term and Final Examination.

Grading weights:                      Class participation and attendance (1 and 2 above): 30%  
Oral reports and outside assignments (3 and partly 4 above):  
30%  
Tests, Mid-term and Final Examination (4 above): 40%

**A** 100-94

**B** 86-84

**C** 76-74

**D** 66-64

**A-** 93-90

**B-** 83-80

**C-** 73-70

**D-** 63-60

**B+** 89-87

**C+** 79-77

**D+** 69-67

**F** 59-0

Please, bear in mind the following:

- More than two unexcused absences will lower the grade.
- Dates of exams can not be changed to adjust to students' individual needs.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 1) Mazzetti, Falcinelli, Servadio Qui Italia, lingua e grammatica, I° livello, Firenze, Le Monnier.
- 2) Mazzetti, Falcinelli, Servadio Qui Italia, quaderno di esercitazioni pratiche, Firenze, Le Monnier.
- 3) Additional material provided by the instructor.

## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Oral reports and written compositions: assigned periodically

Test: **March 24, May 5**

Midterm: **April 14**

Final: **To be announced (May 23-26)**

## 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.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> week</b>		Review
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> week</b>	Unit 14	Relative pronouns, conversation and drills
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> week</b>	Unit 14	Relative pronouns, conversation and drills
<b>4<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 14	Use of ne and ci, conversation and drills
<b>5<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 15 <b>Test</b>	Preterit tense, conversation and drills
<b>6<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 15	Altered nouns and review
<b>7<sup>th</sup> week</b>	<b>Review &amp; Midterm</b>	Altered nouns, conversation and drills
<b>8<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 16	The subjunctive: present tense, conversation and drills
<b>9<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 16	The subjunctive: present tense, conversation and drills
<b>10<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 16 <b>Test</b>	The subjunctive, past tense, conversation and drills

<b>11<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Unit 16	The subjunctive: past tense, conversation and drills
<b>12<sup>th</sup> week</b>		Review
<b>13<sup>th</sup> week</b>	<b>Final exam</b>	<b>(May 23 – 26) Exact date and time to be announced</b>

### **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) as follows: 3 unexcused absences, lowers one letter grade; 4 unexcused absences lowers two letter grades; 5 unexcused absences, lowers three letter grades.

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 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 midterm or the final exam will mean failure of the course.

Remember that during the PLP there are weekly exams every Friday from 10:00 – 12:00, students missing that exam will 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 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.