

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SYLLABUS
Spring semester 2016

ITL 330	Instructor: Gloria Venturini
Advanced Syntax, Grammar, and Lexical Studies	Office hours: 15,50 – 16,50
Mon-Wed 14,00 – 15,50	
Spring Semester 2016	e-mail gianraimondo@gmail.com

Aims of the Course

The major purpose of the course is that of helping the students to build up a deeper and solid knowledge 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, in every day communication.

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 subjects of their own choice, so that they will actively contribute to building of vocabulary and knowledge of idiomatic expressions

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	2° week: Unit 13 and review	3° week: Unit 13
4° week: Units 13	5° week: Unit 14 + test	6° week: Unit 14
7° week: Unit 15 e Midterm	8° week: Unit 16	9° week: Unit 17
10° week: Unit 18 + test	11° week: Review	12° week: review 13° week: Final exam

Examination schedule:

Oral reports: assigned periodically

Exam 1: **March 23**

Exam 2, Mid-term: **April 13**

Exam 3: **May 4**

Final: May 23 – 26 (**date 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.

The dates of the exams WILL NOT BE CHANGED to adjust to personal needs.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Gloria Venturini, "Lezioni di italiano", livello intermedio-avanzato, Ed. Medicea

MEMORANDUM – ATTENDANCE POLICY

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

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.