



SYLLABUS

ITL 301
Advanced Italian 1
Mon-Wed 14:00– 15:50
Spring Semester 2018

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Aims of the Course

The major purpose of the course is that of helping the students to build up a solid knowledge of some of the basic features 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 with Italians.

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
Feb 26-28

2° week: review
Mar 5-7

3° week: review
Mar 12-14

4° week: Unit 17
Mar 19: no class
Mar 21

5° week: Unit 17
Mar 26-28
Test 1: Mar 28

6° week: Unit 17
Apr 9-11

7° week: Unit 18 e Midterm
Apr 16-18
Midterm exam: Apr 18

8° week: Unit 18
Apr 23-25
(no class April 25)

9° week: Unit 18
Apr 30 - May 2
(no class on April 30)

10° week: Unit 19
May 7-9
May 7: test 3

11° week: Unit 19
May 14-16

12° week: review
May 21-23

13° week: final exam
May 28-31

Examination schedule:

Oral reports: assigned periodically

Exam 1: **March 28**

Exam 2 (Mid-term): **April 18**

Exam 3: **May 7**

Final exam: **May 28– 31, 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 lingua italiana" livello principiante-intermedio, Ed. Medicea, Fi

MEMORANDUM – ATTENDANCE POLICY

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** could 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 could 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.