



SYLLABUS Spring Semester 2019

ITL 201 Intermediate Italian I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

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 (occasional) **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**.

CSU GE category: C1, C2 OR C ELECTIVE

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.**

OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Oral reports & writing pieces: assigned periodically
Tests: Mar 12, May 9
Mid-term: Apr 4
Final exam: tba

TEXTBOOKS

1. la Bianca, M. 2013. *L'italiano all'università. Volume 2*. Edilingua.
2. Additional materials provided by your instructor (if applicable).

Class Site Visits -

There might be occasional class site visits in town.

Learning Objectives

Students will consolidate and develop their vocabulary. They will study grammatical and syntactic structures of different complexity. Learners will work on their written and oral skills.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the semester students will have a good knowledge of Italian grammar as well as good written and oral skills. Learners will master the strategies to understand different kinds of input. They will be able to discuss on the topics covered throughout the course.

Grades and Exams

Your grade will be determined by the following assignments:

GRADING SCALE WITH PERCENTAGES

1) Class participation:	35%
• attendance & punctuality	
• completion of the homework set (including oral reports & writing pieces)	
• effort in speaking Italian*	
2) Test 1, Test 2 and Midterm	30%
3) Final	35%

** Remember that more than two unexcused absences, failure to complete your homework regularly, and lack of effort in speaking Italian will be considered reasons for lowering the grade. The dates of the exams cannot be changed to adjust to personal needs*

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

The + and - symbols will be used for grading (except for A+). Specific information about the paper, exams and other projects will be given to you during the semester.

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.

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 me and/ or the Resident Director for more information.

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.

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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.

CLASS CALENDAR

The following schedule is tentative and may be changed at the discretion of the instructor to reflect the class's rate of progress. Please, read as follows:

- Grammar contents are in "regular font"; Communicative functions are underlined; Vocabulary is in *italics*.

Week(s)	Units	Topics
1st week (Feb. 26-28)	Units 3 and 4	Review of past tenses done in Fall semester and conversations activities
2nd week (Mar. 5- 7)	Unit 5	Congiuntivo presente e passato <u>Superstitions and beliefs in Italy</u> <i>The horoscope</i>

3rd week (Mar. 12-14)	Unit 6	“Si” impersonale <u>Talking about cuisine and recipes</u> <i>Cooking in Italy</i> Test 1: Mar. 12 (Mar 14 no class, field trip)
4th week (Mar. 19-21)	Unit 7	Congiuntivo imperfetto <u>Talking about music and instruments</u> <i>Contemporary Italian music</i>
5th week (Mar. 26-28)	Unit 7	Congiuntivo vs. indicativo Congiuntivo e congiunzioni: “Sebbene”, “nonostante”, “benché” <u>Making comparisons</u> <i>Sports</i>
6th week (Apr. 2-4)	Unit 6 and 7	Midterm review Midterm: Apr. 4
7th week (Apr. 9-11)	Unit 8 and review	Congiuntivo e condizionale (“Vorrei che...”)
8th week (Apr. 16-18)	Unit 8 and 9	<u>Talking about theatre and radio</u> (Unit 8) Congiunzioni “prima che”, “anche se” <u>Talking about personality</u> <i>Criminality and stereotypes about Italy</i>
Spring break: April 19-28		
9th week (April 30- May 2)	Unit 10 and Unit 11	Periodo ipotetico (I, II e III tipo) Talking about the Internet <u>The vocabulary of technology</u>
10th week (May 7-9)	Unit 10 and 11	General review Test 2: May 9
11th week (May 14-16)	Unit 11 and Unit 12	Passive construction (Unit 11) Talking about the environment <i>Italian cinema and directors</i> Reported speech (Unit 12)
12th week (May 21-23)	Final review	Listening and video activities Role plays Review for the final exam

Final exam

May 27-30 (exact date and time to be announced).

CSU ATTENDANCE POLICIES 2018-2019

General Attendance Policy 2018-2019 (for classes that meet twice a week)

Attendance to all CSU courses is mandatory. Two unexcused absences are allowed during the semester 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.**

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 **five** minutes will be considered an absence.

Dates of mid-term and final exams **can not** be changed for individual travel plans or personal 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 inform friends and relatives about these exam dates so that no tickets are purchased for you that will interfere with these exam dates. Missing the midterm or the final exam could result in failure of the course.

During the academic year photocopies and other material may be distributed in class by the instructors. Students who were not in class are responsible for getting the material from their classmates and making their own photocopies.

Other class policies:

- ° Use of the computer in class is restricted to oral presentations, unless previously approved by the professor.
- ° **Eating** is **NOT** allowed in class.
- ° Cellular phones must be **turned off** or placed on **silent mode** during class.