



## SYLLABUS Spring Semester 2019

### ITL 201 Intermediate Italian 1

Classes: Mon/Wed 14:00-15:50

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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. We will study grammar units, drills, and conversation on topics based on the grammar units. In addition to regular exercises, students will be asked to submit short written compositions to consolidate their writing and research skills. Homework will be either checked in class or completed at home.

**CSU GE category: C1, C2 or C elective**

### Required books/readings

La Grassa, M., Delitala, M., Quercioli, F. (2013). *L'italiano all'università 2*. Edilingua. (21,02 euro)

Additional readings and web resources may be given during the semester (if applicable).

### 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.**

There might be occasional site visits in town. These will be announced to students (in class or via email) as the course progresses.

### 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 be able to speak Italian with sufficient structural accuracy and vocabulary in order to satisfy social and practical needs. They will be able to discuss on the topics covered throughout the course. Learners will also be able to manage and understand different kinds of inputs.

### Grades and exams

Your grade will be determined by the following assignments:

- Class participation\* 35 %  
(attendance, punctuality, and engagement)

- Tests (test 1, midterm, test 3) 30 %
- 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.

100-94	A
93-90	A-
89-88	B+
87-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-69	C-
68-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
59 and below	F

*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.

### **Copyright and Privacy Laws**

No portion of the texts, films, videos, and other material used in this course can be reproduced in any format including scanning, electronic downloading or sharing of files.

In addition, no portion of class lectures, discussions, and activities can be reproduced and used 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.

### **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, note: Grammar contents are indicated in "regular font"; communicative functions are underlined; vocabulary is indicated in *italics*.

<b>Week(s)</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Topics</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> week (Feb. 25-27)</b>	Units 3 and 4	Review of past tenses done in Fall semester and conversations activities
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> week (Mar. 4- 6)</b>	Unit 5	Congiuntivo presente e passato <u>Superstitions and beliefs in Italy</u> <i>The horoscope</i>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> week (Mar. 11-13)</b>	Unit 6	"Si" impersonale <u>Talking about cuisine and recipes</u> <i>Cooking in Italy</i> <b>Test 1: Mar. 11 (Monday)</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> week (Mar. 18-20)</b>	Unit 7	Congiuntivo imperfetto <u>Talking about music and instruments</u> <i>Contemporary Italian music</i>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> week (Mar. 25-27)</b>	Unit 7	Congiuntivo vs. indicativo Congiuntivo e congiunzioni: "Sebbene", "nonostante", "benché" <u>Making comparisons</u> <i>Sports</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> week (Apr. 1-3)</b>	Unit 6 and 7	Midterm review <b>Midterm: Apr. 3 (Wednesday)</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> week (Apr. 8-10)</b>	Unit 8 and review	Congiuntivo e condizionale ("Vorrei che...")
<b>8<sup>th</sup> week (Apr. 15-17)</b>	Unit 8 and 9	<u>Talking about theatre and radio (Unit 8)</u> Congiunzioni "prima che", "anche se" <u>Talking about personality</u> <i>Criminality and stereotypes about Italy</i>
<b>Spring break: April 19-28</b>		
<b>9<sup>th</sup> week (April 29)</b>	<b>NO classes on WED May 1 (Italian labor day)</b> Unit 10 and Unit 11	Periodo ipotetico Talking about the Internet <u>The vocabulary of technology</u>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> week (May 6-8)</b>	Unit 10 and 11	General review <b>Test 2: May 8 (Wednesday)</b>

<b>11<sup>th</sup> week (May 13-15)</b>	Unit 11 and Unit 12	Passive construction (Unit 11) Talking about the environment <i>Italian cinema and directors</i> Reported speech (Unit 12)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> week (May 20-22)</b>	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 POLICY 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 cannot 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.

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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.