

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

## CSU Virtual International Program

### ITL 301 Advanced Italian 1 Spring Semester VIP 2020

Mon-Wed 3:30-4:30 Italy time until March 27, 4:30-5:30 after that day.

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Credits: 3 CSU semester units

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**Venue:** On line, 1 full hour synchronous on Mon and Wed.

#### Course description

Students 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.

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

#### REQUIRED BOOK/BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Gloria Venturini, "Lezioni di lingua italiana" livello principiante-intermedio, Ed. Medicea, Fi;  
"L'ultimo Caravaggio", "Senza paura" (special editions for foreigners) given to the students the first day of class.

#### 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.**

#### Learning Objectives

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.

#### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester students should be able to handle easily, both orally and in writing, in every day communication with Italians including vocabulary and knowledge of common idiomatic expressions.

#### GRADING and EXAMS

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

#### **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.

**Very important: Failure to complete all work and exams assigned in the course could result in failure of the class.**

#### **Examination schedule:**

Oral reports: assigned periodically

Exam 1: March 11

Mid-term April 20-22 (tba)

Exam 2: May 6

Final exam: May 25-28 (to be announced)

**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.

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 on and 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.

**Students with Disabilities**

Upon identifying yourself to the instructor and the university, students with disabilities will

receive reasonable accommodation for learning and evaluations. For more information, contact the Resident Director.

### **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 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 24-26  
**On site in Florence**

**2°week:** review  
Mar 2- 4  
On site in Florence

**March 9 - 12**  
**Program suspended**

**3° week:** start on line  
course. Review  
Mar 16-18

**4° week:** Unit 17  
Mar 23-25

**5° week:** Unit 17  
Mar 30-Apr 1  
**March 31 no class**

**6° week:** Unit 18 e  
Midterm  
Apr 6-8.  
**Wednesday 8: midterm**

**7° week:**  
**Mon., April 13 no class**  
Italian national holiday  
**Wed., April 15 – class on line**

**8°week: Unit 18**  
**Apr 20-22 Midterm (tba)**

**9° week:** Unit 18  
April 27-29

**10° week:** Unit 19  
May 4-6  
**Test : Wed., May 6**

**11° week:** review  
May 11-13

**12\*week:** unit 19 and  
review  
May 18-20

**13°week: final exam**  
May 25-28 **day/time TBA**

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY FOLLOWS:**

#### **Attendance**

For on-line classes, the teacher will track attendance through the Canvas portal.