

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

CSU Virtual International Program

ITL 330 Advanced Syntax, Grammar & Lexical Studies Spring Semester VIP 2020

ITL 330	Instructor: Gloria Venturini
Advanced Syntax, Grammar, and Lexical Studies	Office hours Tue-Thu 16:20- 17:20
Tuesday-Thursday 3:30-4:30 (until march 27) 4:30-5:30 after that day.	e-mail g.venturini@csufirenze.it
Credits: 3 CSU semester units	
	Venue: on line

Course description

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.

CSU GE category: C1, C2 or C elective

REQUIRED BOOK/BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Gloria Venturini, "Lezioni di italiano", livello intermedio-avanzato, Ed. Medicea;
"Senza paura", "La fuga di Bach" (special editions for foreigner).

Learning objectives

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.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the semester the students should be able to handle easily, both orally and in writing, in higher level communication.

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

Examination schedule:

Oral reports: assigned periodically

Exam 1: Tuesday March 10

Exam 2, Mid-term: Thursday April 9

April 20-25 tba n20-24

Exam 3: Thursday May 7

Final exam: May 26 – 28 (date to be announced)

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.

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.

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

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

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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 25-27 On site at CSU Firenze	2° week: Unit 13 and review Mar 3-5 On site at CSU Firenze	March 9 – 12 Classes suspended in Florence
3° week: Units 13 Mar 17-19	4° week: Unit 14 Mar 24-26	5° week: Unit 14 Mar 31 no class Apr 2.
6° week: Unit 15 Apr 7-9 Apr 9: midterm	7° week: April 14 - 16 Unit 16 8° week: Apr 21-23 midterm (tba)	9° week: Unit 17 April 28-30
10° week: Unit 18 May 5-7 May 7, Thursday: test 3	11° week: Review May 12-14	12° week: review May 19-21 13° week May 25 - 28 <u>Final exam TBA</u>

Attendance

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