

Syllabus
Fall 2017

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Course Information

Course Name	ITA1120-0003 - Elementary Italian Language and Civilization I
Credit Hours	4 Credit Hours
Semester/Year	Fall 2017
Location and times	CNH 126 1:30-2:45

Course Description

Elementary Italian Language and Civilization I introduces students to Italian culture through the major language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Open only to students with no experience in this language.

The communicative approach methodology is enhanced by a virtual lab (Sentieri Supersite and WebSAM) where students will:

- access animated grammar tutorials, e-chapters, a dictionary, an audio glossary and a comprehensive verb chart
- practice their listening, writing and reading skills interactively
- watch real life videos
- complete homework multilayered activities with interactive guidelines
- take all the tests

Course Objectives

At the end of this course students will be able to

- Understand and apply the grammar rules covered in the semester
- Read and understand passages in Italian that will gradually become more challenging
- Write short compositions in Italian in line with the acquisition of more vocabulary as the course progresses
- Listen to native speakers and understand the gist of what is being said , starting from very basic exchanges to more complex speeches
- Communicate in Italian at a basic level, formulate their own presentations of different subjects presented in the textbook and answer elementary questions
- Show knowledge of the cultural aspects of the Italian way of life, as presented in the textbook

Required Text

Cozzarelli, J. *Sentieri: Attraverso "L'Italia Contemporanea"* 2nd edition Vista Higher Learning

Sentieri vText w/Supersite & WebSAM

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups/Extra Credit

No Make-ups will be allowed for missed assignments. Due dates will be posted on the calendar on webcourses.

Evaluation and Grading

Letter Grade	Points
A	93 – 100 points
A-	90 – 92 points
B+	87 – 89 points
B	83 – 86 points
B-	80 – 82 points
C+	77 – 79 points

C	73 – 76 points
C-	70 – 72 points
D+	67 – 69 points
D	63 – 66 points
D-	60 – 62 points
F	59 and below
Letter Grade	Points
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 or below

Assignment	Percentage of Grade
Homework on Supersite/WebSAM	10%
4 tests @ 10% each	40%
2 in class compositions @ 5%	10%
Cultural posts	10%
4 in class oral presentations	10%
Final	20%

Total	100%
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IMPORTANT: please note the difference between Supersite/WebSAM and Canvas.

You will use Supersite-WEBSAM to:

- ❖ Do all the online homework (performance grade will be recorded on Canvas at the end of the semester)

You will use CANVAS to:

- ❖ Check your grade book at any time and access the lesson plans covered in class
- ❖ Communicate with your instructor and with your peers using the “email” function
- ❖ Post the cultural discussions

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Italian program is proud to offer a Summer Study Abroad program in Firenze, Italy, and an Italian Language internship as a Teaching Assistant during the Spring and Fall semesters. Information will be provided by your instructor as they become available.

Assignments.

Homework on the Supersite: (10% of your grade)

The due dates for homework will be found on the Canvas calendar. The activities will be due at the end of each Unit.

Only the assigned activities count for the final grade and the grade will be based on participation/completion of all assigned activities and not on performance. Students have the possibility to re-do the activities for practice.

Tests: (40% of your grade)

At the end of each Unit, students will take a test on the Supersite. Dates will be announced in class and already posted on the Canvas calendar.

Compositions: (10% of your grade)

Two writing assignments will be done in class.

NB. Consulting with speakers of Italian for writing assignments is considered cheating. This includes, but is not limited to, other students, family members, and friends.

NB. Use of Google Translate, or any other online translator is considered cheating. You will fail the assignment and could face disciplinary action. See UCF Golden Rule.

Oral Questions (10% of your grade)

At the end of each Unit, students will be required to answer oral questions relevant to the vocabulary and grammar learned.

Cultural posts (10% of your grade)

At the end of each unit, students will be required to do activities on a song relevant to the chapter to upload on Canvas under "assignments".

Italian culture is a vital component of this course. Students are required to use the discussion tool on Canvas to post their reactions to various cultural web quests posted by Signora Spina by the deadline shown on the calendar on Canvas.

Final: (20% of your grade)

The Final will be done part on the Supersite and part in class. Guidelines will be posted under "Assignments" on Canvas.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory and will be taken every day. You will be expected to arrive at every lesson on time and prepared to participate.

Occasionally, a student cannot attend class due to illness or other emergencies. For this reason, you will be allowed three absences without penalty. For each subsequent absence, your final grade will be lowered 1 point. If you miss more than 9 classes, you can fail for lack of attendance.

There is no such thing as an "excused" absence, unless it is due to a University-sanctioned event or medical reason. Documentation is required.

If you are ill for an extended period of time and not able to participate or otherwise fulfill the requirements of this course, you can seek a medical withdrawal from Academic Services.

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

As per the UCF Golden rule, students are expected to complete their own work. Academic dishonesty which includes but is not limited to copying assignments, collaborating on online testing, using online translators for written assignments, and using copyrighted materials, will result in severe penalties. These penalties include, but are not limited to failure of assignment, failure of course, and suspension or expulsion from the University. All cases will be turned over to the Office of Student Conduct.

Schedule ITA 1120 - Fall 2017

Week/Dates	Topic	Assignments	Due Dates
Week 1 21 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add-drop week• Introduction, syllabus, Supersite/Websam tutoring, Web courses orientation, why study Italian?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up Supersite	Assignments will generally be due on Sundays at midnight.

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| <p>Week 2
28 August</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1A CONTESTI • 1A FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • 1A STRUTTURA • GREETINGS (2) • USEFUL EXPRESSIONS (2) • THE ITALIAN ALPHABET (5) • NOUNS AND ARTICLES (10) | |
| <p>Week 3
4 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1A STRUTTURA • 1A SINTESI • 1B CONTESTI • B FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • 1 NUMBERS 0-100 (12) • At the University (16) • First day of school (20) | |
| <p>Week 4
11 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1B STRUTTURA • 1B SINTESI/AVANTI • SUBJECT PRONOUNS (24) • VERB: ESSERE (24) • ADJECTIVE AGREEMENT (26) • TELLING TIME (28) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 1 TEST on VHL • Discussion posting on UNIT 1 • Websam activities on Unit 1 |
| <p>Week 5
18 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2A CONTESTI • 2A FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • 2A STRUTTURA • Sports and Recreation (40) • REGULAR -ARE VERBS (48) | |
| <p>Week 6
25 September</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2A STRUTTURA • 2B CONTESTI • 2B FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • VERBS: ANDARE, DARE, FARE, STARE (50) • Weather (54) | |
| <p>Week 7
2 October</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2B STRUTTURA • 2B SINTESI AVANTI • VERB: AVERE (62) • REGULAR -ERE VERBS (64) • VERB: PIACERE (64) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 2 TEST on VHL • Discussion posting on Unit 2 • Websam |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NUMBERS 101 AND HIGHER (66) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities on Unit 2
<p>Week 8 9 October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3A CONTESTI • 3A FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • LA FAMIGLIA (78) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composizione 1 in class
<p>Week 9 16 October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3A STRUTTURE • 3A SINTESI • 3B CONTESTI • POSSESSIVES (86) • PREPOSITIONS (88) • REGULAR -IRE VERBS (90) • Descriptions (94) 	
<p>Week 10 23 October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3B FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • 3B STRUTTURE • 3B SINTESI/AVANTI • ADJECTIVES (102) • INTERROGATIVES AND DEMONSTRATIVES (104) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 3 TEST on VHL • Discussion posting on culture Unit 3 • Websam Activities Unit 3
<p>Week 11 30 October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4A CONTESTI • 4A FOTOROMANZO/CULTURA • 4A STRUTTURE • Technology (116) • VERBS: DOVERE, POTERE, AND VOLERE (124) 	
<p>Week 12 6 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4A STRUTTURE • 4A SINTESI • 4B CONTESTI • 4B FOTOROMANZO • VERBS: DIRE, USCIRE, AND VENIRE (126) • Shopping (130) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Composizione 2 in class
<p>Week 13 13 November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4B STRUTTURE • 4B SINTESI/AVANTI • PASSATO PROSSIMO (138) • VERBS: CONOSCERE AND SAPERE (140) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIT 4 TEST on VHL • Discussion posting on culture Unit 4 • Websam

Week 14

20 November REVIEW in preparation for the final

Week 15

27 November FINAL EXAM week

Tuesday 5
December

FINAL EXAM in class ORAL SKIT at
1:00 pm and on the Supersite available
all day.

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