

ITA1121-M02

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Class meets THURSDAYS in NSC 147 10:30-11:45

Credits: 4

Textbooks

1. "Sentieri: Attraverso l'Italia Contemporanea" Cozzarelli, Vista, 2nd edition
2. "Sentieri Supersite Plus and WebSAM" (Your code is in your book, for instructions on how to enroll refer to the relevant announcement)

Studiare a Firenze!

The Italian program is proud to offer a Summer Study Abroad program in Florence, 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.

Classes Start Today: 24 agosto Intro to course. Lesson 5A: La spesa (152-153)		5A: Mercato o supermercato? (158-9) Passato prossimo with ESSERE (160-161)		
Settimana 2 5A. Direct Object Pronouns (162-3)		5A. Partitives and expressions of quantity (164-5)		
Settimana 3				

5B: A TAVOLA (168-9) Pasti in famiglia (174-5)		5B: Indirect Object pronouns (176-7)		
Settimana 4 5B: Adverbs (178-9)		TEST 1 ON THE SUPERSITE		
Settimana 5 6A La routine del mattino (190-1) 6A Farsi belli la mattina (196-7)		Reflexive and reciprocal verbs (198-9)		
Settimana 6 COMPOSITION 1 to be turned in 6A: Ci and NE (202-3)		6B Dal dottore (206-7) L'importante e' la salute (212-3)		
Settimana 7 6B : The imperfetto (214-5)		6B: Imperfetto vs Passato prossimo (216-7)		
Settimana 8 TEST 2 ON LEZIONE 6 AVAILABLE ON THE SUPERSITE.		7A A casa (230-1) Case per tutti i gusti (236-7)		
Settimana 9		The future tense(238-9)		
Settimana 10				

7A: Double object pronouns (242-3)		7B Le faccende (246-7) Un aiuto con i mestieri (252-3)		
Settimana 11 7B The informal imperative (254-5) Time expressions (258-9)		TEST 3 ON LEZIONE 7 AVAILABLE ON THE SUPERSITE		
Settimana 12 8A Il trasporto (270-1) In treno o in autobus? (276- 7)		8A Comparatives of equality (278-9) Comparatives of inequality (280-1)		
Settimana 13 8B Superlatives (282-3) In vacanza (286-7)		The present conditional (294-5) The present conditional of modal verbs (298-9)		
Settimana 14 COMPOSITION 2 to be turned in.				
Settimana 15 TEST 4 ON LEZIONE 8 AVAILABLE ON THE SUPERSITE		Preparation for the Final		
FINAL EXAM		Thursday 7 December at 10:00		

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Grade breakdown

Homework	10%
4 Tests	40%
Compositions	10%
Oral Questions	10%
Cultural discussions on Canvas	10%
Homework on the Supersite	10%
Final Oral skit	10%
Test on Units 5-8 on the Supersite	10%

Grading scale

A	92-100	C	72-77
A-	90-91	C -	70-71
B+	88-89	D+	68-69
B	82-87	D	62-67
B-	80-81	D -	60-61
C+	78-79	F	59 and below

There is no curve. All EXCELLENT work will receive an A. In addition to producing excellent work, all assignments must be turned in **on time** to receive a solid A.

It is the student's responsibility to keep track of his/her own grades. If you have a question about your grade during the semester, you must come to office hours or schedule an appointment with your professor to discuss the matter. Grades will not be discussed with a third party or over email. Your grades will be posted on Canvas for your convenience.

Disclaimer: *The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus if necessary.*

Changes will be announced in class or by email.

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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

Classroom Etiquette

1. When speaking in class, use as many Italian words and expressions you know. From the first day of class, you should be able to greet your classmates in Italian. Words and phrases like “hi”, “hey”, “what’s up?”, “yo”, “how’s it going?”...etc. have no place in the classroom.
2. Cell phones and laptop must be turned off during class. Individuals are expected to exercise common courtesy; no loud talking, no talking during lecture, no music during lecture, no playing games, no reading newspapers.
3. No technological excuses will be accepted for assignments that are not turned in or turned in late. That includes but is not limited to: Computer failure, loss, freezes, and malfunctions.
4. Nobody expects you to be fluent right away. Some students will pick up on things more quickly than others. Do not be discouraged. Students make mistakes even during advanced language classes. Learn from them!
5. Take the class seriously but don’t take your-self too seriously. Again, mistakes are expected!!!

ASSIGNMENTS:

ALL DUE DATES OF EVERY ASSIGNMENT AND GUIDELINES ARE ALREADY POSTED ON THE CALENDAR ON CANVAS.

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 and Supersite calendar.

Cultural Discussions on Canvas (10% of your grade)

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.

Compositions: (10% of your grade)

Two writing assignments will be done at home and turned in.

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.

Final: (10% oral skit in class+ 10% cumulative test on the Supersite)

Guidelines will be announced in class and posted 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.