

SPRING 2020: Elementary Italian I

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Teaching methodology. Students are encouraged to be active participants in their learning process; they are provided with opportunities to communicate in real-life contexts and thus become effective negotiators of meaning. Learners are provided with tasks, pair- and group-work activities targeted at enhancing listening, reading, writing and speaking skills as well as maximizing students' active contributions in the co-construction of knowledge within a socio-pragmatic constructivist framework.

Course objectives. At the end of the course you should be able to:

- understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases to carry out tasks of a practical nature;
- introduce yourself and others and ask and answer questions involving personal information such as where you live, people you know and things you have;
- interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

Course Evaluation	
Attendance, class participation and performance	15%
Homework	15%
Quizzes	30%
Midcourse	15 %
Final written exam	15%
Final oral exam	10%

Grading Scale
A 93-100
A- 90-92
B+ 88-89
B 83-87
B- 80-82
C+ 78-79
C 73-77
C- 70-72
D+ 68-69
D 60-67
F 0-59

Attendance, class participation and performance. Regular attendance, quality participation and interaction in class activities are pivotal in promoting foreign language acquisition. Your performance will be evaluated on the grounds of both your regular attendance and your active participation in in-class activities; learners need to be actively engaged to learn foreign languages effectively. You will be permitted two unexcused absences during the semester. Repeated absences and lack of participation and interaction will affect negatively your course grade.

Homework. Homework consists of activities assigned by the instructor.

Quizzes. Each quiz will last approximately 30 minutes and will be given during regular class hours. Quizzes will test grammar, reading, listening, and writing skills. You are not allowed to consult a dictionary during quizzes. You are only allowed one make-up quiz. Make-ups will be scheduled at the convenience of your instructor considering the student's schedule.

Midcourse. The midcourse will test grammar as well as listening, reading, and writing skills acquired during the first half of the course. The exam will last approximately 60 minutes and will be given during regular class hours.

Final written exam. The final written exam will test grammar as well as the listening, reading, and writing skills acquired during the course. The exam will last approximately 60 minutes and will be given during regular class hours. You are not allowed to consult a dictionary during the exam.

Final oral exam. To evaluate the speaking and interactional skills acquired during the course, students will perform a short dialogue (4-5 minutes) with a partner in front of the instructor during regular class hours and precisely upon completion of the final written exam. Students' performance will be evaluated individually on the basis of the rubric provided below.

<i>Evaluation criteria</i>	
Comprehensibility	30
Fluency	30
Preparedness	10
Vocabulary (accuracy and appropriateness)	20
Pronunciation	10
<i>Total</i>	

Class schedule

Room 6, Palazzo Veterani, Via Veterani 36

Spring 2020	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
February	3 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	4 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	5 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	10 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	11 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	12 Ita 8:00 – 9:30 <i>Quiz1</i>
	17 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	18 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	19 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	24 No class	25 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	26 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
March	2 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	3 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	4 Ita 8:00 – 9:30 <i>Midcourse exam</i>
	10 Spring break	11 Spring break	12 Spring break
	16 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	17 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	18 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	23 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	24 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	25 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	30 No class	31 Ita 8:00 – 9:30 <i>Quiz2</i>	1 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
April	6 No class	7 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	8 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	13 No class Easter break	14 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	15 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	20 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	21 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	22 Ita 8:00 – 9:30
	27 Ita 8:00 – 9:30	28 Ita 8:00 – 9:30- <i>Final written exam</i>	29 Ita 8:00 – 9:30- <i>Final oral exam</i>