

U508-101: First Semester Italian

Course Format: Online

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Course credits: 4

Pre/Corequisites: None; Appropriate for advanced high school and first-year or higher college students.

Course Description: This course offers fundamentals of Italian pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar. You will learn the basics of Italian and receive a great introduction to Italian culture. This course assumes no prior exposure to the Italian language.

Required Course Materials

- iLrn™ 24-Months Instant Access for *Piazza*, 1st ed., by Melucci/Tognozzi (2015) ISBN: 978-1285098364
 - **Note:** Specific instructions for access to your course will be given once you are enrolled.

Recommended Course Materials

- *English Grammar for Students of Italian*, 3rd edition, by Adorni and Primorac (Olivia & Hill, 1995) ISBN: 978-0934034401
- *The Oxford Italian Dictionary: Italian-English, English-Italian*, ed. by Mazza (Oxford)
 - **Note:** Any edition of this text may be helpful. No specific edition is advised.
- Skype account for three required interviews with your Course Facilitator. Free download at [Skype](https://www.skype.com).

Hardware Requirements

You will need a webcam, speakers, and a microphone. You will complete your exams through an online proctor, requiring all three components.

Course Learning Objectives

- Recall vocabulary and idiomatic expressions in written and spoken contexts.
- Recall details about a variety of cultural topics related to the Italian-speaking world.
- Use pronouns, nouns, articles, and adjectives with appropriate endings based on gender and number.
- Use the correct conjugations of regular and irregular verbs in a variety of tenses.
- Construct properly formed sentences using negation, direct and indirect objects and their pronouns, conjunctions, modal verbs, other parts of speech, and general Italian word order considerations.
- Demonstrate knowledge of new and previously learned grammatical concepts and vocabulary to complete reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities.

Course Overview

UNIT #	UNIT TOPIC	EVALUATED ACTIVITIES
1	Personal Greetings, Months, Dates, and Numbers	Written Assignment
2	School, Classes, and Expressing Opinions	Written Assignment
3	Colors, Nationalities, Adjectives, and Expressing Needs, Wants, and Physical States	Written Assignment
4	Family, Pronouns, Ownership, and Possession	Written Assignment
5	Homes, Furnishings, Reflexive Verbs, and Reciprocal Actions	• Written Assignment

		• Oral Exam #1
6	Weather, Seasons, Sports, and Prepositions	Written Assignment
7	Daily Routines, City Life, and Telling Time	Written Assignment
8	Review of Vocabulary and Grammar from Units 1-7	Written Assignment
	Midcourse Exam	
9	Music, Musical Instruments, Direct Object Pronouns, and the Simple Past Tense	Written Assignment
10	Movies, Plays, Agreement, and the Simple Past Tense	Written Assignment
11	Holidays, Traditions, Foods, and the Imperfect Tense	Written Assignment
12	Childhood Memories, Adverbs, and Indirect Object Pronouns	• Written Assignment • Oral Exam #2
13	Restaurants, Menus, and Partitives	Written Assignment
14	Workplaces, Occupations, Professions, and the Past Perfect Tense	Written Assignment
15	Review of Vocabulary and Grammar from Units 9-14	Written Assignment
	Final Exam	

Evaluation Methods

Your final grade will be based on your performance on the following:

- 1) Written Assignments (50%)
- 2) Oral Exams (10%)
- 3) Exams (40%)

Written Assignments (50%)

Vocabulary, grammar, and writing activities based on textbook prompts are assigned in each of the 15 units of this course and will cumulatively account for 50% of your final course grade.

Oral Exams (10%)

Two 15-minute oral exams that will be conducted with your Course Facilitator via Skype cumulatively account for 10% of your final course grade.

Exams (40%)

A midterm exam, worth 20% of your final grade, assesses knowledge and skills gained in the first 8 units of the course with a mix of fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and short essay questions. A final exam, worth 20% of your final grade, assesses knowledge and skills gained primarily in the last 7 units of the course with a mix of fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and short essay questions.

Exam Method: Online with Proctoring

This course requires all students to complete exams online with a proctoring service. Students receive two attempts on each exam. If you elect to take a second attempt, the average score of both exams will be recorded.

Grading Scale

The following grading scale is used to evaluate all course requirements and determine your final grade:

A = 93–100	B = 83–87.9	C = 70–77.9	D = 60–69.9
AB = 88–92.9	BC = 78–82.9		F = Below 60

Pass/Fail Option

Students who enroll in an Independent Learning (IL) course under the pass/fail option will receive a final grade of S in place of a final grade equivalent to an A, AB, B, BC, or C and a final grade of U in place of a final grade equivalent to a D or F.