

Fall 2014
Italian Syllabus-Level 1

This course is a presentation of Italian phonology, grammar and structure through vocabulary and situations of every-day life. The purpose is to give students the ability to communicate as soon as possible. There will be oral practice in class on pronunciation, intonation, elements of grammar and conversation and home assignments. The textbook is **Nuovo Espresso, Alma Edizioni**.

Classes : Monday-Wednesday from 8 :30 am to 9 :45 am	
1 Sep	Course introduction Unit 1-Primi contatti Grammar: Oral and written alphabet; subject pronouns; verbs <i>essere, avere, chiamarsi</i> (singular); definite articles; adjectives related to nationalities; interrogative forms <i>come, di dove, quale</i> . Communication intentions: Ask for the translation of a word, the meaning of a word, the spelling of a word; to introduce oneself; to ask for the address. Vocabulary: Italian words known worldwide, greetings formal/informal, nationalities, numbers 0-20.
3 Sep	Unit 1
8 Sep	Unit 1
10 Sep	Quiz Unit 1 Unit 2-Io e gli altri Grammar: Present tense/regular verbs in <i>-are; stare, fare</i> ; the noun; the simple negative form; the indefinite articles; demonstrative adjectives; prepositions <i>a, in, di</i> ; interrogative forms <i>che, chi, dove, quanti</i> . Communication intentions: To ask for personal information/to give personal information; to apologize about something; to thank; to ask for the age. Vocabulary: numbers up to 100
15 Sep	Unit 2
17 Sep	Unit 3-Buon appetito Grammar: Present tense/regular verbs in <i>-ere</i> ; the plural of nouns; <i>bene/buono</i> ; interrogative form <i>che cosa</i> . Communication intentions: to give physical descriptions; to order in a bar and in a restaurant. Vocabulary: colours, physical details, professions
22 Sep	Unit 3
24 Sep	Unit 3 and revision
29 Sep	Quiz Unit 2 and 3 Unit 4-Tempo libero Grammar: Present tense-regular verbs in <i>-ire</i> ; indications of time and location; the negative form of a verb; the verb <i>piacere, mi piace</i> , etc.; indirect pronouns (singular); interrogative form <i>perché</i> . Communication intentions: to talk about free time and hobbies; to ask for the time and directions. Vocabulary: days of the week, directions
1 Oct	Unit 4
6 Oct	Unit 4
8 Oct	Unit 5-In albergo Grammar: verb <i>esserci, c'è, ci sono</i> ; present tense/modal verbs; compound prepositions; interrogative form <i>quanto?</i> Communication intentions: to book a room in a hotel; to describe an apartment; to complain about something. Vocabulary: Numbers from 100, the date, words concerning hotel and reservation
13 Oct	Unit 5

15 Oct	Unit 5 and revision
22 Oct	Midterm (Unit 1-5)
27 Oct	Unit 6-In giro per l'Italia Grammar: <i>ci</i> +verb <i>andare</i> ; agreement adjectives+nouns; the partitive: <i>molto</i> ; interrogative forms <i>quando, quale</i> . Communication intentions: to describe a place; to ask for an information regarding a place; to describe how to go somewhere
29 Oct	Unit 6
3 Nov	Unit 6
5 Nov	Unit 7-Andiamo in vacanza Grammar: passato prossimo (present perfect) of regular and irregular verbs with <i>essere</i> and <i>avere</i> ; regular and irregular past participles,; <i>tutto/tutti</i> ; absolute superlative; double negatives; Communication intentions: to tell events in the past; to talk about holidays; to talk about the weather. Vocabulary: time expressions <i>stamattina, stasera</i> , etc
10 Nov	Unit 7
12 Nov	Unit 7
17 Nov	Unit 7
19 Nov	Unit 7 and Revision
24 Nov	Quiz Unit 6 and 7 Unit 9- Vita Quotidiana Grammar: reflexive verbs; adverbs. Communication intentions: to talk about one's daily life, one's habits, etc. Vocabulary: time expressions
1 Dec	Unit 9
3 Dec	Unit 9
10 Dec	Revision
15 Dec	Final Oral
17 Dec	Final Exam Written

The **Final Grade** (student's work and performance) will be evaluated as follows:

40%	<u>Class:</u> response, contribution, participation, homeworks and class attendance
20%	<u>Quizzes</u>
20%	<u>Midterm</u>
20%	<u>Final</u>

Absence

No unexcused absences are tolerated. An absence will be excused only in the case of illness or other serious reasons which you will have to communicate to the Administration office by mail. In the case of an excused absence, however, the student has the responsibility to make up for the class that he missed by asking his colleagues for class content, eventual extra material delivered in class and assignments. "Travel" will **never** be accepted as a reason to cut classes or miss examinations.

Quiz and Test

This course envisages a Midterm Exam oral and written, a Final Exam oral and written and some quizzes (the number of quizzes may vary during the semester).

There will be NO make-up quizzes or tests. Failure to take a quiz or test (unless justified by real illness) will bring an "F" in it. Steady progress during the Course will be taken into account in the evaluation in the Final Grade (so will the opposite situation).

Office hours will be arranged case by case

