

FALL 2014
Italian Syllabus-Level 2 (by appointment)

This course is for students who are already familiar with the Italian language and master the grammatical structures envisaged in the Level 1 course. The textbook is **Italian Espresso**, Alma Edizioni. Classes will be held once a week and will last 2 hours. Dates may change according to agreement between student and professor.

2 Sep	Course introduction Revision Italiano I
4 Sep	Revision Italiano I
8 Sep	Revision Unit 8 -Vita quotidiana Grammar: reflexive verbs; adverbs. Communication intentions: to talk about one's daily life, one's habits, etc. Vocabulary: time expressions
15 Sep	Unit-9-La famiglia Grammar: Possessive adjectives; the superlative; present perfect of reflexive verbs; Communication intentions: To talk about one's family, to describe a picture.;
22 Sep	Unit 9
29 Sep	Unit 10- Sapori d'Italia Grammar: quantity: compound prepositions with partitive values; direct pronouns; impersonal form (<i>si+verb</i>) Communication intentions: to go shopping and buy food; recipes. Vocabulary: food terms and expression, seasons
6 Oct	Unit 10
13 Oct	Unit 11-Fare acquisti Grammar: indirect pronouns; present conditional for polite requests Communication intentions: describe and buy clothes; to ask for the price; to express one's tastes and preferences; Vocabulary: colours; type of clothes
20 Oct	Unit 11
27 Oct	Midterm
3 Nov	Unit 12-Da piccola Grammar: Imperfect tense; how to use present perfect and imperfect tense Communication intentions: To talk about one's childhood; to describe habits of the past; to describe situations; to describe pros and cons of a situation
10 Nov	Unit 12
17 Nov	Unit 13-Non è bello ciò che è bello...- Grammar: the verb <i>farcela</i> , to make it; transitive and intransitive use of the verbs <i>cominciare</i> and <i>finire</i> , to begin and to end; the verb <i>sapere</i> , to know and to be able to; the comparative; the present conditional; <i>qualcuno</i> and <i>nessuno</i> , somebody and nobody; Communication intentions: to give physical descriptions; to talk about someone's character; to ask for something politely; to suppose; to make a proposal; to give advice
24 Nov	Unit 13
1 Dec	Unit 14 Appuntamenti – Present progressive; agreement of past participle with direct pronouns; direct indirect and reflexive pronouns with modal verbs. Communication intention: understanding and writing short rental ads; understanding and giving home descriptions; expressing wishes; expressing likes and dislikes; giving advice.
7 Dec	Unit 14
14 Dec	Final exam

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

50%	<u>Class:</u> response, contribution, participation, homeworks and class attendance
25%	<u>Midterm</u>
25%	<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. 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