

Elementary Italian 1 ITAL 101 Fall 2008 Kevin T. Fagan, Ph.D.
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Course Description

This course is the first stage in an introductory course in Italian for beginners. So, we start from zero. In other words, we assume that you know no Italian.

Class practice and assigned outside work in basic pronunciation, sentence structure, reading, writing, and conversation, using the communicative approach. Audio work in the Poly-lingual International Resource Center (PIRC) or at home required. Language taught in its cultural context.

Goals and Objectives

1. Beginning language competencies:
 - contextualized language situations: comfort zone
 - greetings
 - beginning verb tenses
 - basic syntactic order for Italian
 - basic phonetics
2. Cultural competencies
 - classical movies
 - geographical locations
 - holidays
3. Entry level writing tasks (700 words minimum)

Course Expectations

1. Attendance: "Absence from classes is regarded as serious. An excused absence can be allowed only by the instructor . . . upon consideration of the evidence justifying the absence presented by the student" (Catalog, 83). A written e-mail excuse (not voice messages) is due for each class absence before the next class session. If you miss a class, you are responsible for getting the notes/handouts/assignments from another student. Each unexcused absence is worth 10 points. To arrive late or leave early for more than 5 minutes, or not bring the text equals an absence. Students will be constantly asked to answer questions in Italian. Since the class involves ongoing conversation, students are encouraged to only speak Italian during class exercises. Kindly remain in the same seat unless requested otherwise. There are no early exams, make-ups nor extra credit.
2. Blackboard: Italian 101 uses Blackboard to provide instruction and classroom support. You must log into Blackboard [www.mycalpoly.edu] to obtain grade information, announcements, course updates, obtain course documents [i.e. handouts, grade sheet, answer keys, syllabus].
3. Audio work: You may listen to tapes on-line or at the Language lab (10, 128): No drinking, even water, or eating, esp. gum, in the lab. No feet on furniture. I recommend you do your practice piecemeal, so as to better assimilate the language. For schedule please see PIRC website: <http://cla.calpoly.edu/pirc/> Completed lab work will be handed in to the Lab on the due date. No late work accepted.

4. Tests: There will be five quizzes and a final exam. All include a written and oral part. Orals will take place in person during “dead week” during office hours or as agreed.
5. Homework: Daily homework will be given, posted on Blackboard, discussed in class the next day and may be collected. Additional material not in text will be given for further study and future quizzes. Not completing daily homework equals an absence.
7. Grammar Workbook: This is not a grammar class. We emphasize communication, not grammar. However, you will see some grammatical terms that the book exercises and/or the instructor will clarify. They are some basic terms that you need know: subject, verb, object, adjective, adverb, article.

World Wide Web Sites

Prego
PIRC. Language Lab at Cal Poly
Study Italian
Italian in Italy
TESL at Cal Poly
Study abroad
Peace Corps

Required Texts and Materials (all used in ITAL 102 and 103)

- # Prego! by Graziana Lazzarino et al., 7TH edition. ISBN: 0-07-353526-5.
- # Laboratory Manual to Accompany Prego!, Lazzarino et. al, sixth edition.
- # Grammar Workbook for Introductory Italian, by Domenico Maceri. ISBN 0-07-353664-4.

Announcements:

1. I reserve the right to modify course policies and calendar, assignment point values and due dates. Students may suggest changes, subject to class and instructor approval. Regularly check "Announcements" on the Blackboard web page.
2. E-mail: Only use email for personal emergencies. Post all course questions on the Blackboard Discussion Board. If you can't make it to office hours, let's schedule an alternative time. All e-mail is sent to your Cal Poly e-mail address and only received from Cal Poly e-addresses. If you use an off-campus e-address, it is your responsibility to make sure your mail is forwarded correctly. If you use an off-campus e-address, it is your responsibility to make sure your mail is forwarded correctly. Use the Cal Poly Portal: <http://my.calpoly.edu>.
3. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the instructor during office hours to discuss their disability related needs. Use of Disability Resource Center services including testing accommodation, requires prior authorization by the DRC and compliance with approved procedures.
4. As a student, you are responsible for your own work. The Campus Administrative Manual (Section 684) states: "The University will not condone academic cheating or plagiarism in any form." Cheating and plagiarizing are serious offences and will be dealt with accordingly. Consequences include, but are not limited to, receiving an F in the course and being reported to Judicial Affairs."

5. Classroom civility: Out of respect for others, no audible cell phones, reading or writing other material, eating, chewing, feet on furniture nor chatting allowed.

L'orario delle lezioni: Lunedì a giovedì: MTWR, 14:10 – 15 ore. Bldg. 21, room 238.

L'orario di ufficio: MTR, 17:10 – 18; W: 17:10-19 ore. Faqs. at end of each class.

Course Calendar

Settimana 1	Introduzione. Lezione preliminare. Buon giorno, Italia.
Settimana 2	Lezione preliminare. Buon giorno, Italia.
Settimana 3	6/10: Quiz. LM due. Lezione 1. Una città italiana.
Settimana 4	Lezione 1. Una città italiana.
Settimana 5	20/10. Quiz. LM due. Lezione 2. Chi siamo?
Settimana 6	Lezione 2. Chi siamo?
Settimana 7	3/11: Quiz. LM due. Lezione 3. Studiare in Italia.
Settimana 8	Lezione 3. Studiare in Italia.
Settimana 9	17/11: Quiz. LM due. Lezione 4. Sport e passatempi.
Settimana 10	Lezione 4. Sport e passatempi.
Settimana 11	1/12: Quiz. LM due. Final orals.
Final exam:	Wed., December 10, 01:10 - 4:00 pm. No early finals.

p.s. Wednesday, October 1

- Last day for faculty to issue Instructor Permission numbers.
- Last day for students to enter Instructor Permission numbers and ADD classes.
- Last day to DROP, SWAP, or select CR/NC and AUDIT choices via CPReg.

Grading Policy

A = 933+ A- = 900+ B+ = 866+ B = 833+ B- = 800+
C+ = 766+ C = 733+ C- = 700+ D+ = 666+ D = 633+ D- = 600+
CR = 700+ F = -600

Grading Symbols (Cal Poly Catalog, 78)

A Superior Attainment of Course Objectives
A – Superior Attainment of Course Objectives
B + Good Attainment of Course Objectives
B Good Attainment of Course Objectives
B – Good Attainment of Course Objectives
C + Acceptable Attainment of Course Objectives
C Acceptable Attainment of Course Objectives
C – Acceptable Attainment of Course Objectives
D+ Poor Attainment of Course Objectives
D Poor Attainment of Course Objectives
D – Poor Attainment of Course Objectives
F Non-Attainment of Course Objectives

CR Credit

NC No Credit

N.B. If necessary, grades will be adjusted in accord with above.

Audio-work: 5 x 20 = 100

Participation: = 100

Chapter quizzes: 5 x 60 = 300

Final written: = 300

Final oral: = 200

TOTAL: 1000

Please check your grade regularly on Blackboard. All grades will be considered true and accurate unless you contact me by email within 7 days of its posting on Blackboard. After being posted for a week, your grade will not be changed.

CREDIT/NO CREDIT: This course is available on a Credit/No Credit basis. Credit/No Credit means that instead of getting a letter grade on your transcript, you will get CR (credit) or NC (no credit). You will get CR if you receive a grade of C- or higher, NC for a grade of D or F.