

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH AND ITALIAN

ITALIAN 203 - Winter Term in Genoa – January 3 to 25, 2014

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Class meet: MTWTF from 9:00 to 1:00 for grammatical structures analysis,
communication skills, exercises,
from 2:30 to 4:00 for cultural activities and excursions
One day will be dedicated for an excursion to Cinque terre.

Texts: Parliamo italiano! – 3rd ed. – Suzanne Branciforte, Anna Grassi
Workbook for Parliamo italiano! - 3rd. ed.
Wiley Publishing, Third ed., ISBN 978047426159
Student activities Manual, Third Ed. Wiley Publishing, ISBN 9780470426531
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This course is intended for students who have completed Ital 103 or Ital. 121 at this University or done equivalent work elsewhere. It is taught entirely in Italian to get students absorb the pattern of the Italian language.

Learning goals: we will cover important aspects of grammar, we will study **the Reflexive and Reciprocal verbs, the Comparatives and Superlatives, the Imperative, the impersonal expressions, the Conditional and the Subjunctive** present and past, **Conjunctions and Subjunctive**, the historical past (**Passato Remoto**), and the **Relative pronouns, trapassato prossimo** (past perfect), Hypothetical sentence, **periodo ipotetico, discorso diretto** (direct discourse).

The focus of the course is on the correct use of the past, the use of the subjunctive, the ability of oral and written ability of narrating actions in the past, correct use of pronouns.

The course will also introduce students to aspects of **Italian life and culture**, including the Italian city, everyday life in Italy, Italian cafes, sports, Italian music, literature and arts, Italian politics, Italian cinema,... etc....

RULES OF THE GAME

2. Frequent quizzes, generally after each lesson of the text, will be given at the discretion of the instructor. There will be two tests (tentatively scheduled for on January 8 and 15) and a two-hour final exam for the 20 of January.

3. Students are expected to come to class having studied the grammar assigned and being well prepared to do the oral work. Class lessons will be based on drills, conversation, reading, skits and homework exercises. Students will write an entrance a day on their journal.

4. Please note that this is a PARTICIPATION COURSE. Attendance is expected at all three weekly sessions, Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. And from 9:00 to 1:00 on Friday. Students will be expected to attend all scheduled cultural events.

5. The final grade will be based on the student's overall level of accomplishment by the end of the course as determined by the following:

30 % final exam
20 % quizzes,
15% homework, group work, class participation
20 %journal
15 % oral presentation

Grading Scale:

100-98 A+	89-86 B+	79-76 C+	69-67 D+	below 60: F
97-92 A	85-83 B	75-73 C	66-64 D	
91-90 A-	82-80 B-	72-70 C-	63-60 D-	

N.B. STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITY SHOULD TALK TO THE INSTRUCTOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

All Students are expected to adhere to the Code of Academic Integrity (see Manual). All violations of the Code will be referred to the Students Honor Council.

“I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on This examination (or assignement)”.

Tentative Schedule:

Note: some grammatical points might be studied earlier as needed.

Gennaio. 6 - 10	Chapters 7/8/9 Chapter 7 Talking about daily activities. Discussing illness, Comparing people and places. Buying clothing. Giving commands. Expressing request politely A/B: il corpo e la salute. Riflessivo. Abbigliamento. Comparativo C/D fare acquisti. Condizionale. La moda. imperativo Capitolo 8 Expressing desires, opinions, emotions and doubts. Talking about professions. Discussing means of transportations. A/B Le professioni. Congiuntivo presente. regolare, irregolare C/D L'industria. Congiunzioni e congiuntivo. Colloquio di lavoro. Pronomi relativi Cap. 9 Making travel plans. In a travel agency, Taking a train Passato prossimo, trapassato Test
Gennaio. 13 - 17	Chapter 9/ 10 Cap. 9 A/B Describing past actions, Congiuntivo imperfetto, C/D Congiuntivo passato, Negativi Cap. 10. Talking about hypothetical situations, Wishes, Taking about cinema, music, theater A/B Teatro, cinema, spettacoli. Periodo ipotetico. La musica. Condizionale con congiuntivo. C/D suffissi. Il sabato sera. Preposizioni da - di Cap. 11 Talking about distant past. Literature. Media, A/B la letteratura. Passato remoto. La libreria C/D La stampa. Che/ Quale. La televisione Test
Gennaio 20- 23	Chapter 12 Discussing politics, Comparing culture, talking about Italy A/B politica. Concorrenza Italia, europa, America Ripasso and presentations.

Jan. 23: FINAL EXAM

