

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH AND ITALIAN

ITALIAN 103 - 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 4:00/5:00 for cultural activities and excursions
One day will be dedicated for an excursion to Cinque terre.
The last night we will go to the opera theater

Texts: Parliamo italiano! – 4rd ed. – Suzanne Branciforte, Anna Grassi
Workbook for Parliamo italiano!- 4rd. ed.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended for students who wish to spend three weeks in Italy, in Genoa, while learning Italian in a full immersion situation – four credit course. It does not require any previous knowledge of Italian. The course is taught entirely in Italian to help the student absorb the pattern of the Italian language. The students will cover the same linguistic objectives as on a spring or fall semester

Grammar topics covered: articles; singular and plural forms of nouns and adjectives; first, second and third conjugations of regular and irregular verbs; the present tense, the past tenses (passato prossimo, imperfetto), future and progressive tense); direct and indirect object pronouns; ne e ci, si impersonale, partitive, adverbs.

The course will also introduce students to aspects of **Italian life and culture**, including the geography, school system, the Italian city, Italian geography, houses, everyday life in Italy, food shopping, sports, food, holidays, etc.

By the end of the term, students should be able to converse in Italian on a variety of topics that reflect real-life situations, write short, original compositions about everyday life, to keep a journal. Subject areas and situations will include: addressing different people, expressing likes and dislikes, describing people and things, doing errands, going shopping for food, going to the restaurant, the cafe. The course will also introduce students to some aspects of Italian life and culture, including shopping in Italy, the Italian family, sports in Italy, the ritual of the cafe, daily activities. The cultural lessons will include Italian history, art history with a focus on Genoa/Liguria, opera, Italian politics. The excursions will include: a waking tour of Genoa with visit to main monuments and churches, a visit to Camogli, Portofino, a night at the opera or concert, a day trip to the 5 Terre.

Syllabus

1. In this winter semester, we will cover the first 6 chapter of Parliamo Itali!.
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 12 and 16) and a two-hour final exam for the 21 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 % group project

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-	

Tentative Schedule:

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

Gennaio. 6 - 10

Preliminary and Chapter 1

Greeting people. Introducing yourself, Numbers, Days of the week and months, Addressing different people, Describing state of being.

Negating. Talking about the weather, Handling money
Indefinitive articles, Nouns, Verbs **Avere** and **Essere**, idiomatic expressions Verbo Avere idiomi, prepositions, present first coniugation, telling time.

Capitolo 2

Plural of nouns, adjectives, possessive adjective, present of second and third .coniugation, piacere, Talking about school, expressing possession , expressing like and dislike.

Chapter 3

Interrogative words, talking about what you have to do, want to do and can do (dovere, volere e potere), irregular verbs, prepositions plus article. Talk about houses, family, people, doing errands

Gennaio. 13 - 17

Chapter 4, 5

Doing errands, shopping for food, shopping in specialty stores, avoiding redundancy , partitive, direct object pronouns, ne, ci, passato prossimo.

Cap. 5 Describing actions, avoiding redundancy, talking about past actions and events, sharing experiences. **conoscere** and **sapere, si impersonale**. Talking about Italian cooking, ordering food.

Gennaio 20- 23

Chapter 6.

Review what people like and dislike, and talking about your past experience in Italy. Using past (passato prossimo and imperfetto)

Talking about sport, Future tense, talking about the future.

Describing the cities visited.

Ripasso and presentations.

Jan. 23: FINAL EXAM