

Elementary Italian 0103 / 0111 Syllabus

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Instructor Information

Instructor

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<http://courseweb.pitt.edu>

Benvenuti a Roma!

Scopo del corso:

In questo corso, gli studenti hanno la possibilità di sviluppare la loro padronanza dell'italiano e di aumentare le funzioni comunicative e le competenze grammaticali ottenute durante i primi semestri del programma di Italiano all'Università di Pittsburgh. Con l'aiuto di un'antologia (pubblicata online) di testi sulle realtà e attualità culturali e sociali in Italia, il corso fornirà agli studenti le strategie necessarie da applicare alla lettura dell'italiano di vario livello, registro, genere, lunghezza e complessità.

Obbiettivi del corso:

- Leggere e capire diversi testi sulle realtà culturali, sociali, geografiche e storiche dell'Italia d'oggi
- Discutere il contenuto di questi testi in diversi modi: oralmente in aula e in forma scritta
- Sviluppare diverse strategie in modo da capire un testo scritto o visivo
- Ripassare gli aspetti grammaticali, della sintassi e del lessico italiano più essenziali all'uso d'italiano

Testi:

Tutte le letture per questo corso saranno pubblicate sulla nostra pagina Courseweb (courseweb.pitt.edu) prima della partenza degli studenti. Gli studenti dovrebbero stampare le letture *prima della partenza* e dovrebbero portarle a Roma.

Valutazione:

5 diari /glossari (settimanale)	10%
4 quiz grammaticali	15%
3 progetti	20%
Midterm	20%
Final	20%
Partecipazione e compiti	15%

Progetti: Each *progetto* is a task- and content-based assignment that demonstrates your knowledge on a particular subject. Each *progetto* will also have a grammatical focal point. Pitt in Italy *progetti* consist of a written component as well as an oral presentation in class. A description of each *progetto* will be posted on Courseweb, along with their accompanying grading rubrics.

Diario: The *diario* for this course will take the form of a weekly diary. There will be five entries in all, due every Monday at the beginning of class; all entries must be in Italian and may be handwritten or typed. Each week your entry will incorporate the grammar we are studying. These can be used to reflect on your time in Rome.

Glossario: The *glossario* is an informal place where you can record new vocabulary that you pick up during your daily life in Italy and/or come across in your leisure or scholastic reading. The *glossario* may be recorded in a small notebook that you can carry with you each day. When you see or hear a new or unfamiliar word, write it down so that you may later look up its meaning, or ask your favorite Roman ☺. The *glossario* will be collected at the beginning of each week together with the *diario*, must contain at least 25 new words and their definitions.

Piano di lavoro **These dates may be subject to change.

settimana	data	argomenti	verifiche/ progetti
1	21 maggio	ripasso verbi al passato prossimo, imperfetto, trapassato	
	22 maggio	Afternoon lesson* - 2.30pm	
	23 maggio	Introduzione al passato remoto	quiz 1 - tempi passati
2	27 maggio	Afternoon lesson* - una caccia al tesoro	Vocab/diario1 due
	28 maggio	passato remoto - letture	
	29 maggio	passato remoto - letture	
	30 maggio	Condizionale presente	quiz 2.
3	3 giugno	Condizionale presente e passato	Vocab/diario2 due
	4 giugno	l'imperativo	progetto 1
	5 giugno	si impersonale – usi dell'infinito	
	6 giugno	gerundio, tempo progressivo	
4	10 giugno	Midterm coniuntivo presente	Vocab/diario3 due Midterm
	11 giugno	coniuntivo presente / passato	
	12 giugno	Lecture – esprimere opinioni	progetto 2
	13 giugno	coniuntivo congiunzioni	quiz 3
5	17 giugno	coniuntivo altri usi – superlativi/ comparativi	Vocab/diario4 due
	18 giugno	coniuntivo imperfetto	
	19 giugno	coniuntivo imperfetto	
	20 giugno	periodo ipotetico	quiz 4
6	24 giugno	periodo ipotetico	Vocab/diario5 due
	25 giugno	Discorso diretto / indiretto	
	26 giugno	Ripasso per l'esame finale	progetto 3
	27 giugno	Esame finale	

Distribuzione dei voti:

A+ 98%	B+ 88%	C+ 78%	D+ 68%
A 93%	B 83%	C 73%	D 63%
A- 90%	B- 80%	C- 70%	D- 60%

Course policies:

Cell phones: Cell phones must be turned off during class.

Participation: Since participation and preparation is a large component of your final grade in this course (20%), your daily efforts to arrive punctually, come to class prepared, and participate in all class activities are essential. **Outstanding participation** is defined as habitually arriving for class on time, listening attentively when others speak, asking pertinent questions, participating in all activities with enthusiasm, and responding to questions from others. **Average participation** is defined as occasionally arriving late to class, sometimes listening to others when they speak, sometimes asking questions, participating in all activities, occasionally contributing to group activities, and occasionally responding to questions. **Unacceptable participation** is defined as often arriving late to class, not listening when others speak, seldom asking questions, not contributing much to group work, and seldom responding to questions.

Assignments/Compiti: Late work will not be accepted.

Attendance: Because of the intensive and communicative nature of this program and course, **you may not miss any classes. On your first absence, you will lose 5 points from your final grade and each subsequent absence will result in one additional point off the final grade for any classes missed.** A **documented** medical condition or personal emergency will constitute the sole exception to this rule.

Classroom recording policy: To ensure the free and open discussion of ideas, students may not record classroom lectures, discussion and/or activities without the advance written permission of the instructor, and any such recording properly approved in advance can be used solely for the student's own private use.

E-mail policy: Each student is issued a University e-mail address (username@pitt.edu) upon admittance. This e-mail address may be used by the University for official communication with students. Students are expected to read e-mail sent to this account on a regular basis. Failure to read and react to University communications in a timely manner does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of the communications. The University provides an e-mail forwarding service that allows students to read their e-mail via other service providers (e.g., Hotmail, AOL, Yahoo). Students that choose to forward their e-mail from their pitt.edu address to another address do so at their own risk. If e-mail is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from responding to official communications sent to their University e-mail address.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: Plagiarism is a serious ethical matter and an infraction of University Policy. Students should familiarize themselves with both the University Policy on Academic Integrity (available at <http://www.as.pitt.edu/fac/policies/academic-integrity>) and the Department of French and Italian Plagiarism Policy (<http://www.frenchanditalian.pitt.edu/undergraduate/plagiarism.php>). Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

1. Use of human or online translators (i.e. Google Translate)
2. Unauthorized editorial help (asking a friend in an upper level course for help)
3. Unattributed use of an author's ideas (theft of intellectual property)
4. Unattributed use of an author's words (lack of proper citation)

Any student who plagiarizes will be immediately reported to the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies charged with matters of Academic Integrity. Sanctions for first-time violations typically result in a '0' or an 'F' grade for the assignment. Second violations may result in a failing grade for the course and expulsion from the University. Please do not hesitate to contact your instructor or the Language Program Coordinator, Lorraine Denman (denman@pitt.edu), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

Students with disabilities

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and the Office of Disability Resources and Services, 216 William Pitt Union, (412) 648-7890/(412)383-7355 (TTY) BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR ITALY. DRS will verify your disability and determine reasonable accommodations for this course.