

Elementary Italian I

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Course Description:

ITAL 1010 will introduce the rudiments of Italian grammar in a communicative framework. Students will practice fundamental grammar structures, communicate at a basic level, both orally and in writing, and begin to appreciate the beauties of Italian language and culture.

Required Materials:

- New Italian Espresso: beginner and pre-intermediate (paper textbook), ALMA Edizioni

*The purchase of the paper textbook will have a code on the inside cover with instructions to obtain the ebook version, as well. Ebook is good to have for listening/video exercises but you **MUST** bring the paper copy to class.

- New Italian Espresso online workbook. Online workbook can be purchased on blinklearning.com; I will post the link on Canvas and the course codes are listed below.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students will be able to

- Read rudimentary Italian prose
- Write functional and effective narration of present events
- Carry on basic Italian conversation in the present tense
- Describe their immediate surroundings, families, and ordinary activities.

Course Overview:

FREQUENZA (ATTENDANCE): As in all language courses, attendance and punctuality are essential to success in ITAL 1010. Each unexcused absence over 2 will result in a 3% deduction from your attendance average. (100% > 97% > 94% > etc...) If you will be missing class for some legitimate reason, as in case of illness, documentation (doctor's note) will be required to excuse the absence.

RENDIMENTO IN CLASSE (PARTICIPATION AND PREPARATION): Learning a communicative skill like Italian requires intellectual effort and regular practice. Our class activities have been designed with this in mind, and your enthusiastic engagement on a daily basis will have a significant impact on your ultimate performance. Your participation grade will be assessed holistically, but includes things like arriving on time and prepared for class, speaking Italian whenever possible, bringing your textbook, staying on-task, working productively in groups, volunteering to read or answer questions; basically, your participation grade will reflect the degree to which you are promoting a positive learning environment for yourself and your classmates. Naturally, you cannot participate when absent, even in legitimate circumstances. If I ask you to complete certain textbook activities for the following class, I expect them to be completed before class and if I see you are not prepared (on a consistent basis), points will be deducted.

COMPITO (HOMEWORK): The work you do **OUTSIDE** of class is very important. **Your workbook for this course will be online.** You will be assigned online workbook activities at the beginning of each chapter. You will have the course of the entire chapter to complete these exercises at your own pace and they will be **due the**

night before the chapter exam. No late homework activities will be accepted—no exceptions! This is to be fair to your fellow classmates who make the effort to complete them on time. I do not recommend waiting until the night before the exam to complete all activities, but you are free to do what works best for you.

Workbook code for 1010.001 @ 11 am: **CL67638621**

Code for 1010.002 @ 12 pm: **CL48111649**

PROVE (QUIZZES): There will be at least one online quiz given via Canvas. There may be more short, online Canvas quizzes administered throughout the semester as seen fit. Your quiz grades will count towards your quiz/homework average.

ESAMI (TESTS): There will be **four** equally weighted chapter tests this semester given **in class**. Each will cover approximately one chapter of the textbook. *Please note and highlight all chapter test dates. No make-up exams will be given without formal documentation given to me in class.

ESAME FINALE (FINAL EXAM): A final exam will be administered at the end of the semester to test your knowledge of the material covered over the course of the semester. More details will be given during the second half of the semester.

Final Grade

Your final grade will be the weighted average of the following criteria:

Attendance:	20%
Participation and Preparedness:	20%
Homework/Quizzes:	20%
Chapter exams:	20%
Final Exam:	20%

TOTALE	100%
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***Be sure to check Canvas daily** for any announcements, reminders, optional videos, worksheets, etc. It is also the first place to hear about last-minute class cancellations.

TUTORING: Free Italian tutoring will be available this semester with Vanessa Lingenfelter in **Lang 108A**. Her schedule for Fall semester will be as follows:

- Tuesdays 10-11am
- Thursdays 3-4pm
- Fridays 2-3pm

Course Policies and General Information

PROTOCOL FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING IN-PERSON CLASS MEETINGS:

Please don't. Electronic devices, including cell phones, computers, tablets, *et cetera*, should be turned off and stashed out of sight upon entering the room, if not before. This includes viewing the e-text in class, as well as using online dictionaries. (If you are authorized to use an electronic device by the Office of Disability Access, please let me know and we can work something out.)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: I expect you to conform to the highest standard of academic integrity. Using online translation tools other than simple dictionaries, passing off someone else's work as your own, pulling shenanigans during quizzes and tests, or any other form of academic misrepresentation will be both punished in this course (at minimum, a grade of zero on the assignment in question) and reported to Academic Affairs. If

you are unsure as to whether something is all right, it is probably not, but you are welcome to check with me or consult the University Policy on Academic Dishonesty.

S.P.O.T. EVALUATIONS: At the end of term, you will receive an e-mail with a link to a confidential survey to evaluate this class. Please take the time to fill this out: I read the surveys and appreciate your honest feedback.

DISABILITY ACCOMODATION: The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to faculty to begin a private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time, however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website at <https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/office-disability-access>. You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

ACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR: Student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The university's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including university and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The Code of Student Conduct can be found at https://policy.unt.edu/sites/default/files/07.012_CodeofConduct_2013_0.pdf

SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, & ASSAULT: UNT is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these acts of aggression, please know that you are not alone. The federal Title IX law makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender are Civil Rights offenses. UNT has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more.

UNT's Dean of Students' website offers a range of on-campus and off-campus resources to help support survivors, depending on their unique needs: <http://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources>.

The UNT Survivor Advocates can be reached by emailing SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or calling 940-565-2648. The UNT Survivor Advocates connect students who have been impacted by violence to resources (counseling, health, safety, academics, legal, etc.), and act as their advocate. They can assist a student by filing protective orders, completing crime victim's compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change (if needed), and connecting students to the many other resources that are available, both on and off campus. They are here to help! For more information see <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/sexual-misconduct/reporting-sexual-misconduct>

Course Schedule

WEEK (SETTIMANA) I – INTRODUZIONI E CAPITOLO 1

19 agosto (lunedì): In classe: Introduzione al corso e *Come ti chiami?*

A casa per mercoledì: Buy the textbook and online workbook!

21 agosto (mercoledì): In classe: *Come ti chiami? Come si chiama? Unità 1*: Pg. 9-10

A casa per venerdì: Buy textbook and online workbook!

23 agosto (venerdì): In classe: Pg.10-12

Per lunedì: Buy textbook and online workbook!

SETTIMANA II –

26 agosto (lunedì): In classe: Pg. 12-14

28 agosto (mercoledì): In classe: Pg. 14-16

30 agosto (venerdì): In classe: Pg. 16-18

SETTIMANA III –

2 settembre: NON C'È CLASSE!

4 sett: In classe: Pg. 18-19

6 sett: In classe: pg. 21-23

SETTIMANA IV –

9 sett: pg. 23-24 (Videoteca e ripasso)

11 sett: ESAME CAPITOLO 1

13 sett: Unità 2: pg. 25-27

SETTIMANA V –

16 sett: pg. 27-28

18 sett: pg. 29-30

20 sett: pg. 30-31

SETTIMANA VI –

23 sett: pg. 31-32

25 sett: pg. 32-35

27 sett: NON C'È CLASSE! (Esamino su Canvas!)

SETTIMANA VII –

30 sett: NON C'È CLASSE!

2 ottobre: Pg. 37-39

4 ott: pg. 39-40 (Videoteca e ripasso)

SETTIMANA VIII –

7 ott: ESAME CAPITOLO 2

9 ott: Unità 3: pg. 41-42

11 ott: pg. 43-44

SETTIMANA IX –

14 ott: pg. Pg. 44-46

16 ott: pg. 46-47

18 ott: pg. 48-49

SETTIMANA X –

21 ott: pg. 50-51

23 ott: pg. 55-56

25 ott: Ripasso

SETTIMANA XI –

28 ott: **ESAME CAPITOLO 3**

30 ott: Unità 4: pg. 57-58

1 novembre: pg. 59-61

SETTIMANA XII –

4 nov: pg. 61-62

6 nov: pg. 63-64

8 nov: pg. 65-66

SETTIMANA XIII –

11 nov: pg. 67-69

13 nov: pg. 71

15 nov: pg. 73-74

SETTIMANA XIV –

18 nov: Ripasso

20 nov: **ESAME CAPITOLO 4**

22 nov: **NON C'È CLASSE!**

SETTIMANA XV –

25-29 nov: **VACANZA DI RINGRAZIAMENTO! NON C'È CLASSE!**

SETTIMANA XVI –

2 dicembre: Ripasso

4 dic: Ripasso

6 dic: **Reading day! NON C'È CLASSE!**

ESAMI FINALI:

11 am ITAL 1010.001: Monday, Dec 9 10:30-12:30

12 pm ITAL 1010.002: Wednesday, Dec 11 10:30-12:30