

ITAL 1020.01 (10:00-10:50, LANG 210)

SPRING 2026

ITAL 1020.02 (11:00-11:50, LANG 210)

Elementary Italian II

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Course Description

ITAL 1020 will continue to present 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 gain appreciation for the beauties of Italian culture.

Course Materials

- **New Italian Espresso: Beginner and pre-intermediate (*paper*) textbook:** Updated Edition by ALMA Edizioni (MUST have physical copy of textbook. E-book is supplemental)
- **New Italian Espresso online workbook on BlinkLearning**
- Course codes:
ITAL 1010.001 10 am: **CL62295514**
ITAL 1020.002 11 am: **CL37439417**

*Also be sure to check **Canvas** daily for important announcements, etc.

Course Objectives

After completing this course, students will be able

- ✓ to converse briefly but competently in Italian about the weather, fashion, traditions, music, and cultural activities.
- ✓ to get a deeper understanding of Italian culture and language
- ✓ to express obligation, preferences and desire and to tell time
- ✓ to handle past-tense narration in writing and speaking
- ✓ to identify and manipulate the elements of basic Italian syntax

Course Overview

ATTENDANCE: As in all language courses, attendance and punctuality are essential to success in ITAL 1020. Each unexcused absence over 3 will result in a 3% deduction from your final average (e.g. with 4 absences, a final grade of 91% becomes an 88%). Three absences will be excused and final attendance grade will be tallied at the end of the semester. All other absences are only excused with **formal documentation** such as an official UNT event or a doctor's note...no exceptions!

RENDIMENTO IN CLASSE (PARTICIPATION AND PREPAREDNESS): 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 in class will have a significant impact on your ultimate

performance. Your participation grade will be assessed holistically, but includes things like arriving on time, completing assigned work so that you are prepared, speaking Italian whenever possible, bringing your textbook, staying on-task, and working productively in groups. 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 should you miss for legitimate reasons.

COMPITI (HOMEWORK): Same as last semester, you will be assigned **online activities via BlinkLearning** that will be due the night before each chapter exam (see weekly schedule below). Activities will be assigned within the first week of each new chapter. To access the exercises, you **must** click on the link that is emailed to you, or you can access it via the *forum* feature on BlinkLearning. It is up to you to complete the homework by the established due date, so do not forget. Half credit given for late homework submissions.

ESAMI (CHAPTER EXAMS): At the end of each chapter, you will have a chapter exam **in class** on a designated day. There will be **four total** tests and the exercises will reflect the material covered in class from that chapter. **No make-up tests will be given without official documentation**, no exceptions.

ESAME FINALE (FINAL EXAM): At the end of the semester a cumulative final exam will be given to test your knowledge of the material covered in a comprehensive manner. More details will be given in late April.

Esami finali:

ITAL 1020.001 (10:00) – Saturday, May 2, 7:30-9:30 AM

ITAL 1020.002 (11:00) – Monday, May 4, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Final Grade

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

Attendance:	20 %
Participation and Preparedness:	20 %
Chapter exams:	20 %
Online homework:	20 %
Final Exam:	20 %
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	100%

Your final letter grade will be assigned according to UNT policy:

90-100 = A 80-89 = B 70-79 = C 60-69 = D <60 = F

TUTORING: Free Italian tutoring will be available this semester with Tara Conti in **Lang 108A**. Her schedule for Spring semester 2025 will be as follows:

- Monday 1-3 pm
- Friday 3:30-4:30 pm

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.

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.

ODA POLICY: The University of North Texas makes reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities. Students needing a reasonable academic accommodations must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the student will request their letter of accommodation. ODA will provide faculty with a reasonable accommodation letter via email to begin a private discussion regarding a student's specific needs in a course. Students 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 meet with faculty regarding their accommodations during 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.

PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION: The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

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.

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS: Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student's records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University's policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

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. Visit UNT's [Code of Student Conduct](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct) (<https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct>) to learn more.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION: UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT's Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence 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 where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.

PROGRAMMA DI LAVORO (1TAL 1020, PRIMAVERA 2026)

Settimana I

12 gennaio: introduzione al corso, ripasso
14 gennaio: attività di ripasso e cultura
16 gennaio: **Unità 5:** pg. 75-77

Settimana II

19 genn: **NON C'È CLASSE**
21 genn: pg. 77-79
23 genn: 79-82

Settimana III

26 genn: pg. 82-84
28 genn: pg. 85-87
30 genn: pg. 88-89

Settimana IV

2 febbraio: caffè culturale e videocorso
4 febbraio: **Unità 5: RIPASSO**
Compiti online da consegnare entro le 23:30 il 5 febbraio
6 febbraio: **ESAME 1**

Settimana V

9 febb: **Unità 6:** pg. 95-97
11 febb: pg. 97-98
13 febb: pg. 99-101

Settimana VI

16 febb: pg. 101-103
18 febb: pg. 104-105
20 febb: caffè culturale e videocorso

Settimana VII

23 febb: **Unità 6: RIPASSO**

Compiti online da consegnare entro le 23:30 il 24 febbraio

25 febb: **ESAME 2**

27 febb: **Unità 7:** pg. 111-113

Settimana VIII

2 marzo: pg. 114-115 (*passato prossimo*)

4 marzo: pg. 115-116

6 marzo: **NON C'È**

CLASSE

9 marzo

11 marzo **PAUSA PRIMAVERILE**

13 marzo

Settimana IX –

16 mar: Ripasso: *Passato Prossimo* e pg. 117

18 mar: pg. 118-119

20 mar: pg. 120-121

Settimana X

23 mar: pg. 122-123

25 mar: pg. 124-127

27 mar: pg. 129-130 (cultura e videocorso)

Settimana XI

30 mar: **Unità 7: RIPASSO**

Compiti online da consegnare entro le 23:30 il 31 marzo

1 aprile: **ESAME 3**

3 aprile: **Unità 8:** pg. 131-133

Settimana XII

6 apr: Pg. 133-134

8 apr: pg. 135-136

10 apr: pg. 137-138

Settimana XIII

13 apr: pg. 139-140

15 apr: pg. 141

17 apr: caffè culturale e videocorso

Settimana XIV

20 apr: **Unità 8: RIPASSO**

Compiti online da consegnare entro le 23:30 il 21 aprile

22 apr: **ESAME 4**

24 apr: Gioco / Canzone / Cultura

Settimana XV

27 apr: Ripasso

29 apr: Ripasso

1 maggio: **NON C'È CLASSE (Reading Day)**

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