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Department of Italian and French Studies

Ital 101 Fall 2020

Introductory Italian I

INSTRUCTOR [AND TA] INFORMATION

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Lecture Schedule:

Webex bi-weekly **optional** lectures on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 am (**lectures start on Thursday September 10th at 9am**). Mp4 recording files of lectures will be available on the same day of the lecture. Here is the Webex link to lectures (also posted on LEARN content labelled "Instructions to Webex lectures"). These instructions are valid for ALL the lectures:

Topic: ITAL 101 F2020

Host: Roberta Cauchi-Santoro

Date: Every Tuesday, Thursday, from Thursday, September 10, 2020 to Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Time: 9:00 am, Eastern Daylight Time (New York, GMT-04:00)

Session number: 172 355 4455

Session password: WGTqtFHy399

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For assistance

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a beginning course in Italian language providing the fundamentals of grammar, structure and idiom of this language. This course is an Introduction to aspects of Italian life and culture through written and audio-visual aids.

Pre-Requisite(s): None

Restriction(s): Not available to students who have credit for 4U Italian or equivalent.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Understand basic spoken Italian;
2. Communicate in basic Italian using familiar everyday expressions related to practical needs;
3. Introduce yourself in Italian;
4. Interpret simple sentences and expressions written in Italian;
5. Write short sentences in Italian.

Required Textbook

Title: Introductory Italian I (eTextbook)

Author(s): Sandra Parmegiani

Edition / Year: 2019

Publisher: Top Hat

ISBN: 9781774121405

The JOIN CODE (JC) for this course is **258406**

The eTextbook is an exclusively digital book. It may be purchased at <https://app.tophat.com/e/258406> or else through the waterloo bookstore. Please purchase the book at your earliest (ideally not later than the end of the first week of the semester). Please be aware that the book is opened chapter by chapter as we proceed through the topics from one week to the next. Also remember that if you are using Tophat in another course during this semester, you do not pay for the Tophat app/platform but only for the digital book. Before starting to use Tophat, students should first consult these links to ensure correct use of Tophat digital book and platform:

<https://tophat-1.wistia.com/medias/91ztmmtu8r> : This is a walk through on how to use Top Hat for the first day of classes.

<https://support.tophat.com/s/article/Student-Top-Hat-Overview-and-Getting-Started-Guide>: Consult these best practices for optimal use of tophat.

If you encounter technical issues while using tophat, please contact support@tophat.com or call 1-888-663-5491 between 9am and 9pm EST, Monday to Friday. You will be contacted within 24-48 hours (excluding weekends).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT

Assessments

The grade determination for this course is indicated in the following table. A brief description of each assessment is provided below. Due dates can be found under the Schedule heading of this outline.

Table 1: Course Assessments

Assessment Item	Weight
Top Hat Online Exercises	30%
Riassunti/ Summaries (X12)	24%
Compiti/Assignments (x3)	21%

Assessment Item	Weight
Final Test	25%
Total	100%

Assessment Descriptions

Top Hat exercises online

At the beginning of each chapter students will be assigned a number of exercises accessible through the Top Hat online platform. Students are expected to closely review the topics covered in each chapter and to complete the exercises by the due date. There are exercises which are to be found within the given chapter and others outside of it. Both these exercises will be assigned and are graded. Students have 4 attempts to give the right answer.

Short Summaries (Riassunti)

Every week, you will be asked to write a short (200 words) summary in English (or Italian if you choose) on a topic that is related to the material covered during that week. The rubric for the weekly summary is to be found attached to each beginning- of- the-week announcement. Each *riassunto* (summary) is worth 2%. In the summaries you will write in the second half of the course, you are encouraged to sometimes attempt to write your summary in Italian in order to practise your newly-acquired linguistic skills. This is completely optional and you should only attempt it if you feel confident. No marks will be lost for not trying this out.

The aim of this assignment is to reflect on the topics of the week. You are not required to do research for this assignment: it is a short summary of a specific grammatical point. It is, however, paramount that you **illustrate your points through examples in Italian**.

You will receive high marks for taking the time to reflect upon the given topic, summarize the most salient points, illustrate these points through examples and write a generally coherent piece that respects the instructions in terms of length and topic. **Please note that there is no riassunto due the week of Thanksgiving.**

Compiti

The *compiti* (assignments) are written and/or oral activities to test the students' skills in all the required abilities in Italian (listening, speaking, reading and writing). They should be **around 250 words long** and should be written/delivered **ENTIRELY IN ITALIAN**. Each *compito* is worth 7% of the global mark and thus it is of utmost importance that you give these assignments due time and attention. You should start thinking of these assignments ahead of the week when they are due.

Compito 1: Un Colloquio (AN INTERVIEW). You should WRITE the script of an interview between two people. The setting is of your choice but do keep in mind that an interview will require that the two people **address each other formally**. Remember to use the grammatical structures that you have learnt thus far and do not try to use structures you are unsure of.

Compito 2: Il mio itinerario settimanale (MY WEEKLY TIMETABLE) You need to write a paragraph where you describe what you usually do during a typical week. Remember that we use the present simple tense (the basic and simplest tense) to describe activities that happen habitually. You start by saying what you do on Monday, Tuesday etc..

Compito 3: La mia ricetta preferita (MY FAVOURITE RECIPE) You need to produce a video clip that lasts between **3-4 minutes** where you prepare a dish and describe step-by-step the recipe. You also need to attach a transcript of the video. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ONLY POST THE LINK TO THE VIDEO ON DROPBOX AND NOT THE VIDEO ITSELF. You may want to make sure to produce your video on an unlisted account to protect your privacy. One good option is to use powtoon.

Final Test

The final test will be administered via Learn quizzes. The final test (NOT a final exam) is scheduled on what should be the last day of lessons, that is Thursday, December 3rd. It lasts 3 hours starting at 9am ET and ending at 12pm. More details about the final test will be communicated at a later stage.

Final Test: 25%

Duration: 3 hours (an extra hour is being allowed to compensate for any tech issues that might arise)

Date: Thursday, December 3rd, 2020

Location: Online final test via LEARN QUIZZES

PS. Due to the cumulative nature of language, the final test comprises grammar and vocabulary covered throughout the course.

COURSE SCHEDULE

What to Expect for Each Unit

Each unit of the course features the following:

- **Professor's Notes: Textbook Explanation of Grammar points including examples.**

- **Power point presentations**
- **Mp4 Recorded lectures for the week**
- **Some units will also include video clips or links to videos.**

You will be required to:

- **Write a weekly short summary activity about a grammar point explained during the week (12 summaries in all worth 24%).** There are two riassunti to be submitted in week 11 but these will help you with the review of the last grammar point covered-the *passato prossimo*.
- **Work on 3 assignments (*compiti*) to be written/ spoken in Italian.**
- **Complete Top Hat Exercises** on the online platform ([Top Hat](#)). Please note that the exercises are usually due after 2, 3 or even 4 weeks. The different exercises should be done during the specific week when the grammar point being tested by the exercise is explained in the weekly unit. Unless you are completely confident, avoid doing all assigned activities at once in the first week. These exercises are worth **30%** of the final evaluation for this course.

Schedule

It is strongly recommended that you follow the course schedule provided below. The schedule outlines what you should be working on each week of the course and lists the important due dates for the assessments. By following the schedule, you will be prepared to complete the assessments in a timely manner and succeed in this course. **Please remember to always consult the beginning-of-the -week announcement on the LEARN announcements to know what you should complete by the end of the week.**

Unit 01: Introduction and Pronunciation, Verb “to be”

Week 1 – Tuesday September 8th - Sunday September 13th

Readings

- Italian Tophat Textbook: Capitolo 1: Greetings, the Italian alphabet and pronunciation Capitolo 2: Essere, Essere + Pronomi, c'è', ci sono, numeri 0-10.
- LEARN: Unit 01 content

Activities

- Review this **Course Outline** and **Assessments** on the course outline to learn about course expectations, assessments, and due dates.

- Study all Unit 01 content, study chapter one and topics listed from chapter two in the Tophat book.

Assessments

- **Riassunto/Summary 1 (all riassunto rubrics will be attached to the beginning- of-the-week announcement)**
Opens: September 8th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday 13th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** Capitolo 1,2 (selection)
Opens: Tuesday, September 8th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, September 27th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 02: Nouns and Articles

Week 2 – Monday, 14th September to Sunday, September 20th

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 2 Nomi (Nouns), Nomi Maschili (Masculine Nouns), Nomi Femminili (Feminine Nouns). Capitolo 2 Articoli Indeterminativi (Indefinite Articles), Capitolo 3 Articoli Determinativi (definite articles)
- LEARN: Unit 02 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto/Summary 2**
Opens: Monday, September 14th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, September 20th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** Capitolo 2
Opens: Monday, September 14th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, September 27th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 03: Interrogatives and Negative Statements

Week 3 – Monday, September 21st to Sunday, September 27th

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 3 Avere (to have) and expressions with avere, Numeri 11-100, Questions and Negatives.

- LEARN: Unit 03 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto/ Summary 3**
Opens: Monday, September 21st at 12:01am ET
Closes: Sunday, September 27th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises Capitolo 3**
Opens: Monday, September 21st at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, October 4th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 04: Adjectives; Buono and Bello

Week 4 – Monday, September 28th to Sunday, October 4th

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 4, Aggettivi, Buono e Bello, Aggettivi possessivi, preposizioni (an introduction)
- LEARN: Unit 04 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto/Summary 4**
Opens: Monday, September 28th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, October 4th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Compito 1: Un Colloquio (An Interview)**
Opens: Monday, September 28th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, October 4 at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises Capitolo 4 (selection)**
Opens: Monday, September 28th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Friday, October 9th at 11:59 pm ET (due to Reading week starting on Saturday 10th)

Unit 05: Verbi in -are

Week 5 – Monday, October 5th to Friday, October 9th (due to reading week starting on Saturday 10th)

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 5 Verbi (Italian Verbs: An Introduction) La concordanza soggetto-verbo; Capitolo 5 Verbi regolari e irregolari in –are, Capitolo 5 Preposizioni ‘in’, ‘a’ e il verbo ‘andare’,

- LEARN: Unit 05 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto/Summary 5**
Opens: Monday, October 5th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Friday, October 9th at 11:59 pm ET (officially due on Friday but dropbox will remain open for submissions until Sunday 11th 11 59pm and there will be no penalty)
- **Top Hat Online Exercises Capitolo 5**

Opens: Monday, October 5th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, October 25th at 11:59 pm ET (extra week is added to compensate for Fall reading week)

Monday, October 12th to Sunday, October 18th Thanksgiving and Fall Reading Week

Unit 06: Preposizioni, preposizioni articolate e preposizioni avverbiali

Week 6 – Monday, October 19th to Sunday, October 25th

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 6 verbo “dare” e espressioni con “fare”, Capitolo 6 La preposizione “da”, Capitolo 6 La preposizione ‘con’, ‘su’, ‘per’ ‘tra’, Capitolo 6 Preposizioni articolate and Preposizioni avverbiali
- LEARN: Unit 06 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto 6**
Opens: Monday, October 19th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, October 25th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** from capitolo 6
Opens: Monday, October 19th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 1st at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 07: Verbi in -ere and -ire

Week 7 – Monday, October 26th to Sunday, November 1st

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 7 Seconda coniugazione. Il verbo “bere”, Verbi regolari in –ere. Terza coniugazione. Capitolo 7 Verbi regolari in –ire. Verbi della terza coniugazione in –isc. Capitolo 7 “I mesi” e “L’ora”
- LEARN: Unit 07 content
- **Riassunto 7**
Opens: Monday, October 26th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 1st at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** Capitolo 7
Opens: Monday, October 26 th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 8th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 08: Verbi irregolari in -ere and -ire, Sapere e Conoscere, volere, dovere e potere, il partitivo

Week 8 – Monday, November 2nd to Sunday, November 8th

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 8 Verbi irregolari in -ere and -ire, Sapere e Conoscere, volere, dovere e potere, “il Partitivo”
- LEARN: Unit 08 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto 8**
Opens: Monday, November 2nd at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 8th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Compito 2 Il mio itinerario:**
Opens: Monday, November 2nd at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 8th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** Capitolo 8 (selection)
Opens: Monday, November 2nd at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 15th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 09: L’oggetto diretto; pronomi diretti

Week 9 – Monday, November 9th to Sunday, November 15th

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 8 L'oggetto diretto (introduction); capitolo 9 pronomi diretti con "ecco"
- Learn: Unit 09 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto 9**
Opens: Monday, November 9th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 15th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Compito 3: La mia ricetta preferita (please post link to video as well as transcript)**
Opens: Monday, November 9th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 15th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** capitolo 8 (selection) capitolo 9
Opens: Monday, November 9th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 10: Il passato prossimo

Week 10 – Monday, November 16th to November 22nd

Readings

- Italian Textbook: Capitolo 9 Il passato prossimo con "avere"; participi passati irregolari; Capitolo 9 'Posizione pronomi diretti con il passato prossimo; Capitolo 9 "Molto, troppo, poco. Aggettivi e avverbi", capitolo 10 "passato prossimo con essere" (this is the only topic we deal with from Chapter 10- the rest of this chapter will be studied in Ital 102 [next level Italian language course])
- Learn: Unit 10 content
- Learn: Unit 11 content

Assessments

- **Riassunto 10**
Opens: Monday, November 16th at 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 22nd at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** Capitolo 9

Opens: Monday, November 9th 12:01 am ET
Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises** Capitolo 10 (small selection)

Opens: Monday, November 16th 12:01 am ET
 Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 11: Ripasso-Review

Week 11 – Monday, November 23rd to Sunday, 29th November

Readings (MOCK FINAL TEST WILL BE POSTED)

- Review all chapter readings
- Review all vocabulary
- Review unit content 1-11

Assessments

- **Riassunto 11 (this *riassunto* will help with review of *passato prossimo*)**
 Opens: Monday, November 23rd at 12:01 am ET
 Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Riassunto 12 (this *riassunto* will help with review of *passato prossimo*)**
 Opens: Monday, November 23rd at 12:01 am ET
 Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises Capitolo 9**
 Opens: Monday, November 9th at 12:01 am ET
 Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET
- **Top Hat Online Exercises Capitolo 10 (small selection)**
 Opens: Monday, November 16th 12:01 am ET
 Closes: Sunday, November 29th at 11:59 pm ET

Unit 12: Ripasso- Review

Week 12 – Monday, November 30th to Wednesday December 2nd

(ANSWERS TO MOCK FINAL TEST POSTED)

REVIEW FOR FINAL TEST

(test will be held on Thursday December 3rd)

POLICY ON LATE WORK, MISSED ASSIGNMENTS, AND MAKE-UP TESTS

Please make every effort to submit your work on time. In order to succeed in this course, you need to keep the pace and not fall behind. If, for justifiable reasons, you cannot submit a particular assignment on time, kindly email me ahead of time and produce a Verification of Illness Form. If you have COVID 19 symptoms, the standard procedure established by the University of Waterloo will be followed.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The webex bi-weekly lectures are completely optional. MP4 Recordings will be made available same day as the lecture and thus you can consult the recording in your own time. The first webex lecture is on Thursday 10th September and the last webex lecture is on Tuesday 1st December. There will be no webex lectures during Reading Week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Please remember to check the beginning-of-the-week announcement every Monday. For general questions about the course, use the discussion board Q&A. For other more specific or personal matters email me at rcauchis@uwaterloo.ca.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Academic Integrity: Please remember that during COVID 19 remote learning, issues of academic integrity are paramount and instructors are being extra vigilant. In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. [Check www.uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/ for more information.]

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[Discipline 20131122-SJUSCapproved.pdf](#). For information on categories of offences and types of penalties, students should refer to University of Waterloo Policy 71, Student Discipline, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm. For typical penalties, check the Guidelines for the Assessment of Penalties, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/guidelines/penaltyguidelines.htm.

Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under the St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Petitions and Grievances (other than a petition) or the St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Discipline may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes they have a ground for an appeal should refer to the St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Appeals, www.sju.ca/sites/default/files/PLCY_AOM_Student-Appeals_20131122-SJUSCapproved.pdf.

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2. Lecture handouts, presentations, and other materials prepared for the course (e.g., PowerPoint slides);
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4. Work protected by copyright (e.g., any work authored by the instructor or TA or used by the instructor or TA with permission of the copyright owner).

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Mental Health Support on campus and in the community

Please be aware that SJU offers help to students who need mental health support during the semester. Lindsay Thompson is the SJU Wellness Coordinator (Lindsay.thompson@uwaterloo.ca) and is available by email. The UWaterloo Faculty of Arts provides details on available support on its website.