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BENVENUTI! Welcome to Italian 213!

To succeed in this course, it is absolutely essential to study in advance all assigned pages, as indicated in the syllabus, and to come to class prepared for that day’s activities.

Have a joyful and fruitful experience! Feel free to come and see me whenever you need help.

Texts

Recommended:


Required:

Carla Larese Riga, Irene Bubula-Phillips Ciao! Textbook and Student Activities Manual (Heinle, 2011 8th edition), available as Customized package book+card or iLrn standalone access card

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For FAQs go to the following link: http://ilrn.heinle.com/faq.html#SFAQ2

Websites

Beginning students may also benefit from the following websites:

Grammar

- Italian Online Course for Beginners/BBC: http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/
- Verbs online (Verb Conjugation Trainer): http://www.verbs-online.com/italian-verbs/italian-verbs-01.php
- Verbix: http://www.verbix.com/languages/italian.shtml
- Italian 100 Exercises: http://web.uvic.ca/~hisitaex/exercises/italian/italian100/
- Learn Italian Online: http://www.babbel.com/learn-italian-online

Online Translation

- Paralink: http://translation2.paralink.com/
- Word Reference: http://www.wordreference.com/enit/welcome

Grade Distribution

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- Tests ........................................... 20%
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- Class Participation/ Online Activities .......... 20%
- Final Exam .................................... 30%
- Compositions ................................. 10%
- Attendance ................................. 10%

Grade Scale

A = 100-93  A- = 92-90  B+ = 89-88  B = 87-84
B- = 83-80  C+ = 79-78  C = 77-74  C- = 73-70
D+ = 69-68  D = 67-64  D- = 63-60  F = 59-0

Course Description

ITAL 213 provides an introduction to the Italian language and grammar, with emphasis on students’ speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. The course also introduces students to elements of Italian culture, the latter being an integral part of linguistic expression.

Course Objectives

Students who successfully complete one semester of Elementary Italian III (ITAL 213) will attain Basic Proficiency Level (Level A2, as defined in accordance to the guidelines set by the Common European Framework for Languages: “Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.”
How Objectives Will be Met

Ciao!, the multimedia program adopted for this course, uses a communicative approach to language learning that integrates grammar and verbal expression. The four communication skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) are developed through: comprehension exercises (Lab Manual recordings and Online videos); pronunciation exercises; in-class conversation (QAs and pair role-plays); cultural readings; writing (spelling exercises and compositions). The course cultural component is provided through the above-mentioned readings, photo, pictures, and other realia. In addition, vocabulary learning and its active usage are an integral part of all four skills.

ITAL 213 covers six chapters of Ciao! (13-18) and the Appendix section, which include the following:

Grammar: present and past conditional; use of verbs potere and dovere in the conditional; common exclamations; comparatives; superlatives; use of definite article; relative pronouns; indefinite pronouns; negative expressions; gerundio and progressive form; preterite perfect and pluperfect; suffixes; verbs followed by the infinitive; subjunctive; conjunctions followed by the subjunctive; future perfect; passive form; fare followed by the infinitive.

Communicative expressions related to: talking about the professions; discussing career goals; expressing aspirations and hopes; identifying geographical features; describing the countryside; making comparisons; talking about sports; discussing leisure time activities; describing actions in progress; identifying parts of the body; discussing health conditions and illnesses; talking about a distant past; talking about the environment and personal means of transportation; discussing conservation and other environmental issues; expressing desires, emotions, and opinions; talking about visual and performing arts; describing works of art, music, and theater productions; discussing hypothetical situations.

Cultural readings related to: Italian regions; immigration; folklore; sports; health system; arts; theater; environment.

Specialized vocabulary on: work and employment; geography; sports; body and health; cars and environment; painting, sculpture, music, and theater.

Class Guidelines and Policies

Assignments

Students are required to do ALL relevant exercises, written and oral, in the Ciao! activities manual/website, as indicated in the syllabus. Through the Ciao! HLC site the instructor will indicate which exercises are specifically to be submitted for grading.

Compositions. Students are expected to write 5 out of the 6 compositions indicated in the syllabus, and to submit them according to teacher’s instructions. All compositions must be rewritten after the teacher’s correction. Each rewritten composition counts 2 points. Missed compositions or un-rewritten compositions count zero points.

Testing

Quizzes. During the course there will be 4 tests, covering specific sections of Ciao!, as indicated in the syllabus. Students can drop one quiz out of the 4 scheduled. Quizzes will take no more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

Midterm. The Midterm exam is inclusive of chapters 13, 14, and 15 of Ciao! A missed midterm counts zero points.

Final exam. The final exam is inclusive of everything covered during the semester (Chapters 13-18 plus Appendix 1) and is two-hour long. For the exact day and time check the UNLV website.

A missed test, midterm or final exam counts zero points. NO MAKEUPS ALLOWED.

Attendance/Class Participation

Attendance is an essential part of a language class and integral to the development of conversation skills. Attendance is therefore mandatory. Students are expected to come to class in time, stay through the duration, and participate in all class activities. Students are allowed TWO absences and should use them judiciously, since each additional absence, JUSTIFIED OR UNJUSTIFIED, will result in the loss of 1% from their 10% attendance. In the unlikely event that a class cancellation is required, students will be notified through a posting bearing the department official letterhead. Before assuming that a class is canceled students should verify its cancellation with the WLC Department (895-3431). Failure to do so may result in an unjustified absence.

Online Activities/Homework

Online activities will be monitored by the instructor, who will collect and grade all materials submitted by students. Online participation counts for 20% of the final grade.
Italian Table and Film Series

Students are strongly encouraged to attend the Italian Table for practicing conversation. By doing so, they will also earn extra-points to be applied toward their Final Exam score. Italian films with English subtitles will be shown during the semester. Students who will watch these films in their entirety will earn extra-points to be applied to their final exam score. Other UNLV events dealing with Italian Language and Culture may also earn them extra-points, in the amount to be determined by the instructor. During the whole semester, students can earn up to a maximum of TEN EXTRA-POINTS through any combination of events. The schedule for both the Italian Table and Film Series will be made available by the second week of class.

General Class Policies

During class students are expected to:

- Behave in a manner consonant with an academic environment and respectful of other students;
- Avoid using cell phones or any other electronic devices that are not pertinent to class instruction.

Students who engage in a disruptive behavior in class sessions may be asked to leave the classroom.

UNLV Policies and Statements

Academic Misconduct – Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV’s function as an educational institution. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources. See the Student Academic Misconduct Policy (approved December 9, 2005) located at: http://studentconduct.unlv.edu/misconduct/policy.html.

Copyright – The University requires all members of the University Community to familiarize themselves with and to follow copyright and fair use requirements. You are individually and solely responsible for violations of copyright and fair use laws. The university will neither protect nor defend you nor assume any responsibility for employee or student violations of fair use laws. Violations of copyright laws could subject you to federal and state civil penalties and criminal liability, as well as disciplinary action under University policies. Additional information can be found at: http://www.unlv.edu/provost/copyright.

Disability Resource Center (DRC) – The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A 143, http://drc.unlv.edu/, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. If you feel that you have a disability, please make an appointment with a Disabilities Specialist at the DRC to discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to me during office hours so that we may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

Religious Holidays Policy – Any student missing class quizzes, examinations, or any other class or lab work because of observance of religious holidays shall be given an opportunity during that semester to make up missed work. The make-up will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It shall be the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor no later than the end of the first two weeks of classes, September 4, 2015, of his or her intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit: http://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531.

Incomplete Grades - The grade of I – Incomplete – can be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session but for reason(s) beyond the student’s control, and acceptable to the instructor, cannot complete the last part of the course, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. The incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester for undergraduate courses. Graduate students receiving “I” grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the time indicated, a grade of F will be recorded and the GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete do not register for the course but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the I grade.

Tutoring – The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring and academic assistance for all UNLV students taking UNLV courses. Students are encouraged to stop by the ASC to learn more about subjects offered, tutoring times and other academic resources. The ASC is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Students may learn more about tutoring services by calling 702-895-3177 or visiting the tutoring web site at: http://academicsuccess.unlv.edu/tutoring.
**UNLV Writing Center** – One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, located in CDC-3-301. Although walk-in consultations are sometimes available, students with appointments will receive priority assistance. Appointments may be made in person or by calling 702-895-3908. The student’s Rebel ID Card, a copy of the assignment (if possible), and two copies of any writing to be reviewed are requested for the consultation. More information can be found at: [http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/](http://writingcenter.unlv.edu/)

**Rebelmail** – By policy, faculty and staff should e-mail students’ Rebelmail accounts only. Rebelmail is UNLV’s official e-mail system for students. It is one of the primary ways students receive official university communication such as information about deadlines, major campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the university. Students’ e-mail prefixes are listed on class rosters. The suffix is always @unlv.nevada.edu. **Emailing within Web Campus is acceptable.**

**Final Examinations** – The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur at the time and on the day specified in the final exam schedule. See the schedule at: [http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars](http://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars).