Plan of Work

August 27, M
*Da Capo* - Capitolo 1
Per cominciare (2a; 2b; 4a; 4b)
Struttura I. Indicativo presente (9b; 11a; 12c, 12d)
Struttura II. Pronomi personali oggetto (14a)

August 29, W
*Da Capo* - Capitolo 1
Struttura III. Nomi (18a; 18b)
Componimento 1 (23 Situazioni 1 o 2)

September 3, M
Labor Day

September 5, W
*Da Capo* - Capitolo 1
Lettura. “Il sapore del rimpianto” (21 Comprensione)
Per comunicare (25 Che cosa diciamo?)
Ricerca Web 1 (22 Le Vacanze)

September 10, M
*Da Capo* - Capitolo 1
Componimento 2 (23 Che cosa diciamo? 1)
Quiz 1

September 12, W
*Da Capo* – Capitolo 2
Per cominciare (25a; 26b; 27a; 27b)
Struttura I. Imperfetto (31b; 31d; 31e)
Struttura II. Aggettivi (34c; 35)

September 17, M
*Da Capo* – Capitolo 2
Struttura III. Articolo indeterminativo (37a; 37b); Buono e nessuno (38)
Struttura IV. Numeri cardinali (40a)
Struttura V. Il tempo (42)
Componimento 3 (32f)

September 19, W
*Da Capo* – Capitolo 2
Lettura. “22 dicembre” (44 Comprensione)
Per Comunicare (46 Che cosa diciamo? 5)
Ricerca Web 2 (45 Che tempo fa?)
September 24, M  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 2*  
**Componimento 4** (47 Situazioni 2)  
**Quiz 2**

September 26, W  
*Il Reale e il Possibile*  
Il comico, l’ironia, la satira politica  
Seconda Sezione: Nella Letteratura.  
Stefano Benni: *La Chitarra Magica* (15A; 16B)  
Terza Sezione: Al Cinema.  
Nanni Moretti: *Caro Diario*

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October 1, M  
*Il Reale e il Possibile*  
Terza Sezione: Al Cinema.  
Nanni Moretti: *Caro Diario* (22A; 22B; 23C)  
Presentazione (25 Secondo me…)

October 3, W  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 3*  
Per cominciare (49a; 49b; 51a; 51b)  
Struttura I. Passato prossimo (55; 56a; 58)  
Struttura II. Articolo determinativo; Preposizioni articolate; Uso dell’articolo determinativo (62a)

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October 8, M  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 3*  
Struttura III. Bello e quello (63)  
Struttura IV. Interrogativi (65a)  
Struttura V. L’ora (67)  
Struttura VI. Giorni, stagioni, mesi, anni (69a)  
**Componimento 5** (57e)

October 10, W  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 3*  
Lettura. “La spesa è una lenta ossessione” (72 Comprensione)  
Per Comunicare (74 Che cosa diciamo?)  
**Ricerca Web 3** (73 Quanto costa?)

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October 15, M  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 3*  
**Componimento 6** (72 Temi 1 e 2)  
**Quiz 3**

October 17, W  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 4*  
Per cominciare (77a; 77b; 79a; 80b)  
Struttura I. Passato prossimo e imperfetto (84a, 84b; 85d; 85e)  
Struttura II. Pronomi personali (oggetto diretto) (88a)

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October 22, M  
*Da Capo – Capitolo 4*  
Struttura III. L’accordo del participio passato (90a)  
Struttura IV. Negativi (92a)  
Struttura V. Aggettivi e pronomi possessivi (95a; 96)  
**Componimento 7** (80b)
October 24, W  
Da Capo – Capitolo 4  
Lettura. Alberto Bevilacqua: “La zona in cui vivo” (99 Comprensione)  
Per Comunicare (102 Che cosa diciamo?)  
Ricerca Web 4 (100 Buon compleanno!)

October 29, M  
Da Capo – Capitolo 4  
Componimento 8 (102 Situazioni 1)  
Quiz 4

October 31, W  
Il Reale e il Possibile  
Terza Sezione: Al Cinema  
Gianni Amelio: Ladro di Bambini (47A; 47B; 48C)  
Presentazione (49 Secondo me…)

November 5, M  
Da Capo – Capitolo 5  
Per cominciare (104a; 104b; 106a; 106b)  
Struttura I. Pronomi personali (110b; 111c; 111e)  
Struttura II. Piacere e verbi come piacere (113a, 113c)

November 7, W  
Da Capo – Capitolo 5  
Struttura III. Verbi riflessivi e verbi reciproci (116a)  
Struttura IV. Suffissi speciali (118)  
Struttura V. Aggettivi e pronomi indefiniti (121a, 121b)  
Struttura VI. Il partitivo (123b)  
Componimento 9 (107 A voi la parola a.1)

November 12, M  
Veterans Day

November 14, W  
Da Capo – Capitolo 5  
Lettura. “Dieta mediterranea e cucina italiana” (126 Comprensione)  
Per Comunicare (129 Che cosa diciamo?)  
Ricerca Web 5 (127 Piatti preferiti)

November 19, M  
Da Capo – Capitolo 5  
Componimento 10 (126 Temi 3)  
Quiz 5

November 21, W  
Da Capo – Capitolo 6  
Per cominciare (131a; 132b; 134a; 134b)  
Struttura I. Passato remoto (140a; 140c)  
Struttura II. Trapassato prossimo e trapassato remoto (143)  
Struttura III. Ci (145c; 146d)  
Struttura IV. Ne (147a)
November 26, M

*Da Capo – Capitolo 6*
Struttura V. Pronomi personali (forme combinate) (150a; 151c)
Lettura. “Parole inglesi e italiano” (154 Comprensione)
Per Comunicare (156 Che cosa diciamo?)
**Ricerca Web 6** (155 Comunicare in Italia)

November 28, W

*Da Capo – Capitolo 6*
**Componimento 11** (156 Situazioni 2)
**Quiz 6**

December 3, M

*Il Reale e il Possibile 3 Tecnologia e mass media*
Prima Sezione. Nei giornali e nelle riviste.
Enrico Pedemonte: *Come Salvarsi dal computer* (59A; 59B)
Terza Sezione: Al Cinema: Maurizio Nichetti: *Ladri di Saponette*

December 5, W

*Il Reale e il Possibile 3 Tecnologia e mass media*
Terza Sezione: Al Cinema
Maurizio Nichetti: *Ladri di Saponette* (74A, B)
Presentazione (78 Secondo me…)

December 10, M

*Esame Finale (10:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m.)*

N.B. Students are expected to study all assigned pages in advance, 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!
Textbooks

Required:

Mara Mauri Jacobsen – Anna Maria Bellezza. Il Reale e il Possibile (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1999)

Websites

Web Based activities  http://dacapo.heinle.com

Students may also benefit from the following websites:

Online Translation

Paralink  http://translation2.paralink.com/

Online Dictionaries

Sansoni  http://dizionari.corriere.it/cgi-bin/sansing/find
Word Reference  http://www.wordreference.com/enit/welcome

Course Description

In combination with ITAL302, this course covers intermediate to advanced Italian grammar. Emphasis is on reviewing and expanding functional skills – reading, writing – and on developing oral proficiency through vocabulary acquisition, conversation and listening activities. Presentation of material will be framed within relevant cultural context, in the form of newspaper articles, short stories, literary passages, video clips, and films.

Objectives and Outcomes

The course seeks to provide students with an intermediate to advanced knowledge of the Italian language, through a review and reinforcement of linguistic and communicative skills already acquired. At the same time, the course aims to broaden the students’ understanding of Italian culture. To this end, all activities are related to a specific conceptual area dealing with contemporary social realities. The goal of ITAL 301 is to favor the transition to being an independent language user, from level B1 to level B2, as described in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: “B1. Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.” “B2. Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in his/her field of specialization. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.”
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General Guidelines

Quizzes and final exam. There will be one quiz at the end of each chapter of the textbook. Students may drop one quiz out of the six scheduled. NO MAKEUPS ALLOWED. A missed quiz counts zero points. Quizzes may include any material covered up to date, and will be based either on the textbook and/or related videos. The final exam may include anything covered during the semester. A missed final counts zero points.

Films and film report presentations. The videotapes of the films from *Il reale e il possibile* are available at the Language Resource Center (FDH 240). Students are expected to watch the films either in class or on their own, and to prepare the relevant oral presentations ("Secondo me") as indicated in the syllabus. Oral presentations are not to be turned in.

Compositions. Students are expected to write the 11 compositions assigned, as indicated in the syllabus. Compositions must be approximately one page long, typewritten, double-spaced. All compositions must be rewritten after the correction. Each rewritten composition counts 2 points. Missed compositions count zero points. Late compositions and compositions that are not properly written or rewritten will count ONE point instead of two. **N.B. Students must write original compositions on the assigned topics. Copying already existing texts may be ground for plagiarism. Students are allowed to use translation software but only as a tool. Any words or sentences that result from automated translation must be further checked and revised by students according to their personal knowledge of the target language.**

Web Search. Students are expected to search Italian websites related to a specific cultural topic, as indicated in the syllabus and textbook, and present their findings to the rest of the class, in Italian, possibly without reading from a text. Each oral presentation shall not be longer than 2-3 minutes. The written text of the presentations must be turned in for correction, either before or after the actual in-class presentation. Students must choose ONE topic from those listed in the website and write out all relevant answers. Students should make every effort to express concepts in their own words and not simply recite or copy what they might find on the Web. Each corrected Web Search and related presentation will count 2 points. List of topics and relevant questions are available at: [http://www.cengage.com/cgi-wadsworth/course_products_wp.pl?fid=M20bI&product_isbn_issn=9781428262744](http://www.cengage.com/cgi-wadsworth/course_products_wp.pl?fid=M20bI&product_isbn_issn=9781428262744).

Attendance/Class Participation. Attendance is an essential part of a language class. Students are expected to come to class on time, to stay through the duration of class, and to participate in all class activities. Attendance is mandatory. 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% class participation. 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 the cancellation with the FOL Department (895-3431). Failure to do so may result in an unjustified absence.
**Italian Table and Film Series**

Students are strongly encouraged to attend the Italian Table for practicing conversation. By doing so, they will also earn some extra-points that will be applied toward their final exam score. Italian films and videos with English subtitles will be shown during the semesters. 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.

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- 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, #22 on the current UNLV map. Students may learn more about tutoring services by calling (702) 895-3177 or visiting the tutoring web site at: http://academicsuccess.unlv.edu/tutoring/

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