Plan of work

January 17, M □ Martin Luther King Jr. Day Recess

January 19, W □ Unità 1 Text  ● Lezione 1A (Contesti) [1-5]

January 24, M □ Unità 1 Text  ● Lezione 1A (Fotoromanzo) [6-7]  ● Lezione 1A (Cultura) [8-9]  ● Lezione 1A.1 (Strutture) [10-11]

January 26, W □ Unità 1 Text  ● Lezione 1A.2 (Strutture) [12-13]  ● Lezione 1A (Sintesi, Zapping) [14-15]  □ Unità 1 Workbook  ● Lezione 1A; Lezione 1A.1; Lezione 1A.2 [1-6]  □ Unità 1 Lab Manual  ● Lezione 1A.1; Lezione 1A.2 [1-4]


February 2, W □ Unità 1 Text  ● Lezione 1B (Fotoromanzo) [20-21]  ● Lezione 1B (Cultura) [22-23]  ● Lezione 1B.1 (Strutture) [24-25]

February 7, M □ Unità 1 Text  ● Lezione 1B.2, 1B.3 (Strutture) [26-29]  ● Lezione 1B (Sintesi) [30-31]  □ Unità 1 Workbook  ● Lezione 1B, 1B.1, 1B.2, 1B.3 [7-14]  □ Unità 1 Lab Manual  ● Lezione 1B; 1B.1, Lezione 1B.2, 1B.3 [5-9]


February 14, M □ Unità 2 Text  ● Lezione 2A (Contesti) [40-43]  ▲ Test # 1  ● Unità 1

February 16, W □ Unità 2 Text  ● Lezione 2A (Fotoromanzo) [44-45]  ● Lezione 2A (Cultura) [46-47]

February 21, M □ President's Day Recess


February 28, M □ Unità 2 Text  ● Lezione 2B (Contesti) [54-57]  ▶ Miniquiz # 3  ● Workbook–Lab Manual 2A, 2A.1, 2A.2

March 2, W □ Unità 2 Text  ● Lezione 2B (Fotoromanzo) [58-59]  ● Lezione 2B (Cultura) [60-61]  ● Lezione 2B.1 (Strutture) [62-63]
March 7, M  ■ Unità 2 Text  ● Lezione 2B.2, 2B.3 (Strutture) [64-67]
  ● Lezione 2B (Sintesi) [68-69]
■ Unità 2 Workbook  ● Lezione 2B, 2B.1, 2B.2, 2B.3 [23-30]
■ Unità 2 Lab Manual  ● Lezione 2B, 2B.1, 2B.2, 2B.3 [14-18]

March 9, W  ■ Unità 2 Text  ● Panorama (Avanti - Vocabolario) [70-76]
  ● Panorama [31-32]
  ▶ Miniquiz # 4  ● Workbook–Lab Manual 2B, 2B.1, 2B.2, 2B.3

March 14, M  ■ Spring Break Recess

March 16, W  ■ Spring Break Recess

March 21, M  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Lezione 3A (Contesti) [77-81]
  ▲ Test # 2  ● Unità 2

March 23, W  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Lezione 3A (Fotoromanzo) [82-83]
  ● Lezione 3A (Cultura) [84-85]
  ● Lezione 3A.1 (Strutture) [86-87]

March 28, M  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Lezione 3A.2, 3A.3 (Strutture) [88-91]
  ● Lezione 3A (Sintesi, Zapping) [92-93]
■ Unità 3 Workbook  ● Lezione 3A, 3A.1, 3A.2, 3A.3 [33-40]
■ Unità 3 Lab Manual  ● Lezione 3A, 3A.1, 3A.2, 3A.3 [19-23]

March 30, W  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Lezione 3B (Contesti) [94-97]
  ▶ Miniquiz # 5  ● Workbook–Lab Manual 3A, 3A.1, 3A.2, 3A.3

April 4, M  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Lezione 3B (Fotoromanzo) [98-99]
  ● Lezione 3B (Cultura) [100-101]
  ● Lezione 3B.1 (Strutture) [102-103]

April 6, W  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Lezione 3B.2 (Strutture) [104-105]
  ● Lezione 3B (Sintesi) [106-107]
■ Unità 3 Workbook  ● Lezione 3, 3B.1, 3B.2 [41-46]
■ Unità 3 Lab Manual  ● Lezione 3, 3B.1, 3B.2 [24-27]

April 11, M  ■ Unità 3 Text  ● Panorama (Avanti - Vocabolario) [108-114]
  ■ Unità 3 Workbook  ● Panorama [47-48]
  ▶ Miniquiz # 6  ● Workbook–Lab Manual 3, 3B.1, 3B.2

April 13, W  ■ Unità 4 Text  ● Lezione 4A (Contesti) [115-119]
  ▲ Test # 3  ● Unità 3

April 18, M  ■ Unità 4 Text  ● Lezione 4A (Fotoromanzo) [120-121]
  ● Lezione 4A (Cultura) [122-123]
  ● Lezione 4A.1 (Strutture) [124-125]

April 20, W  ■ Unità 4 Text  ● Lezione 4A.2 (Strutture) [126-127]
  ● Lezione 4A (Sintesi, Zapping) [128-129]
■ Unità 4 Workbook  ● Lezione 4A, 4A.1, 4A.2 [49-54]
■ Unità 4 Lab Manual  ● Lezione 4A, 4A.1, 4A.2 [28-31]

April 25, M  ■ Unità 4 Text  ● Lezione 4B (Contesti) [130-133]
  ▶ Miniquiz # 7  ● Workbook–Lab Manual 4A, 4A.1, 4A.2
April 27, W  ■ Unità 4 Text  ■ Lezione 4B (Fotoromanzo) [134-135]
■ Lezione 4B (Cultura) [136-137]
■ Lezione 4B.1 (Strutture) [138-139]

May 2, M  ■ Unità 4 Text  ■ Lezione 4B.2 (Strutture) [140-142]
■ Lezione 4B (Sintesi, Zapping) [142-143]
■ Unità 4 Workbook  ■ Lezione 4, 4B.1, 4B.2 [55-60]
■ Unità 4 Lab Manual  ■ Lezione 4, 4B.1, 4B.2 [32-35]

May 4, W  ■ Unità 4 Text  ■ Panorama (Avanti - Vocabolario) [144-150]
■ Unità 4 Workbook  ■ Panorama [61-62]

May 9, M  ▲ Final exam (10:10 a.m.-12:10 p.m.)

BENVENUTI! Welcome to Italian 113!

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

Required:


(Student Edition with Supersite Access Code and Answer Key)

*Sentieri: Student Activities Manual* (Vista Higher Learning, 2011)

Recommended:


Please note: The same books will be used in ITAL 114 and ITAL 213.

**Sentieri Supersite**

You are required to open an account and enroll in your Instructor’s course to see your assignments and due dates, and receive important announcements. Supersite accounts are valid for three years from activation date.

How to set up a *Sentieri* Supersite account and enroll in your instructor’s course:

1. Go to [sentieri.vhlcentral.com](http://sentieri.vhlcentral.com)
2. **Enter the Pass code** printed in your textbook. You must scratch off (not tear up) the silver coating to view your Pass code.
3. **Choose your username and password.**
4. **Enter your contact information** (You are required to use your Rebel-Mail email address)
5. **Find your school and select your section** from the list of the available courses.
6. Finally, you will see a confirmation screen with your Username and Password, and confirmation of your course enrollment. **Please make sure to print this page out or write down the information**, so that you can refer to it if necessary.

**Note:** The Supersite pass code is included with the purchase of a new Student Text. If a used textbook is purchased, students need to buy a new Pass code (Instant e-delivery) at: [http://vhldirect.com/program.php?pid=19](http://vhldirect.com/program.php?pid=19)

**Websites**

Beginning students may also benefit from the following websites:

**Grammar**

- Italian Online Course for Beginners/BBC: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/ij/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/ij/)
- Italian 100 Exercises: [http://web.uvic.ca/hispanital/italian/italian100/](http://web.uvic.ca/hispanital/italian/italian100/)

**Online Translation**

Grade Distribution

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

Tests…………………………………… …….30%  Final Exam……………………………………..30%
Mini-quizzes………………………………….25%  Attendance/Class Participation………………15%

Grade Scale

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Course Description

ITAL 113 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 Introductory Italian (ITAL113) will attain a Basic Proficiency Level (Level A1, as defined in accordance to the guidelines set by the Common European Framework for Languages, equivalent to Level Novice – as defined by the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages): “Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce him/herself and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she lives, people he/she knows and things he/she has. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.”

How Objectives Will be Met

Sentieri, 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 Fotoromanzo videos); pronunciation exercises; in-class conversation (QAs and pair role-plays); readings (“Cultura” and “Panorama” sections); writing (spelling exercises and “Scrittura” compositions). The course cultural component is provided through the above-mentioned readings, advertisements, TV commercials, photo, drawings, and realia. In addition, vocabulary learning and its active usage are an integral part of all four skills.

ITAL113 covers the first four units of Sentieri, which include the following grammar points:
spelling; nouns; articles; verbs “to be” and “to have”; subject pronouns; adjective agreement; regular and irregular verb conjugations (present tense); possessives; descriptive adjectives; interrogatives and demonstratives; simple past
ITAL 113 covers communicative expressions related to: forms of greetings; numbers; telling time; weather; seasons; family relationships.

The vocabulary covered in the first four units presents over 500 Italian words and idiomatic expressions that the students will master by the end of the course.

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.
**Class Guidelines and Policies**

**Assignments**

Students are required to do ALL relevant exercises in the *Sentieri* textbook, workbook, lab manual, and website, as indicated in the syllabus, and check their answers against available answers in the Supersite or the Students Activities Manual Answer Key. Through the *Sentieri* Supersite the instructor will indicate which exercises are specifically assigned as homework.

**Testing**

Mini-quizzes. During the course, there will be 7 mini-quizzes, covering specific sections of the Workbook/Lab Manual. Mini-quizzes will take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Students can drop one mini-quiz out of the 7 scheduled.

Tests. During the course there will be three tests. Although tests focus primarily on the Unit just completed, as indicated in the syllabus, they may include everything covered up-to-date. Tests will take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

Final exam. The final exam is inclusive of everything covered during the semester (Units 1-4) and is two-hour long. For the exact day and time check the UNLV website.

A missed mini-quiz, test, or final exam counts zero points. NO MAKEUPS ALLOWED. All testing will start at the beginning of the class period.

**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 15% 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 its 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 extra-points to be applied toward their Final Exam score. Three 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 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: “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://studentlife.unlv.edu/judicial/misconductPolicy.html)

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