

Foreign language I (Italian)

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Prerequisites

Beginner instrumental course to Italian language. No prerequisites. This course is not conceived for native and/or students with advanced knowledge of Italian.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The subject *Foreign Language I (Italian)* aims to provide the students with a grounding on the essential aspects of the current Italian language.

By successfully completing this course, students will acquire an elementary competence in the Italian language (quite similar to a CEFR's A1), both in its communicative aspects and in those related to morphological, phonetic, lexical, and grammatical aspects.

Competences

- Developing critical thinking and reasoning and communicating them effectively both in your own and other languages.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.

- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.

Learning Outcomes

1. Ability to maintain an appropriate conversation.
2. Carrying out oral presentations using an appropriate academic vocabulary and style.
3. Communicating in oral and written form in the studied language, properly using vocabulary and grammar.
4. Identifying the main and secondary ideas and expressing them with linguistic correctness.
5. Interpreting the meaning of unknown words thanks to its context.
6. Making predictions and inferences about the content of a text.
7. Producing a written text that is grammatically and lexically correct.
8. Producing an oral text that is grammatically and lexically correct.

Content

1. Introduction. Familiarization with the Italian language and culture. The phonetic system, the alphabet. Communication in the classroom
2. Presentations. Present / present. Formal / informal registration. To ask for / to provide general information. adjectives of origin, indicative regular and irregular verb's present tense.
3. Descriptions. Lexicon and pragmatic structures related to descriptions of spaces. Daily communicative interactions in society (public institutions, commerce, catering, timetables). Numerals, c'è / ci sono, articles, prepositions.
4. Daily life. How to describe usual activities and their frequency. How to talk and discuss about them. Work: basic situations related to the world of work. Lexicon and pragmatic structures. Irregular present tense, articles, prepositions, adverbs.
5. Description of places, itineraries, indications. Giving and asking for spatial information. Dialogues, lexicon and pragmatic structures. The family. Describing and talking about the own family. Constructions with possessive. Panoramic on present tense, possessive and articles, adverbs.
6. About the past. Lexicon and pragmatic structures related to the description of past events. The perfect and imperfect pasts: use, auxiliaries, concordance, particularities.
7. Oral expression and comprehension. Basic phonetics of Italian.

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Assesment: partial and final examinations	10	0.4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Classes with active participation	35	1.4	

Tutorials	10	0.4
Type: Supervised		
Oral practice, simulated communicative situations, writing, debates	25	1
Type: Autonomous		
Grammar exercises, questionnaires, writing of texts related to the studied topics, study of the manual	50	2

The subject Modern Language I (Italian) is essentially practical. The training activities will emphasize the active participation of the students in the acquisition of the planned skills.

In general terms, learning activities are organised as follows:

Directed activities:

- Master class with ICT support and collective discussion
- Practice of written and oral expression in Italian language
- Analysis of grammatical phenomena
- Comprehensive reading of texts

Supervised activities:

- Individual and group exercises of different kinds, both written and oral.
- Class exchanges (teacher-student, student-student)
- Grammar, written / oral expression and written / oral comprehension tests
- Autonomous activities: exercises on the Student's book and Moodle platform, readings, writing, autonomous study and research.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Assessment

Continous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Active participation in class, written and oral comprehension and expression activities	15 %	10	0.4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Oral exam	20%	1	0.04	1, 2, 3, 8
Test 1	20%	3	0.12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Test 2	35%	3	0.12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Written comprehension exam	10 %	3	0.12	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

The assessment is continuous (100%) and it is based on the following sections:

-Continuous evaluation (100% of the final grade):

a) Active participation in class, understanding activities, written and oral expression. Attendance will also be taken into account. (= 15%).

b) Test 1 (20%).

c) Test 2 (35 %)

d) Written comprehension (10 %)

e) Oral exam (15 %)

All Italian language skills will be assessed: grammar, oral and written comprehension and expression. The participation considers an active class participation, the realizations of written activities and the exercises proposed by the teacher in the Virtual Campus and those indicated in the online workbook. Moreover, will be taken into account the attendance to extracurricular cultural activities related to the subject (reading club, writing workshop, exhibitions, etc.) that may be proposed by the teacher.

To be evaluated (or to obtain the possibility for a make up exam), the student must have been evaluated in a set of activities the weight of which is equivalent to a minimum of 2/3 of the total of the exams.

The student will receive a grade of No avaluable if he/she has not completed more than 30% of the evaluation activities.

Only students who, having failed, have at least a final grade of 3.5, have the right to a make-up (total or partial, as appropriate).

Class Participation and all other class activity are excluded from a make-up.

A make-up exam will be an exam related to the part that needs to be re-evaluated (test 1, test 2, written comprehension and oral test).

A student must pass each of the make-ups (test 1, test 2, written comprehension and oral test) in order to have the right to be fully evaluated.

Students must inform themselves on all the class activities and exams. The professor is not responsible.

For each exam, the teacher will inform the student (Moodle) on the procedure and date of revision of the grades.

Grading criteria are decided by the professor and, eventually, shared by the entire teaching team.

The make-up exam schedule can not be modified.

In case the student makes any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation of the grade of an exam, this will be graded as 0 and will be excluded from a make-up, regardless of the disciplinary process that may follow. In case of several irregularities in the exams of the same subject, the final grade of this class will be 0.

This subject/module does not incorporate single assessment.

It is possible to take elective courses in Italian for the minor. Information and a list of Italian classes can be found here:

<https://www.uab.cat/web/estudis/grau/oferta-de-graus/minors/informacio-general-1345692270291.html?param1=>

To enroll a student must follow the pre-enrollment process. There are two pre-enrollment periods, in March and

July respectively.

Bibliography

Textbook:

T. Marin, P. Diadori, *Via del Corso. A1*, Roma, Edilingua, 2017

ATTENTION: It is important to be sure to purchase an edition with an access code to the online website (some versions purchased online or second-hand do not allow this). There is also the option to purchase the electronic version of the manual.

More information here:

<https://stanleypublishing.es/colecciones/via-del-corso/>

<http://www.edilingua.it/it-it/Prodotti.aspx?ElementID=ae4cddaa-b94c-420b-a2ea-10c05713f209&Action=Firs>

At the beginning of the course, the teacher will indicate and make available to the students the supplementary materials for the classes.

Throughout the course the teacher will indicate the compulsory reading texts.

As a complement you can consult grammars such as Nocchi's and Carrera Díaz's, written in Spanish and addressed to a Spanish public (with attention to the comparison of languages and contrasting phenomena, etc.). Three bilingual good dictionaries are Arqués (for Catalan) and Arqués-Padoan and Calvo-Giordano (for Spanish).

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- C. Calvo Rigual; A. Giordano, *Diccionario italiano italiano-español, español-italiano*, Barcelona Herder 2001.
- M. Carrera Díaz, *Manual de gramática italiana*, Barcelona, Ariel, 1991.
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Software

No particular software is required, except for the most common Office tools (i. e. word processor, etc..) email account, an updated browser, MS Teams for online sessions if needed.

Language list

Name	Group	Language	Semester	Turn
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(PAUL) Classroom practices	1	Italian	first semester	morning-mixed
(TE) Theory	1	Italian	first semester	morning-mixed
