

**. – Italian Civilization and Language for International Students**

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The aim of this course is to present the basics of spoken and written Italian. During the course students will learn how to communicate in simple, everyday situations and will be introduced to some aspects of the Italian culture. Students will develop their written and oral competences both in passive (reading and listening) and active (writing and speaking) language acquisition. At the end of the course, students will be able to communicate in simple everyday situations, understanding simple original texts and interacting with mothertongue speakers (A1/A2 CEFR level). (A higher level could be reached if students have already studied Italian in the past)

***COURSE CONTENTS***

**COMMUNICATIVE FUNCTIONS AND CONNECTED LEXICON**

Greeting people. Introducing yourself and others. Asking and giving personal information. Being formal and informal. Ordering in restaurants and bars. Talking about daily routine. Telling the time. Asking for and giving directions. Expressing likes and dislikes. Buying food and clothes.

**GRAMMAR & SYNTAX**

Nouns, definite and non definite articles, the simple present of regular/irregular verbs, there is/there are (c'è/ci sono), adjectives. Any other structure needed to support the communicative functions discussed.

The program can be modified if the average level of the class proves to be higher.

Some additional contents concerning business Italian will be added if the class proves to already have an average level of knowledge that could support the teaching/learning of such topics (both in terms of communicative functions/lexicon and grammar).

***READING LIST***

Students will be supplied with specific references during the first lectures (depending on the level/s of the class).

### ***TEACHING METHOD***

Language of presentation: Italian/English.

Method of presentation: lectures, role-playing activities, pair-work, group-work, individual assignments, individual or group presentations.

### ***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Assignments: students will be asked to prepare some assignments in order to check their progress and as a training to the final exam. Assignments could vary according to the programme progress.

Final exam: it includes a written and an oral part (held in different days).

The written test aims at checking the students'

- understanding of a written test
- understanding of an oral test
- ability to use basic communicative functions and lexicon appropriately
- knowledge of basic grammar structures.

The oral test aims at checking the students' ability to use Italian in a simple oral presentation on a given topic (students will be given their topic/s before the exam session) and/or on selected communicative contexts.

Grading policy: students will receive their final mark as a result of a balanced value coming from their final written/oral exam. Students have to pass the written exam in order to take the oral exam. Both exam have to be positive (18/30 minimum score).

### ***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Prerequisites: no previous knowledge of Italian is needed. In case students already have some knowledge of Italian, contents and methods could be adapted to suit all the students' needs. Students will be asked to take an online entry test before the beginning of the course in order to have a general idea of their level (according to the CEFR). More information will be given by e-mail.

Attendance is mandatory (at least 75% of the total amount of hours taught).

Notes: due to multi-level classes, the contents of the course could vary. Students will be provided with the right materials in order to progress with their level. The final exam will be coherent with the contents discussed during the course.

In case the current Covid-19 health emergency does not allow frontal teaching, remote teaching will be carried out through synchronous or asynchronous procedures that will be promptly notified to students.

***OFFICE HOURS FOR STUDENTS***

Professor Nadia Moretti will receive her students before and/or after lectures or by appointment. Online meetings are available on demand.