



CIMBA UG, Italy Programs

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Italy Live: An Introduction to Italian Language and Culture

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Italy Live is a three-credit course specifically designed for the student whose first contact with the language is in Italy. The course progresses as the student undergoes the transformative experience of living in a new culture and speaking a new language. Presentations and introductions transition to giving and asking for directions, describing oneself and others, and ordering food and drink in bars and restaurants. Students will learn both the past and present tenses, so that they can discuss not only ongoing activities, but the various trips and adventures they will experience as they navigate the exigencies of a foreign culture. The culture of Italy will be studied in the classroom and experienced **live** as the instructor leads the students on local walking tours, where they may test their new-found knowledge by ordering a "cappuccino decaffeinato" or prove their business acumen by negotiating a price at a local street market.

Required Texts: Lazzarino et al, Prego! An Invitation to Italian, 8th ed, McGraw Hill.
Workbook.
CHAPTERS 1 TO 5, plus indirect object pronouns and *piacere*

For further exercises and study materials:

http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0073386251/student_view0/index.html

TESTING AND GRADE DISTRIBUTION:

Plus and minus grading system is adopted in this class. Final course grade will be based on the following:

- a. 10% participation, homework
- b. 10% 2 Oral Presentations
- c. 60% 5 Quizzes
- d. 20% Final

Students must complete all the above components in order to pass the course. There are no make up tests.

Participation: It is the responsibility of each student to come to class fully prepared, to take active verbal participation in the course and pay attention during the different activities. No cell phones are allowed during class. Each student is expected to do the homework that I assign in class and complete the workbook exercises of each chapter before the Quiz on that chapter. The completion of the worksheets given during activities outside class will also be included in the participation points

Cheating: If I determine that any assignment was not written solely by the student whose name is on the project, the student will receive a zero (0) for the assignment and may receive an "F" for the class. All incidents of cheating will be reported to the Senior Associate Dean and the student may be placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of his or her enrollment at the University of Iowa.

Sexual Harassment: Sexual harassment subverts the mission of the University and threatens the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. All members of the UI community have a responsibility to uphold this mission and to contribute to a safe environment that enhances learning. Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported immediately. If you feel that you are being or have been harassed or you are not sure what constitutes sexual harassment, we encourage you to visit the University website, www.sexualharassment.uiowa.edu/index.php, and to seek assistance from the CIMBA Director, Brandelle Unkrich, at 319-335-1041 or brandelle-unkrich@uiowa.edu.

Student concerns regarding this course should first be discussed with me, the faculty member teaching this course. If we can't resolve the complaint, you may contact the CIMBA Director, Brandelle Unkrich (319-335-1041, brandelle-unkrich@uiowa.edu). The Director will review the details of the complaint and involve the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Programs, as needed.

Accommodations for students with disabilities: A student seeking academic accommodations such as a modification of seating, testing, timing, etc. should first register with Student Disability Services, then contact Shannon Lizakowski (Shannon-lizakowski@uiowa.edu) in the CIMBA Office to make further arrangements. See <http://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu> for more information.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance at all classes and CIMBA sanctioned activities is MANDATORY. All unexcused absences will have the following consequences:

- a. 1st absence will result in a loss of a 1/3 of a letter grade in that class
- b. 2nd (cumulative) absence will result in a loss of an entire letter grade in that class
- c. 3rd (cumulative) absence will result in a dismissal from the program

Absences due to illness require a note from the CIMBA Undergraduate Office Staff and/or the Istituto Filippin medical staff. If a student is sick and cannot attend class, he/she must inform the CIMBA Staff immediately. Failure to do so will result in an unexcused absence.

TENTATIVE SYLLABUS AND COURSE CONTENT.

- Week 1 **Preliminary chapter.**
Vocabulary: introductions, greetings, date and numbers 1 to 100
- Week 2 **Chapter 1.** «Una città italiana»
- Week 3 **Chapter 1. Quiz 1**
- Week 4 **Chapter 2.** «Come siamo». (*extended weekend*)
- Week 5 **Chapter 2.** *Guided tour of Asolo (order in a café).* **Quiz 2.**
- Week 6 Oral Presentation 1 : « Mi presento ». **Chapter 3.** «Studiare in Italia»
- Week 7 (*extended weekend*) **Chapter 3.** Review. **Chapter 4** « Sport e passatempo ». **Quiz 3.**
- Week 8 **Chapter 4.** *Al mercato/Market experience*
- Week 9 **Chapter 4. Quiz 4. Chapter 5.** « Caffè e cappuccino »
Conversazione con studenti italiani
- (*Week 10 \ Travel week*).
- Week 11 **Chapter 5.** Oral presentation 2 : « Invita un amico ad uscire con te » (dialogue in pairs)
- Week 12 Review 1-5. **Quiz 5**

Esame finale/ FINAL EXAMINATION (date to be announced)