

CIMBA Fall 2013
Paderno del Grappa, Italy

Italy Live: An Introduction to Italian Language and Culture
18:003 (ITAL:1050)

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Italy Live is a three-credit hour course specifically designed for students whose first contact with the language is in Italy. The course progresses as the students undergo 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 for Elementary Italian and Lab Manual.
CHAPTERS 1 TO 5, plus indirect object pronouns and *piacere*

Testing and Grade Distribution:

Plus and minus grading system is adopted in this class and will use the guidelines for a recommended grade distribution found here
<http://tippie.uiowa.edu/undergraduate/advising/grading-policies.cfm>. Final course grade will be based on the following:

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| a. 20% | Participation, attendance, homework |
| b. 10% | 2 Oral Presentations |
| c. 50% | 5 Quizzes |
| d. 20% | Final |

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

Cheating:

All incidents of cheating will be reported to the Campus Coordinator (Anna Fiumicetti) of the CIMBA Undergraduate Program and the student may be placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of his or her semester at CIMBA, or possibly expelled from the program. In general, the decision of the Professor may be appealed to the Campus Coordinator, then to the Associate Director of CIMBA (Cristina Turchet). The Honor Code for the Tippie College of Business will determine the appropriate appeal process.

Sexual Harassment:

The CIMBA Undergraduate Program and The University of Iowa are committed to providing students with an environment free from sexual harassment. 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 Undergraduate Office.

Concerns:

Student concerns regarding the course should first be discussed with the faculty member teaching this course. If you can't resolve the complaint, you may contact the director, Nancy Hauserman (nancy-hauserman@uiowa.edu).

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 0-1
Week 4	Chapter 2. «Come siamo». <i>Guided tour of Asolo (order in a café)</i>
Week 5	Travel Week
Week 6	Chapter 2. Quiz 2. Oral Presentation 1 : « Mi presento ». Chapter 3. «Studiare in Italia»
Week 7	Chapter 3. Review. Chapter 4 « Sport e passatempo ». <i>Conversazione con studenti Italiani.</i>
Week 8	Travel Week
Week 9	Quiz 3. Chapter 4. <i>Al mercato/Market experience</i>
Week 10	Chapter 4. Quiz 4. Chapter 5. « Caffè e cappuccino »
Week 11	(Extended Weekend) Chapter 5. Oral presentation 2 : « Viaggiare in Italia » (dialogue in pairs)
Week 12	Review 1-5. Quiz 5. Esame finale/ FINAL EXAMINATION (date to be announced)