Text: *Da capo* 5th edition and accompanying workbook. Thompson –Heinly, Ed. Short selections, provided by the instructor, will also be used in order to practice the language and promote discussions.

*Benvenuti al secondo corso di italiano!* Since you are already experienced in the language, I expect great things from you, but I want to assure you that I am here to help you in any way I can and as often as you need it and wish. I am here to help you to make this linguistic adventure successful for you - and also fun. Just make up your mind to be a willing and active participant in this class; come regularly; never be shy to participate in discussions; keep up with the assigned material (this is probably the most important point); and prepare for tests and quizzes. As far as I am concerned, we are a team; there are no sides here, no separation between students and instructor.

We will cover about six units this semester, but the quantity of what we do will not be as important as the quality. We will try to learn well what we do, so that if you continue with Italian you will continue to be successful.

We will probably have four or five tests this semester, in addition to the final exam. We may also have some quizzes. Frequent “check points” are an incentive to keep up with the subject and easier to prepare for. In the grade computation, quizzes will be counted once; tests twice; and the final exam three times. For the letter grades breakdown, please see pp. 44 – 45 of the Moravian College catalog. For anything else not mentioned here, the rules of the College apply. There will be no unannounced testing and you will know what you are responsible for in each test.

Because the aural/oral part of a language is so important at this stage, there will be a section in which the spoken language will be used in some exams. Also, class participation, especially on a volunteer basis, will be counted as a major test, so it will be to your advantage to get involved in class work.

Except for extremely extenuating circumstances, all exams will be taken when scheduled. Cheating, of course, will result in a failing grade for that test. Each unit of the text, beginning with unit 7, will take about a week and a half to cover.

I could give you a detailed syllabus, but we would probably have to modify it after a week, thus making it totally irrelevant. I prefer to attend to the actual needs of the class (each class has different needs anyway) than become a slave to a syllabus. In any case, I
assure you that you will be made aware of the contents of each test, as I have already mentioned.

To reiterate the most important point: please do not fall behind. I will work with you as you need it, but do not wait until you are lost. Give this course your best shot, you will not regret it. You have already come in contact with Italian and you know what a beautiful language it is. As college students, you are also aware of the richness of Italian culture and history. If you have met the Italian people you know that they are the friendliest and most caring people. If you have experienced their cuisine (in Italy, that is) I don’t need to comment.

I hope you will make the best of this opportunity and also take the time to enjoy it.

I wish you every success in this course and here at Moravian, and … in bocca al lupo!