Course description:

Italian 110 is designed for students who have studied and completed Italian 105 or its equivalent. There are three classes per week and it is expected that students spend as much time as needed outside the class to complete the homework and language laboratory assignments. The course focuses on the four skills of speaking, reading, writing, and listening, as well as developing your knowledge and understanding of Italian culture. As these areas of language learning are interrelated, we will not study them separately, but rather as parts of one whole, which is the Italian language.

Goals of the course:

Communication in a foreign language means understanding what others say and transmitting your own message in such a way as to avoid misunderstandings. As you learn to do this, you will make the kind of errors that are necessary for acquiring the language. Do not hesitate to take risks and try out different hypotheses with the language. By the end of the course you will:

1. have heard about, reflected upon, and experienced several manifestations of different socio-cultural norms, and will be able to react with awareness of such differences;

2. be able to speak, creating original sentences of your own by combining memorized phrases learned during the semester;

3. be able to manage conversations in predictable, simple situations with persons used to dealing with non-native Italian speakers;

4. read and comprehend the details of short texts in areas of practical needs or familiar content;

5. be able to read longer texts for general scope and key ideas;

6. be able to write messages on familiar topics.

Organization of the course:
Italian 110 consists of four (4) major components which serve to strengthen and reinforce one
another:

1. The class meetings.

The class meetings will take place on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. The professor will
present the basic grammatical structures and language tasks and reinforce them through a variety
of classroom activities. You will continue to practice and apply these concepts through
homework and laboratory assignments.

2. Attendance and active participation.

3. Independent study.

Spend as much time as you need listening to the audio CDs in order to understand the material
and complete the lab exercises. We strongly recommend 1-2 short sessions (20-30 minutes each)
per week. Shorter and more frequent visits are more beneficial than a few, longer visits.

4. Homework assignments including (but not limited to) workbook
   exercises.

The workbook activities are coordinated with the structures, vocabulary, and concepts presented
in your textbook. The key is to keep pace by doing your workbook exercises on a daily basis. By
working every day you naturally reinforce what you have learned in class, you discover
immediately if you are having problems, and you avoid the strain of overloading yourself. Listen
carefully to the specific assignment your professor gives to you. At times you will be asked to
complete all of the exercises while at other times, only selected exercises will be assigned.

**Attendance:**

Class attendance is crucial to the successful completion of this -- or any -- foreign language
course. Language skill development requires frequent and sustained practice. Your attendance
and participation in all components of the language program are required. Excused absences
must be brought to the direct attention of the course instructor. Each unexcused absence after the
first four will result in the lowering of the final course grade by one step (A- to B+, B+ to B,
etc.). An excessive number of unexcused absences may result in an F.

It is the responsibility of the student to reserve his/her absences for those circumstances when
missing class is unavoidable
(I.e. illness, field trips, participation in sporting events, etc.)

**Grading Policy:**

Class participation (50 points), homework (50 points) and 5 lab work (50 points) will constitute
15% of your grade.
1 Exam (200 points) 20%
This exam is given during the regular class period. It consists of listening comprehension, writing, reading and grammatical sections, as well as an oral component.

4 Chapter quizzes “Prove” (50 points each: 200 total) 20%

5 Vocabulary quizzes (20 points each: 100 total) 10%

3 Compositions (50 points each: 150 total) 15%

Final exam (200 points) 20% (comprehensive examination – chapters 13-18)
The oral final exam will be given during the final examination period. Students will schedule an appointment for the oral exam with their instructor. Specific information concerning the oral exam will be distributed later in the semester. The date of the written final exam will not be known until the beginning of November. Therefore, please wait to make any travel plans. Final exams will not be returned.

Scoring Guide:

A = 93-100
A- = 90-92
B+ = 87-89
B = 83-86
B- = 80-82
C+ = 77-79
C = 73-76
C- = 70-72
D = 69-60
F = below 60

Academic Behavior Code: Asking/Receiving help on exams, quizzes, composition or other work is prohibited and, thus, these actions will be considered a violation of the Academic Behavior Code. Don’t forget to write the complete Academic Behavior Code on all work handed in for a grade.

Affermo di aver seguito il Codice di Comportamento Academico in questa prova.

Students are encouraged to contact me with any concern or doubt they might have. The best way to reach me is via e-mail.

Compositions must be typed, double spaced and at least one page in length.
In order to avoid distractions and interruptions, students are requested not to leave the classroom unless it is an emergency and to avoid the consumption of solid foods during the class. Cell phones and other electronic devices should be turned off upon entering. It is my hope that students understand this as part of my wish to achieve optimum class-time benefits.

**Students with Disabilities or Special Needs:** Students with diagnosed disabilities or special needs who require accommodations for this course must first contact Academic Support Services. Do this as soon as possible so that we may have a dialogue as to your needs and the recommended accommodations.
Programma di studio

Agosto

L25  Ripasso
M27  Ripasso
V29  Ripasso

Settembre

L1   Festa del Lavoro
M3    Capitolo 13  E’ finita la benzina!  Vocabolario Preliminare
V5    Capitolo 13  A. Condizionale presente
L8    Capitolo 13  B. Dovere, potere, volere al condizionale  C. Condizionale passato
M10   Capitolo 13  D. Pronomi possessivi – Quiz #1 sul vocabolario (Capitolo 13)
V12   Capitolo 13  Ripasso  -  Lab.Cap.13 da consegnare

L15   Prova #1 (Capitolo 13)

M17   Capitolo 14  La musica e il palcoscenico  Vocabolario preliminare
V19   Capitolo 14  A. Pronomi relativi
L22   Capitolo 14  B. Chi  C. Costruzioni con l’infinito
M24   Capitolo 14  D. Nomi e aggettivi in –a  -  Quiz #2 sul vocabolario (Capitolo 14)
V26   Capitolo 14  Ripasso  -  Composizione #1 da consegnare oggi

Ottobre

L29   Prova #2 (Capitolo 14)  -  Lab.Cap.14 da consegnare
M1 Capitolo 15 Quando nacque Dante? Vocabolario preliminare
V3 Capitolo 15 A. Passato remoto (Midterm)
L6 Vacanza autunnale
M8 Capitolo 15 B. Numeri ordinali
V10 Capitolo 15 C. Volerci v. Metterci - Quiz #3 sul vocabolario (Capitolo 15)
L13 Esame 1 (Capitoli 13-14-15) Orale - Ripasso - Lab.Cap.15 da consegnare
M15 Esame 1 (Capitoli 13-14-15) Scritto
V17 Capitolo 16 Per chi voti? Vocabolario preliminare
L20 Capitolo 16 A. Congiuntivo presente
M22 Capitolo 16 B. Verbi e espressioni che richiedono il congiuntivo – Quiz #4 sul vocabolario (Capitolo 16)
V24 Capitolo 16 C. Congiuntivo passato
L27 Capitolo 16 Ripasso - Composizione #2 da consegnare oggi
M29 Prova #3 (Capitolo 16) - Lab.Cap.16 da consegnare
V31 Capitolo 17 Fare domanda di lavoro Vocabolario preliminare

Novembre

L3 Capitolo 17 A. Congiunzioni che richiedono il congiuntivo
M5 Capitolo 17 B. Altri usi del congiuntivo - Quiz #5 sul vocabolario (Capitolo 17)
V7 Capitolo 17 C. Congiuntivo o infinito? (Last day to withdraw)
L10 Capitolo 17 Ripasso - Lab.Cap.17 da consegnare
M12 Prova #4 (Capitolo 17)
V14 Capitolo 18 La società multicultural Vocabolario preliminare
Capitolo 18  A. Imperfetto del congiuntivo

Capitolo 18  B. Trapassato del congiuntivo – Quiz #6 sul vocabolario (Capitolo 18)

Film

Festa del Ringraziamento

Dicembre

Capitolo 18  C. Correlazione dei tempi nel congiuntivo

Composizione #3 da consegnare oggi

Ripasso

Esame Finale Orale - (Ultima lezione)

Esame Finale Scritto – Data da definire

Nota bene: Questo programma è soggetto a possibili cambiamenti