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SYLLABUS: ITALIAN 201 - INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN
(Fall semester 2007)

Section 1 **MWF, 10:00 am. - Buckman 207**
M, 2:00 pm. - Buckman 207

Course objectives:

Italian 201 is an intermediate course for students with an elementary knowledge of Italian (prerequisite: Ital 101 and 102 or the equivalent). This course will focus on reviewing and expanding on all important grammatical structures, and on introducing new facets of Italian life-style, culture, and history.

By practicing the language actively and creatively in meaningful contexts, students will become proficient in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. At the same time they will understand and appreciate better the Italian-speaking world of today.

Classes are taught in Italian and are devoted to the practice of Italian, focusing on comprehension and dramatization of different situations and contexts.

Therefore, you are expected to come prepared to class: each day you will have to study the assigned sections and complete many exercises **before class**.

Required Texts:

Annamaria Moneti, Graziana Lazzarino, *Da capo*, 6th edition
(Thomson Heinle)

_____, *Da capo. Workbook/Lab Manual*.

Course policies:

1.) Attendance:

Attendance will be taken daily, as it is crucial for you to attend class regularly in order to learn the language. The attendance policy is very strict: you are allowed in total 5 absences during the semester, for any and all reasons (doctor's appointments, court appearances, job interviews, illnesses, car trouble, early or late flights, family emergencies). After the 5th absence your final grade will be lowered by a minor letter grade (e.g. from A to A-) for each additional absence. If you miss more than 10 class sessions, you will fail this course regardless of your existing grade. You should not assume that long periods of absence due to illness will be forgiven: in most cases, students who have missed an excessive number of classes due to severe illness will be advised to withdraw from the course.

An absence is not an excuse for coming unprepared to the next class. It is your responsibility to make up the material you missed (according to the calendar), to complete all required assignments, and to come prepared for the next class meeting as everybody else. In the case of absences due to a documented illness or a family emergency, I am willing to excuse the student from being prepared the first class after his/her return and to accept the homework with an extended deadline.

2.) Preparation for class:

During the semester you will be graded on a variety of activities, including homework, essays, oral presentations, quizzes, exams, etc. That is why it is very important to come prepared to class.

You will prepare the material to be taught the following day **the evening before class**. Preparation includes:

- **reading** the pages in the Textbook (**TB**) related to the material that will be introduced in class;
- **learning** the new vocabulary;
- **completing** the assigned exercises from Workbook (**WB**) and Lab Manual (**LM**).

Please, follow diligently the **CALENDAR!** I also encourage you to meet regularly with your classmates to study and practice your Italian aloud! You are expected to spend **at least 2 hours** preparing for each class!

3.) **Class Participation:**

Total: 20%

Your participation in class will be evaluated based on:

- coming to class on time every day;
- use of Italian in class (answering or asking questions);
- contributing to class activities;
- active participation in group work;
- volunteering in discussion;
- preparedness;
- attention.

Any disruptive or disrespectful behavior will result in a "0" participation grade.

4.) **Homework:**

Total: 15%

Your total grade for homework will consist of two parts:

A. Written exercises from your Workbook

- Total: 10%

You will be assigned several written exercises from the Workbook to be completed at home before or after class. Completing on time all the homework assignments is essential to your success in this course. Your homework will be collected for grading. **I will not be accepting any late homework.**

A list of the assigned activities from the Workbook will be available at the beginning of the semester.

B. Listening exercises from the Lab Manual

- Total: 5%

You are also required to complete all the Lab exercises from the Lab Manual. Again, it is important to do them when they are assigned (the due dates will be available at the beginning of the semester). The audio materials are included on CD's in your textbook.

5.) **Essays:**

Total: 10% (2 compositions x 5% each).

Each composition will be evaluated in terms of vocabulary, grammar/usage, content, and organization/style.

It should be at least **150 words** (please, write the number of words in parentheses next to your name).

You will be required to rewrite your essays after my corrections, which will give you an opportunity to improve your grade. Please, check the Calendar for the due dates for compositions and rewrites.

Only compositions **printed** from the computer or **typed** will be accepted. Please **double-space**.

6.) **Oral Presentation:**

Total: 5%

Each student (working individually or in pairs) will prepare one oral presentation during the semester on a topic chosen from a list that will be available at the beginning of the semester.

Please follow the Calendar where the due dates are specified.

7.) **Quizzes:**

Depending on the difficulty of the material and on your results unannounced quizzes are possible during the semester.

8.) **Exams:**

Total: 30% (3 exams x 10% each).

Chapter exams include sections on listening, vocabulary, grammar, a reading, and a composition.

Students who miss an exam (only for a documented illness, a family crisis or a university-sponsored activity) may take a **make up-exam**. Only **one make-up exam** is allowed.

9.) **Final Exam:** 20%

The Final Exam will be cumulative and cover all of the semester's work.

10.) **Composition of final grades:**

Participation:	20%
Homework:	15%
Essays:	10%
Oral Presentation:	5%
Exams:	30%
Final exam:	20%

TOTAL: 100%

11.) **Final grading scale:**

From a total of 100%, the following scale will be applied to determine the student's **final grade**:

A	93 - 100	C+	78 - 79	D-	65
A-	90 - 92	C	73 - 77	F	64 and below
B+	88 - 89	C-	70 - 72		
B	83 - 87	D+	68 - 69		
B-	80 - 82	D	66 - 67		

This scale applies also to every single assignment.

To pass the course you need to earn a minimum of **65%** for the semester. I strongly recommend that during the course of the semester you check regularly your individual grades and your total score to make sure you do not fall below the 65% minimum.

12.) **Academic Honesty**

All the work you complete for this course should conform to the Honor Code. You are **not allowed** to receive or attempt to receive assistance (including Internet translators) in the preparation of any assignments, exams, or compositions to be submitted for a grade. The general University policy on cheating and plagiarism is very specific, and includes severe penalties. Academic dishonesty will result in either an "F" for the assignment or an "F" for the course.

13.) You are encouraged to come and see me **in my office** to discuss any problem and to ask for additional explanations in English if you are having difficulty with understanding the new material or with homework. **DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK ME QUESTIONS! I WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU!**

RHODES COLLEGE - ITAL 201
CALENDARIO (AUTUNNO 2007)

22 agosto (mer)	INTRODUZIONE, CONVERSAZIONI
24 agosto (ven)	Capitolo 1 - Per cominciare (pp.2-4)
27 agosto (lun)	Cap. 1 - Struttura (pp.5-13)
27 agosto	Cap. 1 - Struttura (pp.13-17) - Per comunicare (pp.24-25) - Conversazioni
29 agosto (mer)	Cap. 2 - Per cominciare (pp.27-29)
31 agosto (ven)	Cap. 2 - Struttura (pp.30-32)
3 settembre	LABOR DAY
5 settembre (mer)	Cap. 2 - Struttura (pp.33-39)
7 settembre (ven)	Cap. 2 - Struttura (pp.39-42) - Per comunicare (pp.48-49)
10 settembre (lun)	Cap. 3 - Per cominciare (pp.51-53) - PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 1
10 settembre	Cap. 3 - Struttura (pp.54-59)
12 settembre (mer)	Cap. 3 - Struttura (pp.59-64)
14 settembre (ven)	Cap. 3 - Struttura (pp.65-68) - Conversazioni
17 settembre (lun)	Cap. 3 - Struttura (pp.69-70) - Per comunicare (pp.76-77)
17 settembre	RIPASSO (Cap. 1-3)

PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 2

19 settembre (mer)	ESAME 1
21 settembre (ven)	Cap. 4 - Per cominciare (pp.79-81)
24 settembre (lun)	Cap. 4 - Struttura (pp.82-85)
24 settembre	Cap. 4 - Struttura (pp.86-90)
26 settembre (mer)	Cap. 4 - Struttura (pp. 93-96)
28 settembre (ven)	Cap. 4 - Per Comunicare (pp. 103-104) - PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 3
1 ottobre (lun)	Cap. 5 - Per cominciare (pp.106-108)
1 ottobre	Cap. 5 - Struttura (pp.109-112)
3 ottobre (mer)	Cap. 5 - Struttura (pp.112-117)
5 ottobre (ven)	Cap. 5 - Struttura (pp.119-122)
8 ottobre (lun)	Cap. 5 - Struttura (pp.123-124) - Per comunicare (pp.130-131)
8 ottobre	Cap. 6 - Per cominciare (pp.133-137) - PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 4
10 ottobre (mer)	Cap. 6 - Struttura (pp.138-142)
12 ottobre (ven)	Cap. 6 - Ripasso del passato prossimo
13 - 16 ottobre	FALL RECESS

17 ottobre (mer)	Cap. 6 - Struttura (pp.143-144) - Ripasso dei tempi passati
19 ottobre (ven)	Cap. 6 - Struttura (pp.144-149)
22 ottobre (lun)	Cap. 6 - Struttura (pp.150-153) - Per comunicare (pp.159-160) - TEMA 1/1
22 ottobre	RIPASSO (Cap. 4-6) PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 5
24 ottobre (mer)	ESAME 2
26 ottobre (ven)	Cap. 7 - Per cominciare (pp.162-164) - TEMA 1/2
29 ottobre (lun)	Cap. 7 - Struttura (pp.165-169)
29 ottobre	Cap. 7 - Struttura (pp.169-173)
31 ottobre (mer)	Cap. 7 - Struttura (pp.173-177) - Per comunicare (pp.183-185)
2 novembre (ven)	Cap. 8 - Per cominciare (pp.187-190) - PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 6
5 novembre (lun)	Cap. 8 - Struttura (pp.191-194)
5 ottobre	Cap. 8 - Struttura (pp.194-199)
7 novembre (mer)	Cap. 8 - Struttura (pp.199-203) - Per comunicare (pp.209-210)
9 novembre (ven)	Cap. 9 - Per cominciare (212-214) - PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 7
12 novembre (lun)	Cap. 9 - Struttura (pp.215-218)
12 novembre	Cap. 9 - Struttura (pp.219-221)

14 novembre (mer)	Cap. 9 - Struttura (pp.225-229)
16 novembre (ven)	Cap. 9 - Struttura (pp.222-224) - Per comunicare (pp.236-237) - TEMA 2/1
19 novembre (lun)	RIPASSO (Cap. 7-9) PRESENTAZIONE ORALE 8
19 novembre	ESAME 3
20-25 novembre	THANKSGIVING RECESS
26 novembre (lun)	Cap. 10 - Per cominciare (pp.239-242)
26 novembre	Cap. 10 - Struttura (pp.243-245)
28 novembre (mer)	Cap. 10 - Struttura (pp.246-250) - TEMA 2/2
30 novembre (ven)	Cap. 10 - Per comunicare (pp.261-262) Cap. 11 - Per cominciare (pp.264-267)
3 dicembre (lun)	Cap. 11 - Struttura (pp.268-273)
3 dicembre	RIPASSO - ESAME FINALE
5 dicembre (mer)	RIPASSO - ESAME FINALE

This Calendar may be subject to changes.