

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

ITAL 315 ITALIAN LANGUAGE 3A

TRIMESTER 1 2010

1 March to 4 July 2010

Please read through this material very carefully in the first week of the course, and refer to it regularly.

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 1 March 2010 to 4 June 2010

Mid-trimester break: 5 April to 18 April 2010

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

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The Course Coordinator and Lecturer for ITAL315 is Barbara Pezzotti. Oral (tutorial) and audio-visual (AV) classes are taught by Delia Benazzo. Staff are available for student consultation at times indicated on the doors of their offices.

Class times and locations

Lectures

Monday and Wednesday 2.10pm - 3.00pm in VZ (Von Zedlitz) 509

Tutorials (Oral Classes)

Monday 1.10pm - 2.00pm in VZ (Von Zedlitz) 509

Audiovisual Classes

Thursday 2.10pm - 3.00pm in VZ (Von Zedlitz) 509

Please note that tutorials and AV classes start in the second week of the trimester. Cellular phones and pagers should be switched off for the duration of all classes.

Course Delivery

This course is delivered through two lectures, one tutorial and one audiovisual class per week. The lectures will mainly cover grammatical aspects of the Italian language and the development of written skills, such as written comprehension, translation of texts, and development of advanced written expression in general. The tutorials will focus on the development of oral linguistic skills and the audiovisual classes will aim to develop listening comprehension skills. Both the tutorials and the audiovisual classes will require students' active participation in group exercises or activities.

Communication of Additional Information

The Italian noticeboard is in the corridor outside the rooms VZ503 and VZ504. Additional information or information on changes will be conveyed to students either via class, noticeboards, Blackboard, or email.

Course Content

ITAL315 is an advanced course building on ITAL216, and designed to improve performance in speaking and writing, reading and oral comprehension. The two weekly lectures are devoted to the study of written and audio-visual materials illustrating various aspects of Italy. These classes are also concerned with the study of advanced syntax, idiom and vocabulary. The tutorial and audio-visual classes are aimed at developing fluent oral skills and listening comprehension.

Learning Objectives

ITAL315 is a one trimester 20-point practical course for students who want to attain advanced language skills in the Italian language.

Aims of the course:

- (i) to develop the skills of reading, writing, oral comprehension and speaking of standard Italian to an advanced level;
- (ii) to provide training in translation from Italian into English of texts covering a variety of subject matters and registers;
- (iii) to present, through the choice of material for study, insights into various aspects of contemporary Italian society and culture.

Objectives of the course:

Upon completing the course successfully students will be able to:

- (i) read and comprehend a variety of authentic Italian texts;
- (ii) have a sufficient grasp of the main current affairs to read Italian newspapers with a reasonable degree of linguistic and contextual comprehension;
- (iii) write with a good degree of grammatical accuracy and a wide range of standard vocabulary;
- (iv) comprehend standard Italian spoken at normal speed;
- (v) speak on a variety of topics confidently, fluently and with a reasonably good pronunciation;
- (vi) translate either from Italian into English with a reasonable level of accuracy and speed.

Expected Workload

The Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Committee on Workloads and Assessment has laid down guidelines as to the number of hours per week which students are expected to devote to a course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Students enrolling in a 300-level, one trimester, 20-point course should work on average 13 hours per week, including the 4 contact hours – i.e., in the case of ITAL 315, 9 hours of private study outside class time.

Readings

Essential texts: Rosella Bozzone Costa, *Viaggio nell'italiano*. Seconda edizione (Turin: Loescher, 2004). The text is available from Vicbooks.

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of Vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from Vicbooks and student notes from the Student Notes Distribution Centre on the ground floor of the Student Union Building.

Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop. Customers will be contacted when they are available. Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

Assessment Requirements

Assessment for ITAL315 is by in-term assessment, as follows:

- (i) 2 written tests (20% each);
- (ii) 2 assignments (10% each);
- (iii) 2 tutorial/AV tests (10% each);
- (iv) oral assessment (10%);
- (v) final oral test (10%).

The relevant dates for assessed work are detailed in the Course Programme.

The written tests and the assignments relate to students' competency in objectives (i), (ii), (iii) and (vi), as specified in Learning Objectives. The tutorial/AV tests, oral assessment and oral test relate to objectives (iv) and (v).

Penalties

The due dates for the assignments given in the Course Programme *must* be adhered to. Although work may be accepted late in special circumstances, the Course Co-ordinator should always be contacted on or before the due dates if there is a problem.

The penalty for work presented late without prior approval is a *5% deduction per day*. In addition, please note that up to a *maximum of 5%* may be deducted for poorly presented assignments.

Please note that no work for assessment will be accepted after 4 June.

Mandatory Course Requirements

In order to complete ITAL315, students are required to do the following, unless specific exemptions have been agreed to:

- (i) attend a minimum of 80% of the oral (tutorial) and audio-visual (AV) classes;
- (ii) submit the 2 written assignments by the date indicated;
- (iii) sit the 2 written tests on the dates indicated;
- (iv) sit the 2 tutorial/AV tests on the dates indicated;
- (v) attend the oral test at the appointed time.

Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

Presentation of Assignment

Tidy presentation of assignments is essential. Work may be typed or neatly handwritten. Crossings-out indicate that a piece of work is still at draft stage. Allow space for correction: leave a 4-centimetre margin and write on alternate lines. Do not write in pencil.

All assignments must include a cover sheet available from the SLC Reception on the sixth floor of Von Zedlitz (VZ 610). Assignments are to be handed into the Italian assignment box located to the left of the SLC Reception area (VZ 610). Corrected work will be handed out in class. If you do not collect your work in class, you will be able to collect it from the SLC Reception (VZ 610). All work not collected will be destroyed three months after the date of the final written test.

Tests and Impairments

The dates of the tests given in the Course Programme *must* be adhered to. You should always sit a test if humanly possible, obtaining a medical certificate if you wish to claim impairment. If you sit a test but believe your performance has been radically affected by some medical or other factor, inform the Course Coordinator *immediately*. If you fail the test, you may be able to claim impairment.

If you are unable to sit a test, for severe medical, personal or family reasons, you should do everything possible to notify the Course Coordinator, if necessary through the Administrator, *before* the test, or to get a friend or family member to do so on your behalf.

Only in cases of severe illness or other exceptionally difficult circumstances, which must normally be documented, can the Programme consider allowing students to sit a test at a different time from that indicated.

Italian Club, student facilities

All students of Italian are encouraged to join the students' Italian Club and to participate in the cultural and social events organised. The Italian seminar room for tutorials and small classes is usually Von Zedlitz (VZ) 509, unless otherwise stated. Room Von Zedlitz (VZ) 603 is a *library* where Italian books, newspapers and magazines are available for borrowing and consultation. Please note this room will also be used for Honours classes so please check timetable on door.

Language Learning Centre (LLC)

The Language Learning Centre (LLC) is Victoria's technology-rich, multimedia centre supporting independent language learning and teaching.

At the Language Learning Centre you can:

- study at a time that suits you
- select the materials or activities that you find interesting
- meet your needs: match your level and learning style

Access a variety of multimedia language resources at the LLC: everything from print, audio materials, foreign language TV and DVDs to comprehensive computer software. The LLC provides access to your digital course material on a server. Drop by the Centre to find out more about their services (Level 0 von Zedlitz Building).

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately.

This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

General University Policies and Statutes

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and

any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the Victoria University Calendar or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC (Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcadademic

Course Programme

Week beginning	Unit of <i>Viaggio nell'italiano</i>	Assessment dates
1	1 March UNITÀ 1: <i>Parliamo d'infanzia</i> NB: no tutorial or AV class this week	
2.	8 March UNITÀ 1 (continua)	
3.	15 March UNITÀ 2: <i>La famiglia italiana: nuovi scenari</i>	
4.	22 March UNITÀ 3: <i>Il tempo libero degli italiani</i>	
5.	29 March Revision and mock Written Test 1	Assignment 1 due Thursday 1 April 5pm

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6.	19 April a) Correction mock Written Test 1 b) Written Test 1 (during lecture) c) AV Test 1 (during AV class)	Wed 21 April, 2.10pm Thursday 22 April, 2.10pm
7.	26 April UNITÀ 4: <i>Dalla scuola all'università</i>	
8.	3 May UNITÀ 5: <i>Panorama lavoro</i>	
9.	10 May UNITÀ 6: <i>Ci stiamo giocando l'ambiente</i>	Assignment 2 due Friday 7 May, 5pm
10.	17 May Revision and mock Written Test 2	
11.	24 May a) Correction mock Written Test 2 b) Written Test 2 (during lecture) c) AV Test 2 (during AV class)	Wed 26 May, 2.10pm Thursday 27 May, 2.10pm
12.	31 May Oral Test: Time and place to be confirmed	