

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

**ITALIAN PROGRAMME
ITAL 115 ELEMENTARY ITALIAN**

TRIMESTER 2 2010
12 July to 13 November 2010

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

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: Monday 12 July – Friday 15 October
Mid-trimester break: 23 August – 5 September

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 Co-ordinator and lecturer for ITAL 115 is Barbara Pezzotti. Oral classes (tutorials) and audio-visual (AV) classes will be taught by Delia Benazzo. Staff are available for student consultation at times indicated on the doors of their offices.

Class times and locations

Lectures

There are three lectures per week, held at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 2.10pm-3.00pm in MY (Murphy) 632

Audio-visual (AV) classes

Students must attend ONE audio-visual (AV) class per week, at one of the following times and places:

Monday 3.10pm - 4.00pm in VZ (von Zedlitz) 515

Tuesday 2.10pm - 3.00pm in VZ (von Zedlitz) 509

Thursday 3.10pm - 4.00pm in VZ (von Zedlitz) 515

Tutorials (Oral Classes)

Students must attend ONE tutorial class per week, at one of the following times and places:

Monday 11.00am - 11.50am in VZ (von Zedlitz) 509

Tuesday 1.10pm - 2.00pm in VZ (von Zedlitz) 509

Thursday 1.10pm - 2.00pm in VZ (von Zedlitz) 509

Please note that audiovisual and oral classes start in the second week of the trimester.

Students must choose oral and audiovisual class groups by signing up using the S-cubed system.

<https://signups.victoria.ac.nz>.

You remain in your allotted group for the whole course, unless a change is authorised by the Course Coordinator.

Please also note that cellular phones and pagers should be switched off for the duration of all classes and tutorials.

Course delivery

This course is delivered through three 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 basic written expression in general.

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

ITAL 115 is a second trimester 20-point beginner course for students in the Italian language. It is a course for continuing students, which aims at developing further the skills of oral and reading

comprehension, speaking and writing. The course builds on the skills developed in ITAL 114, with greater emphasis on written and oral expression. It extends the study of elementary grammar, including the forms and basic uses of past tenses. Materials used in class provide further insights into Italian life.

Learning objectives

Upon completing the course successfully students should be able to:

- i. understand and reproduce in both written and spoken Italian a variety of grammatical structures using a basic vocabulary;
- ii. express themselves in Italian, both orally and in writing, on their activities and interests, as well as on a range of situations connected with daily life;
- iii. read basic Italian with relative ease;
- iv. write simple Italian from dictation;
- v. read aloud simple passages with correct pronunciation, fluency and reasonable speed.

The written tests and the assignments relate to objectives (i), (ii) and (iii). The listening comprehension tests relate to objectives (i), (ii) and (iv). The individual oral test and the communicative/oral assessment relate to objectives (i), (ii), (iii) and (v).

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 100-level, one trimester, 20-point course should work on average 13 hours per week, including the 5 contact hours – i.e., in the case of ITAL115, 8 hours of private study outside class time.

Readings

Essential texts: C. Larese Riga and C.M. Dal Martello, *Ciao!*, 6th edition (Thomson Heinle, 2007). Students are required to purchase both the textbook and the student activities manual. These are available from Vicbooks in the Student Union Building.

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 ITAL 115 is by in-term assessment, as follows:

- (i) 2 written tests (20% each)
- (ii) 2 assignments (10% each)
- (iii) 2 listening comprehension (AV) tests (10% each)
- (iv) 1 individual oral test (10%)

- (v) Communicative/oral assessment: based on tutorial tasks (5%) and preparation (online vocabulary tests) (5%).

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

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.

Mandatory course requirements

In order to complete ITAL 115, students are required to do the following, unless specific exemptions have been agreed to:

- (i) attend a minimum of 80% of the audio-visual classes (AV);
- (ii) prepare for (including completion of on-line quizzes) and attend a minimum of 80% of the oral classes (tutorials);
- (iii) submit the 2 written assignments by the date indicated;
- (iv) sit the 2 written tests on the dates indicated;
- (v) sit the individual oral test at the appointed time; and
- (vi) sit the 2 listening comprehension (AV) tests at the appointed times.

Presentation of assignments

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 6th floor of von Zedlitz (VZ 610). Assignments are to be handed into the Italian assignment slot 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.

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.

Student 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 our services (Level 0 von Zedlitz Building).

The Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS)

The Peer Assisted Study Support (PASS) programme offers informal weekly study groups in core courses. Led by students who have recently excelled in the course, PASS complements the formal teaching programme. Rather than giving answers, study group Leaders encourage active learning, helping you to develop effective strategies for success at university. Sign-up online in Week 2 (times will be posted on Blackboard): log in to Career Hub, then go to 'Events (Other)' to select your PASS time; PASS begins in Week 3.

For more information go to: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/slss/whats-on/pass.aspx

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/avcacademic/Publications.aspx

Course Programme

| Week Starting | Class | Chapter of Ciao | Assessment |
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| 1 12 July | <p>Lecture 1: Outline & Intro to ITAL115; Revision of imperfetto e passato prossimo</p> <p>Lecture 2: <i>Da quanto tempo? Da quando?</i></p> <p>Lecture 3: Trapassato prossimo</p> <p>NO Tutorial or AV class this week</p> | Capitolo 9 - Mezzi di diffusione | |
| 2 19 July | <p>Lecture 1: Imperativo</p> <p>Lecture 2: Aggettivi e pronomi dimostrativi</p> <p>Lecture 3: Pronomi diretti</p> <p>Tutorial class: oral ex from Cap.9</p> <p>AV class: CD + DVD (Cap.9)</p> | <p>Capitolo 10 - La moda</p> <p>Capitolo 11 - In cucina</p> | |
| 3 26 July | <p>Lecture 1: Pronomi indiretti</p> <p>Lecture 2: Pronomi con infinito e <i>Ecco!</i></p> <p>Lecture 3: Imperativo con pronome</p> <p>Tutorial class: Mesi, data, stagioni, tempo + oral ex from Cap.10</p> <p>AV class: CD + DVD (Cap.10)</p> | Capitolo 11 (cont.) | |
| 4 2 August | <p>Lecture 1: Futuro</p> <p>Lecture 2: Pronomi tonici;</p> <p>Lecture 3: <i>"Piacere"</i></p> <p>Tutorial class: Esclamazioni comuni + oral ex from Cap.11</p> <p>AV class: CD (Cap.11)</p> | Capitolo 12 - Le vacanze | |
| 5 9 August | Lecture 1: <i>"Si"</i> impersonale | Capitolo 13 - La casa | |

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| | | Lecture 2: "Ne" Lecture 3: "Ci" Tutorial class: Plurali irregolari +oral ex from Cap.12 AV class: AV Test 1 | | AV Test 1 in AV class |
| 6 | 16 August | Lecture 1: Revision Lecture 2: Revision Lecture 3: Written Test 1 Tutorial class: Numeri ordinali + oral ex from Cap.13 AV class: CD (Cap. 12) | | Written Test 1: Wednesday 18 August (in class) |
| MID – TRIMESTER BREAK 23 AUGUST– 5 SEPTEMBER | | | | |
| 7 | 6 September | Lecture 1: Test 1/ Pronomi doppi Lecture 2: Pronomi doppi Lecture 3: Condizionale presente Tutorial class: oral ex from Cap.13 AV class: CD + DVD (Cap.13) | Capitolo 13 - La casa | Assignment 1 due: Wednesday 8 September, 4.00 pm |
| 8 | 13 September | Lecture 1: Condizionale passato Condizionale con <i>dovere, potere, volere</i> ; Verbi e espressioni verbali + infinito Lecture 2: Comparativi Lecture 3: Superlativi Tutorial class: oral ex from Cap.14 AV class: CD + DVD (Cap.14) | Capitolo 14 - Il mondo del lavoro | |
| 9 | 20 September | Lecture 1: Comparativi e superlativi irregolari; | Capitolo 15 - Paesi e paesaggi | |

Uso dell'articolo determinativo

Lecture 2: Pronomi relativi e indefiniti

Lecture 3: Espressioni negative

Tutorial class: oral ex from Cap.15

AV class: CD + DVD (Cap.15)

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| 10 | 27 September | Lecture 1: Revision: weeks 6-9 Lecture 2: Passato remoto Lecture 3: Revision of past tenses Tutorial class: oral ex from Cap.16 AV class: CD + DVD (Cap.16) | Capitolo 16 - Gli sport | Assignment 2 due: Wednesday 29 September, 4.00 pm |
| 11 | 4 October | Lecture 1: Revision Lecture 2: Revision Lecture 3: Revision Tutorial class: oral ex from Cap.16 AV class: AV Test 2 | | AV Test 2 in AV class |
| 12 | 11 October | Lecture 1: Written Test 2 <i>NO Tutorial class this week</i> <i>NO AV class this week</i> | | Written Test 2: Monday 11 October (in class) Individual Oral Test: Times to be advised |