



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

**ITALIAN PROGRAMME
ITAL 401 ADVANCED ITALIAN LANGUAGE**

30 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 2 March to 1 July 2015

Teaching dates: 2 March to 5 June 2015

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 3–19 April 2015

Study period: 8–12 June 2015

Examination/Assessment Period: 12 June to 1 July 2015

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lecture and Tutorial

The class is held on Tuesdays from 10.00am - 11.50am in vZ (von Zedlitz) 609.

Cellular phones should be switched off for the duration of all classes. Social media (eg. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and websites not related to the course may not be used during class.

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Communication of additional information

The Italian noticeboard is in the corridor outside the rooms vZ614 and vZ615. Additional information or information on changes will be conveyed to students either via class, noticeboards, Blackboard, or email.

Prescription

Advanced-level study of both written and spoken Italian.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

ITAL 401 is a first-trimester 30-point advanced course for students in the Italian language. The course aims to further develop your skills in writing, reading, comprehension and oral expression through an in-depth study of the structures of language, broadly in line with the C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (“a) can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read; b) can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation; c) can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in the most complex situations”).

Students who pass this course will be able to:

- i. express themselves fluently and correctly in different registers in both oral and written Italian;
- ii. understand and use complex sentence structures in both written and spoken Italian;
- iii. translate confidently texts which require advanced language skills from and into Italian;
- iv. express themselves critically on a wide variety of topics in written Italian.

Teaching format

This course is delivered through one two-hour lecture per week, in which a range of materials are covered using a wide variety of authentic texts and materials. Class activities include written and aural comprehension, reading, writing, translation, conversation and audio-visual activities in Italian. Students are expected to participate actively in each class.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. submit the 2 written assignments by the due dates (subjects to the provisions for late submission of work);
2. sit the 2 written and aural tests on the dates indicated in the course programme;
3. deliver the 2 oral presentations on dates agreed with the lecturer;
4. attend at least 80% of lectures.

Workload

Victoria University 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 30-point, 300-hour course should work on average 20 hours per week including contact hours- i.e., in the case of ITAL 401, 18 hours of private study outside class time. Some students will find they need to do more than this, especially if they are aiming to achieve high grades.

A possible distribution of study time each week would be:

Class attendance	2 hours
Reading and reviewing class notes	4 hours
Written, aural and aural practice	4 hours
Weekly homework	4 hours
Assessment preparation	4 hours

Assessment

ITAL401 is 100% internally assessed, as follows:

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 Assignment 1 (2000 words)	20%	1, 2, 3, 4	23.04.15
2 Assignment 2 (2000 words)	20%	1, 2, 3, 4	21.05.15
3 Written and aural test 1	20%	1, 2, 3, 4	31.03.15
4 Written and aural test 2	20%	1, 2, 3, 4	02.06.15
5 Oral presentation 1	10%	1, 2	Weeks 2-5
6 Oral presentation 2	10%	1, 2	Weeks 8-10

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

Submission and return of work

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 double space or write on alternate lines. Do not write in pencil.

Students will be able to collect marked work from the SLC Office on the 6th floor of von Zedlitz between the hours of 10am and 2pm each day. A Student ID card will need to be shown to collect work. Coursework is generally returned within two weeks of submission. Uncollected work will be destroyed 3 months after the date of the final written test.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

The due dates for the assignments given in the Course Programme *must* be adhered to. Extensions with no penalty will be considered on the grounds of exceptional personal circumstances, but the Course Coordinator should always be contacted on or before the due dates if there is a problem.

Penalties

Although work may be accepted late in special circumstances, the Course Coordinator 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 Friday, 12 June, 4pm.

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.

Set texts

Mosaico Italia. Percorsi nella cultura e nella civiltà italiana, M De Biasio and P Garofalo. Edilingua

Set texts can be purchased from Vic Books, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Parade. They can also be ordered online at www.vicbooks.co.nz. Orders and enquiries can be emailed to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Class reps will attend a meeting with the Head of School to discuss how the course is going and to raise any concerns or suggestions that they may have. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the VUWSA website: www.vuwsa.org.nz

Student feedback

Enhancements made to this course, based on the feedback of previous students, will be discussed in class or delivered via Blackboard. Student feedback on University courses may be found at http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php

Language Learning Centre (LLC)

The Language Learning Centre (LLC) is the University's technology-rich, multimedia centre supporting language learning.

At the LLC you can practise and extend your language learning. You can:

- Find materials to support your language studies, including dictionaries, textbooks and graded readers.
- Study independently using language learning software, audio material and DVDs.
- Find a welcoming environment with services and events, and onsite assistance and support for languages
- Become a Language Buddy or find a conversation group.

Visit the LLC on Level 0, von Zedlitz Building and take a look at our website www.victoria.ac.nz/llc.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

Course Programme			
Week	Class date	Capitolo di <i>Mosaico Italia</i>	Assessment
1	3 March	Capitolo 1: <i>Benvenuti in Italia!</i>	
2	10 March	Capitolo 1 (continua)	Oral presentation 1
3	17 March	Capitolo 2: <i>Aggiungi un posto a tavola!</i>	Oral presentation 1
4	24 March	Capitolo 2 (continua)	Oral presentation 1
5	31 March		Written and aural test 1
MID-TRIMESTER BREAK 3 – 19 APRIL			
6	21 April	Capitolo 3: Media e informazione	Assignment 1 due Thursday 23 April, 4pm
7	28 April	Capitolo 3 (continua)	Oral presentation 2
8	4 May	Capitolo 5 : <i>La vita in movimento!</i>	Oral presentation 2
9	11 May	Capitolo 5 (continua)	Oral presentation 2
10	19 May	Capitolo 6: <i>Costume e società</i>	Assignment 2 due Thursday 21 May, 4pm
11	26 May	Capitolo 6 (continua)	
12	2 June		Written and aural test 2