




Term 2 - 2023-2024

Course Code & Title:	ITAL1000- Italian I	
Language of Instruction: English	Units: 3	

Course Description

As the first in a series of six language courses, this course invites students without prior knowledge of Italian to explore the basic features of the Italian language. Supported by audiovisual aids, students will receive intensive practice mainly in speaking and listening the language but also in some reading and writing Italian through interactive class work, homework and exercises. They will become familiar with the basic concepts of Italian grammar and learn how to interact in some simple everyday situations.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the students will be able to have a correct pronunciation of the language, as well as getting familiar with its different basic features. They will be able to have a basic conversation and oral understanding about various everyday situations such as introducing themselves and others, greeting, asking and giving information, etc. The same skills will be developed for the written language (reading and writing) but the focus will stay on the oral skills; The course will also give the learners some knowledge of Italy, its culture and lifestyle.

Course Content

Lesson	Speech Acts	Grammar	Culture
Unit 1 First approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greetings - Introducing yourself and others - Nations & nationalities - Ask to repeat an information - Counting to 20 - Check-in at a hotel 	Alphabet and sounds, pronunciation, subject pronouns, singular adjectives and nouns, present of <i>to be</i> and <i>to have</i> , some definite articles	Formal and formal way of greeting, common names; most famous places and food
Lesson 2 People and professions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask and give personal information - Ask about language skills of others and provide yours - Talk about profession and place of work - Ask and tell your age - Enroll in a language course 	Regular verbs in ARE, some question words, present of <i>to do</i> , simple prepositions, plural personal pronouns	Some geographic information about Italy.
Lesson 3 Enjoy your meal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make an order at bar and restaurant - Express your preferences - Make a phone reservation 	Verbs <i>want</i> , <i>can</i> and <i>prefer</i> , plural definite articles	Italian food and recipes.

Learning Activities

Interactive classwork [1] (hr) in /out class	Extra-curricular activities (hr) in / out class	Web-based teaching (hr) in / out class	Homework / Self-study (hr) in / out class
3			3
M			M

M = Mandatory / O = Optional

[1] Interactive classwork focuses on student-centered activities as pair work, group work, role-playing and student-teacher interaction.

Assessment Scheme

Task nature	Description	Weight
Participation in class and Homework	Participation 5%, regular homework 5%, attendance /late arrival 5%	15%
Chapter 1 and chapter 2 Progress test	Includes: reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, writing and listening	25%
Spoken Production and Interaction	Production: 2 to 3 minutes about a topic assigned Interaction: 2 to 3 minutes of dialogue about a topic assigned	20%
Chapter 3 Final test	Includes: reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, writing and listening	40%

Notes:

You are required to attend at least 75% of the class. Treat 75% attendance as the minimum, not the maximum. The success of your own learning will highly depend on your attendance.

Should you miss more than 25% of the class, you will automatically fail the course.

If you are unable to attend, get informed about what content and homework you missed and make it up yourself. Test 1 and Test 2 include: Reading comprehension, Grammar & Written expression and Listening.

Grade Descriptors

A	B	C	D	F
<p>Outstanding performance in all learning outcomes and meeting all specified assessment requirements. Can fully understand and appropriately use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a competent way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics appropriately.</p>	<p>Good performance in all learning outcomes. Can understand and mostly appropriately use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a suitable way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics mostly appropriately.</p>	<p>Satisfactory performance in the majority of learning outcomes. Can partially understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can ask and answer questions about personal details in a basic way. Can interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics partially appropriately.</p>	<p>Barely satisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes. Can rarely understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Can hardly ask and answer questions about personal details. Can poorly interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics.</p>	<p>Unsatisfactory performance in a number of learning outcomes and/or failure to meet specified assessment requirements. Cannot understand and use familiar everyday expressions and basic phrases aimed at the fulfillment of needs of a concrete type. Cannot ask and answer questions about personal details. Cannot interact in areas of immediate need or on familiar topics.</p>

Learning Resources

Course Materials
Textbook <i>Dieci A1</i> ALMA Edizioni
Readings & Library Resources
Different audio-visual materials will be provided by the Teacher during the course. A good bilingual dictionary is recommended.

Schedule (Subject to change):

Day	Date	Holidays	Assignments	Content	
Week 1	Tue, Jan 9			Introduction / Chapter 1	
Week 2	Tue, Jan 16			Chapter 1	
Week 3	Tue, Jan 23				
Week 4	Tue, Jan 30				
Week 5	Tue, Feb 6			Chapter 2	
Week 6	Tue, Feb 13	Lunar New Year Vacation (No class)			
Week 7	Tue, Feb 20			Chapter 2	
Week 8	Tue, Feb 27		Progress Test		
Week 9	Tue, Mar 5	Reading Week (No class)			
Week 10	Tue, Mar 12			Chapter 3	
Week 11	Tue, Mar 19				
Week 12	Tue, Mar 26				
Week 13	Tue, Apr 2		review		
Week 14	Tue, Apr 9		Oral exam		
Week 15	Tue, Apr 16		Final Test		

Class sections and teachers' contact details:

Class	Time	Classroom	No of weeks	Teacher	Email
ITAL1000	Tue 09.30-12.15	FYB_401	13	Ms. Beatrice De Magistris	beatricedemagistris@cuhk.edu.hk

For further information and inquiries, you are welcome to contact:

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Feedback for Evaluation

Our language program highly values students' feedback and comments and is happy to use them for reflection on our teaching and improvement. Students are very welcome to provide comments and feedback on the course any time to their course teacher or the course level coordinator through email or in personal conversation. In addition, students' feedbacks will be collected in the middle of the term through an open-end questionnaire. The course will also follow the university's course evaluation exercise at the end of the term, and students' feedbacks will be used for future course planning and teaching.