

Italian 3040 – Advanced Conversation, Grammar, and Composition Fall 2009

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Course objectives: The purpose of this course is to provide students with a sound basis for communicating effectively and accurately in Italian. Emphasis will be placed on building on the fundamentals of listening, speaking, reading, and writing acquired during the first year of Italian study. “Real life” activities will expose students to day-to-day contexts likely to be encountered in Italy, thus reinforcing grammatical structures learned in class and increasing functional skills.

Course content: Italian 3040 will cover chapters 1-6 of *Crescendo!* 6th edition. In addition, the accompanying *Crescendo!* workbook and lab manual will be utilized in addition to the book *Soluzioni*.

Required texts: *Crescendo!* 6th edition, Workbook and Lab Manual to accompany *Crescendo!* 6th edition, *Soluzioni*, and a good Italian/English dictionary.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory and active class participation is expected. Each student will be allowed three unexcused absences for the course. After this, each additional unexcused absence will deduct one point (from a total of 100) from your attendance and participation grade. An accumulation of five or more unexcused absences will constitute the lowering of the attendance and participation grade by one full letter grade. For medical excuses a doctor’s note will be required.

Classroom policies: Cell phones and pagers must be switched off during class. In addition, the use of laptops is not allowed in this class. Students who fail to suspend and stow their electronic devices will need to surrender them to the instructor for the remainder of the class. Everyone is responsible for creating a positive educational environment. Participation in class is a vital element of learning a language and therefore a necessary component in this course. Disruptive behavior (talking in class, chronic tardiness, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Homework: Homework will be assigned daily. Acceptance of late homework will be at the discretion of the instructor, however, no credit will be given for late homework. Should you miss class for any reason, be sure to contact another student in your section for the following day’s assignment. For every missing assignment one point will be deducted from your homework grade.

Quizzes: Five cumulative quizzes will be administered during the course. Please note that no make up quizzes will be given, except in the instance of a medical emergency. Medical excuses will only be accepted on the student’s first day back in class. Quizzes will be graded on a 100% scale. Students who receive a C or lower should make an immediate appointment with the

instructor to discuss any problems. Pop quizzes may also be administered at the instructor's discretion.

Oral presentation: Students will give a series of oral presentations before the class. Initial presentations will be in groups while later in the semester, students will work individually to prepare their oral presentation. Topics will focus on an aspect of Italian language, literature, or culture and will need to be approved by the instructor in advance. Students are encouraged to utilize visual aids, the internet, music, etc. Please do not read your presentation, rather make notes from which you can speak. You may opt to use Power Point, however you may not read from the slides.

Compositions: Compositions must be typed and double spaced in 12 point font. Students should use the MLA format and include a word count on each composition. Failure to include a word count will result in a deduction of 5 points from the final grade. Hand written compositions will not be accepted.

Exams: A cumulative final exam will be administered at the end of the course. No make-ups will be given except under special circumstances such as a medical emergency.

Grading:

20% - Attendance / Participation

15% - Homework

15% - Quizzes

15% - Compositions

15% - Oral presentations

20% - Final Exam

*For P/NP, P = D or better (undergraduates)

*For S/U, S = C or better (graduates)

Policy concerning academic dishonesty: Students are encouraged to study in groups and to work together to learn vocabulary, practice for exams, etc. However, any form of cheating, whether on a homework assignment, composition, quiz, or exam will be dealt with severely and result in either an F on the assignment or, depending on the case, possibly an F in the course. In addition, the use of any online translation tools and/or direct copying from any source will result in an immediate F for the assignment. All these instances will be reported to UNT's Vice President for Academic Affairs and dealt with according to the University's policy on academic dishonesty.

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodation to make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act. Please present your written accommodation request to your instructor in order to make arrangements for the semester.

The University of North Texas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities.

Programma giornaliero

Data	Capitolo	Argomenti	Compiti
1 settembre		Introduzione al corso, discussione del programma, ripasso di 1010/1020	
3 settembre		Ripasso di 2040/2050	
7 settembre		Labor day	
9 settembre	1	2-23	
14 settembre	1	24-33	
16 settembre	1	33-38, ripasso di capitolo 1	
21 settembre	1	Consegna composizione, Quiz 1	
23 settembre	2	40-56	
28 settembre	2	57-66	
30 settembre	2	67-73, ripasso di capitolo 2	
5 ottobre	2	Consegna composizione, Quiz 2	
7 ottobre		Presentazioni orali	
12 ottobre	3	75-92	
14 ottobre	3	93-101	
19 ottobre	3	102-107, ripasso di capitolo 3	
21 ottobre	3	Consegna composizione, Quiz 3	
26 ottobre	4	111-133	
28 ottobre	4	134-143	
2 novembre	4	Ripasso di capitolo 4	
4 novembre		Consegna composizioni, Presentazioni orali	
9 novembre	5	146-167	
11 novembre	5	168-173	
16 novembre	5	174-179, ripasso di capitolo 5	
18 novembre	5	Consegna composizione, Quiz 4	

23 novembre	6	181-202	
25 novembre	6	203-207	
30 novembre	6	208-213, ripasso di capitolo 6	
2 dicembre	6	Quiz 5	
7 dicembre		<i>Presentazioni orali</i> , Ripasso per il finale	
9 dicembre		<i>Presentazioni orali</i> , Ripasso per il finale, conclusione del corso	

Final Exam: _____