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**LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES**

**Italian 1000 YA - Beginners Italian
Full Year**

Lecture – Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:30 pm in ATAC 2020
Laboratory – Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:00 – 6:30 pm in ATAC 2020

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DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the main elements of the Italian language. The development of speaking, reading, and writing skills. Introduction to Italian culture and texts.

OBJECTIVES

To gain a working knowledge and basic fluency of the Italian language. To become familiar with a number of every day conversation pieces, and gain confidence in your ability to converse using the Italian language.

METHODOLOGY

Our class structure will utilize a lecture-based style, with a combination of games/activities, musical pieces, guest speakers, and listening to video conversations to improve our comfortability with the Italian language. I will attempt to instruct this course as much as possible in Italiano in order to increase our competence and comfortability with the language.

REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS

Title – Sentieri – Attraverso L’Italia Contemporanea (2nd edition)

Author – Julia M. Cozzarelli

Publisher – Vista Higher Learning

(*Available in our Lakehead University Bookstore)

CEFR

(Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

By the end of this course I am expecting that you will have an A2 competency in Italian.

CALENDAR

Our course will commence on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017 and will run until Friday, April 6th, 2018. No classes will be scheduled the weeks of Thanksgiving (October 9th – 13th, 2017) and February Break (February 19th – 23rd, 2018).

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1) Test #1 - October 4th, 2017
- 2) Test #2 - November 8th, 2017
- 3) Test #3 - January 31st, 2018
- 4) Test #4 - March 7th, 2018

*All tests / exams will have a listening component

Movie Nights – Held in the Theater Room at PACI – PACI 3006

First Semester

September 27th, 2017

October 25th, 2017

November 29th, 2017

Second Semester – To be determined.

Course, tests, exams, attendance

10% - Attendance and Laboratory Participation (I will assign you a mark based on how frequently you attend class/laboratory, and the level of participation you display during our class/laboratory sessions).

10% - Homework Completion / Quizzes (Random checks and quizzes throughout the year to ensure that you are completing your daily assigned work).

DUE DATE- December 4th, 2017

7.5% - Test #1 (This test will include a number of questions testing your comprehension of grammar, conversational pieces, and everyday phrases).

October 4th, 2017

10% - Individual/Group Research Project (You/Your group will be responsible for a 10-15 minute presentation on a topic of your choice involving the country of Italy, their culture/food, and/or a particular facet which you may find interesting. Marks will be awarded for comprehension of subject matter, incorporation of Italian vocabulary, presentation skills, enthusiasm, answering questions, eye contact, and use of voice).

Please select a date and topic during the first week of classes!

For example (Per esempio): Viaggio in Italia

You are to plan a 10 day voyage to Italia - I would like you to prepare a flight itinerary and/or train itinerary around Italy for the time you are spending there. In your description you can include:

- 1) Restaurants you will be visiting plus 13 phrases you cannot travel without. (Please include foods you would like to try and why, and recipes for BONUS.)
- 2) Museums and 20 attractions you would like to visit and why. Please describe at least seven spots, why you would like to visit them in Italian.
- 3) Prices for hotels, you could select one economical and one more expensive hotel in each city you plan to visit.
- 4) Other tourist attractions (spots you would like to visit) and 13 everyday phrases you will need to master prior to departure. This can include shows, music festivals, operas, parades, sport matches, etc.
- 5) Conversion rates and how you plan to budget daily.

Other ideas...

- 1) You could select a historical figure from Italy and prepare a presentation in which you dress up in character and present all your pertinent information from the point of view of your character. (ex. Silvio Berlusconi, Giuseppe Garibaldi, Benito Mussolini, etc.)
- 2) Prepare a recipe
- 3) Feel free to ask me if you need a hand!!!

DUE DATE – Dec. 4th, 2017

7.5% - Test #2 (This test will consist of grammar questions, video comprehension

phrases, and a few short answer questions in Italian).

November 8th, 2017

10% - Oral pronunciation & comprehension examination (I will provide you with a short segment to read and you will be marked on your effort displayed and pronunciation capability. You will then be required to answer comprehension questions orally). **This will take place twice throughout the year!**

7.5% - Test #3 (This test will consist of grammar questions, video comprehension phrases, and a few short answer questions in Italian).
January 31st, 2018

7.5% - Test #4 (This test will consist of grammar questions, video comprehension phrases, and a few short answer questions in Italian).
March 7th, 2018

10% - Alfabeto Scrapbook – You will be asked to develop your own Italian Dictionary Book. Each week you will be responsible to include at least one new word, per letter, to fill up your collection. I will discuss this in further detail.
DUE DATE – April 1st, 2018

20% - Final Examination (This will consist of a compilation of grammar exercises, reading comprehension questions, conjugation of verbs, and short answers in Italian).
 Date has yet to be determined!

REGULATIONS

University Integrity/Plagiarism

Please check LU university regulations :

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/rights-and-responsibilities>

Others

The use of cellular phones is strictly prohibited in class.

The use of portable computers is acceptable only in an pedagogical context.

Week (Settimana) – BOLD always on Thursday	Grammar (Student Manual)	Homework (Activity Manual)
1 (Sept. 5 th - 9 th , 2017)	Unita' 1A	Lezione 1A
2 (Sept. 12 th -16 th , 2017)	Unita' 1B	Lezione 1B
3 (Sept. 19 th – 23 rd , 2017)	Unita' 2A	Lezione 2A
4 (Sept. 26 th – 30 th , 2017) - MOVIE	Unita' 2B	Lezione 2B
5 (Oct. 3 rd – 7 th , 2017) - TEST	Unita' 3A	Lezione 3A
6 (Oct. 10 th – 14 th , 2017)	STUDY	BREAK
7 (Oct. 17 th – 21 st , 2017)	Unita' 3B	Lezione 3B
8 (Oct. 24 th – 28 th , 2017) - MOVIE	Unita' 4A	Lezione 4A
9 (Oct. 31 st – Nov. 4 th , 2017)	Unita' 4B	Lezione 4B
10 (Nov. 7 th – 11 th , 2017) - TEST	Unita' 5A	Lezione 5A
11 (Nov. 14 th – 18 th , 2017)	Unita' 5B	Lezione 5B
12 (Nov. 21 st – 25 th , 2017) - MOVIE	Unita' 6A	Lezione 6A

13 (Nov. 28 th – Dec. 2 nd , 2017)	Unita' 6B	Lezione 6B
CHRISTMAS BREAK		
14 (Jan. 9 th – 13 th , 2018)	Unita' 7A	Lezione 7A
15 (Jan. 16 th – 20 th , 2018)	Unita' 7B	Lezione 7B
16 (Jan. 23 rd – 27 th , 2018) - TEST	Unita' 8A	Lezione 8A
17 (Jan. 30 th – Feb. 3 rd , 2018) - MOVIE	Unita' 8B	Lezione 8B
18 (Feb. 6 th – 10 th , 2018)	Unita' 9A	Lezione 9A
19 (Feb. 13 th – 17 th , 2018)	Unita' 9B	Lezione 9B
20 (Feb. 20 th – 24 th , 2018)	STUDY	BREAK
21 (Feb. 27 th – Mar. 3 rd , 2018) - TEST	Unita' 10A	Lezione 10A
22 (Mar. 6 th – 10 th , 2018) - MOVIE	Unita' 10B	Lezione 10B
23 (Mar. 13 th – 17 th , 2018)	Unita' 11A	Lezione 11A
24 (Mar. 20 th – 24 th , 2018)	Unita' 11B	Lezione 11B
25 (Mar. 27 th – 31 st , 2018)	Unita' 12A	Lezione 12A
26 (Apr. 3 rd – 7 th , 2018) - MOVIE	Unita' 12B	Lezione 12B