

# ITALIAN 1001: BEGINNING ITALIAN – FALL 2009

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 Textbook: ***Pronti...Via!* (Yale University Press)**  
 (Textbook+Workbook UGA bookstore)

## A. COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. listen to and understand the most part of simple stories and conversations in familiar contexts;
2. read and understand passages that contain the vocabulary you have studied, but also recognize new words through context and personal background knowledge;
3. write fairly precise answers to questions by manipulating the vocabulary used in the questions themselves;
4. write short compositions using the vocabulary you have studied;
5. conduct simple conversations about familiar topics—mostly in a controlled classroom practice— in the present and in the past.

## B. YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

You must bring your textbook to class each day. Classroom time will be devoted almost solely to activities that will allow you to practice your skills of understanding and producing Italian. Classroom time will not be spent doing grammar drills, translating, or listening to lengthy explanations of grammar. If you feel that you need to be drilled in grammar, please arrange for grammar help from your instructor outside of classroom time. You can also take advantage of the free tutoring service offered by UGA located in Milledge Hall at the following number: 706-542-7575. Your textbook explains all grammatical structures and features in English, with the use of diagrams and charts whenever possible. It will be your responsibility to study the assigned grammatical sections and complete the exercises before each lesson, so that you will make a positive impact on getting tasks done in class.

Please keep in mind that learning a foreign language successfully requires daily study, practice, and exposure to the language: you cannot learn it by cramming or by studying it on an irregular basis. Language learning is a build-up process: every day you will learn something new in class which will be important to your understanding of something else later on.

## C. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Final grade

Your final grade is determined on the following basis:

- 5 tests (*Prove scritte*). Attention: One of the tests will be dropped. (4 x 10%) 40%
- Final Exam (*Esame finale*) ..... (1 x 15%) 15%
- Written work (Workbook—*Quaderno degli esercizi*—see deadlines below) (5 x 2%) 10%
- Lab work (WebCT self-study lessons—see deadlines below)..... (5 x 2%) 10%
- 2 *Temi* (see deadlines below)..... (2 x 5%) 10%
- Preparation (daily homework) and class participation ..... (DAILY) 15%

Grading scale:

100-93	A	4.0	79-77	C+	2.3
92-90	A-	3.7	76-71	C	2.0
89-87	B+	3.3	70-68	C-	1.7
86-83	B	3.0	67-60	D	1.0
82-80	B-	2.7	<60	F	0

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GRADING PROCEDURES ARE TRANSPARENT. PLEASE **KEEP TRACK OF ALL YOUR GRADES AND DO YOUR OWN CALCULATIONS** IN ORDER TO SELF-ASSESS YOUR PROGRESS.

### 2. Attendance policy

Attendance is mandatory and will be taken each day. There are 60 possible times to attend class during this semester. You are allowed four (4) absences without penalty; after that, an absence will affect your grade. For each missed class after the fourth absence, two (2) points will be taken off your class participation grade. For example, if your participation grade is 80, and you miss two classes over the four allowed, your participation grade will be automatically lowered to 76. **Attention:** the four allowed absences should be used for emergencies and illnesses, no medical certificates will be accepted to excuse an absence. **If you miss more than 20 classes over the four allowed, you will not be able to take the final exam.** Students with prolonged absences due to extreme, unforeseen emergency should talk with the instructor as soon as possible and contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (706-542-3564).

### 3. Tests and Final Exam

Tests (*Prove scritte*) must be taken on the scheduled days. No make-up tests will be given. If you have to miss a test, this will be the one that can be dropped. The final exam must be taken on the official date unless you have two more finals on the same day. If you need to reschedule your Italian final, you must present documentation from the Office of the Vice President for Instruction at Room 203 Old College. The information is available online at the following web sites: [www.bulletin.uga.edu](http://www.bulletin.uga.edu) or [www.curriculumsystems.uga.edu](http://www.curriculumsystems.uga.edu). If you know that you cannot be present for the final exam, do not take this course.

### 4. Compiti (daily homework) and *Quaderno degli esercizi* (workbook)

You will be responsible to prepare the exercises that will be assigned daily. Some of them will be corrected in class, while others will be turned in.

In addition to daily homework, you are required to complete the exercises in the *Quaderno degli esercizi* (workbook) for each chapter. You will be able to carry out the listening-comprehension activities included in the *Quaderno* through WebCT.

Please note that to attain full success in this course, it is crucial that you work on the *Quaderno* every day, since the writing, reading and listening practice included in each chapter will reinforce the material covered in class. You will then turn in the *Quaderno* chapters on the day of each test—at the beginning of class. You will receive full credit for each *Quaderno* chapter if you self-correct your work marking all incorrect answers in a red color pen or pencil. **Attention:** If there are no self-corrections on the workbook, 15 points will be taken off your grade, for example out of 100 points you will receive 85. The answer key will be posted on WebCT.

Keep the *Quaderno* chapters in a file folder in case you are asked to show your work in progress on a day to day basis.

### 5. Audio program: (A) Language Resource Center and (B) self-study

(A) A few times during the semester (schedule to be announced) our class will meet in the Language Resource Center, located on the first floor of Gilbert Hall. (B) In addition to our class sessions, it is mandatory that you complete the audio program activities for each chapter so that you can turn it in on the day of each test. You will be able to carry out the audio program activities through WebCT.

### 6. *Tem*i (compositions)

You are required to write two (2) compositions (*temi*) that you will turn in on the due date indicated on the syllabus. You will have to turn in two typed versions: the second version will be based on the corrections made by your instructor. The final grade for your *tema* will be the average grade between the two versions. Please refer to the following files posted on WebCT: 1) **Composition Grading Criteria**, 2) **A List of Transitional Phrases** and 3) **Italian Accent Marks:** they will help you during the writing and the re-writing phases of your *tema*. Please keep in mind the due date because LATE COMPOSITIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

### 7. Preparation and participation

This portion of the final grade will reflect your preparedness/performance in class AND your attendance record. Please make sure you are familiar with the attendance policy (see section 2 above). If you want to have a clear idea of what is expected from you in class, read the **Grading Criteria for Class Participation** posted on WebCT.

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### 8. *Tavola italiana (Italian Conversation Table)*

To practice your Italian outside our classroom, do stop by at the Italian conversation table, or *Tavola italiana*. It will be held every Monday at 5:00 pm, in downtown Athens at the Globe.

#### D. UGA POLICY

##### \* Students with Disabilities

If you have a disability that requires accommodations, you must have been already tested by the university in order to be eligible for accommodations. Please provide your instructor with the appropriate forms from Disability Services at the beginning of the semester.

##### \* Academic Honesty

You should be informed about the University's Academic Honesty Policy (cf. <http://www.uga.edu/ovpi>). In all your work for this class you must adhere to the University Honor Code as explained in the section "A Culture of Honesty".

*This course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations, announced to the class, may be necessary.*

#### E. CLASS SCHEDULE (*PROGRAMMA DEL CORSO*)

lunedì 17 agosto  
martedì 18 agosto  
giovedì 20 agosto  
venerdì 21 agosto

Introduzione al corso

##### **CAPITOLO I: Benvenuti!**

**CAPITOLO II: Chi siamo?** - Consegnare Quaderno degli esercizi (cap. 1)

lunedì 24 agosto  
martedì 25 agosto  
giovedì 27 agosto  
venerdì 28 agosto

lunedì 31 agosto  
martedì 1 settembre  
giovedì 3 settembre  
venerdì 4 settembre

lunedì 7 settembre  
martedì 8 settembre  
giovedì 10 settembre  
venerdì 11 settembre

**FESTA: LABOR DAY**

##### **lunedì 14 settembre**

→ **Prova scritta n. 1** (capitoli 1&2)

Consegnare Quaderno degli esercizi (cap. 2) e Esercizi audio (cap. 2)

##### **CAPITOLO III: La famiglia e gli amici**

martedì 15 settembre  
giovedì 17 settembre  
venerdì 18 settembre

lunedì 21 settembre  
martedì 22 settembre  
giovedì 24 settembre  
venerdì 25 settembre

**CONSEGNARE TEMA N. 1** (Istruzioni – WebCT)

##### **lunedì 28 settembre**

→ **Prova scritta n. 2**

Consegnare Quaderno degli esercizi (cap. 3) e Esercizi audio (cap. 3)

##### **CAPITOLO IV: La vita di tutti i giorni**

martedì 29 settembre  
giovedì 1 ottobre  
venerdì 2 ottobre

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lunedì 5 ottobre  
martedì 6 ottobre  
giovedì 8 ottobre  
venerdì 9 ottobre

lunedì 12 ottobre  
martedì 13 ottobre  
**giovedì 15 ottobre**

venerdì 16 ottobre

lunedì 19 ottobre  
martedì 20 ottobre  
giovedì 22 ottobre  
venerdì 23 ottobre

lunedì 26 ottobre  
martedì 27 ottobre  
giovedì 29 ottobre  
venerdì 30 ottobre

lunedì 2 novembre  
martedì 3 novembre  
**giovedì 5 novembre**

venerdì 6 novembre

lunedì 9 novembre  
martedì 10 novembre  
giovedì 12 novembre  
venerdì 13 novembre

lunedì 16 novembre  
martedì 17 novembre  
giovedì 19 novembre  
venerdì 20 novembre

*23-27 novembre*

lunedì 30 novembre  
martedì 1 dicembre  
**giovedì 3 dicembre**

venerdì 4 dicembre

lunedì 7 dicembre  
martedì 8\* dicembre

### → Prova scritta n. 3

Consegnare Quaderno degli esercizi (cap. 4) e Esercizi audio (cap. 4)  
**CAPITOLO V: Com'è la tua casa?**

*Midpoint Withdrawal Deadline*

**FESTA: VACANZA AUTUNNALE**

### → Prova scritta n. 4

Consegnare Quaderno degli esercizi (cap. 5) e Esercizi audio (cap. 5)  
**CAPITOLO VI: A tavola!**

**CONSEGNARE TEMA N. 2** (Istruzioni - WebCT)

**FESTA DEL RINGRAZIAMENTO**

### → Prova scritta n. 5

Consegnare Quaderno degli esercizi (cap. 6) e Esercizi audio (cap. 6)  
**RIPASSO GENERALE**

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**ESAME FINALE: VENERDÌ 11 DICEMBRE 19,00-22,00 (7-10 PM)**