

ITAL 3010: Conversation and Composition (Fall 2009, TR 3:30 – 4:45)

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Please note:

Students enrolled in ITAL 3010 must have successfully completed ITAL 2002, ITAL 2600 or equivalent. ITAL 3010 is not open to students with credit in ITAL 4010.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course is a conversation and composition class for students who have successfully completed ITAL 2002, ITAL 2600 or equivalent and who wish to increase their proficiency in oral and written production in Italian. Students will be able to improve and consolidate their command of active and passive language skills through practice with different types of readings, discussions, presentations, and writing tasks in class and at home.

The course will be divided in three units of ten sessions each:

Day 1-7 Readings and activities in *Progetto italiano*; review of selected grammar points
Day 8-10 *Pinocchio*; class presentations; test

BOOKS

- T. Marin, *Nuovo progetto italiano 3*. Libro dello studente. Edilingua, 2008. [NPI]
- A. Bidetti, M. Dominici, L. Piccolo, *Nuovo progetto italiano 3. Quaderno degli esercizi*. Edilingua, 2008. [quaderno]
- Collodi, *Le avventure di Pinocchio*. ER, 1972.
- A good unabridged English-Italian/Italian-English dictionary, e.g. Harper/Collins or Ragazzini/Biagi.

REQUIREMENTS

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| 3 quizzes | 180 | points | (3 x 60) |
| 3 temi | 150 | points | (3 x 50) |
| 3 sommari di <i>Pinocchio</i> | 30 | points | (3 x 10) |
| 3 presentations | 120 | points | (3 x 40) |
| 2 newsflashes | 50 | points | (2 x 25) |
| Diario | 70 | points | (14 x 5) |
| Final exam | 100 | points | (1 x 100) |
| Participation | 300 | points | (3 x 100) |

EXPLANATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Quizzes

Each quiz will include short essay questions, T/F questions on the readings, vocabulary and grammar exercises.

Temi

The compositions [500 words] should be typed and double-spaced. After you receive back the annotated first version, you will revise it to hand in the second and final “perfected” version. Both versions will receive a grade. No late work will be accepted.

Presentations

The class will be divided into groups and each group will prepare the first and third presentation together. At the end of the second unit, each student will prepare an individual presentation on a topic regarding Italian culture. You should rehearse the presentation, so that you will speak (you may refer to your notes) not read (your notes).

Newsflash

Students will take turns to present to the class the main points of a news article from an Italian daily like *La Repubblica* (www.repubblica.it) or *Il Corriere della sera* (www.corriere.it).

Diario

Keep a weekly diary in Italian. Get started with the topic suggested for the week, then continue with other reflections to finish the page. Buy the large version of a blue exam book (i.e. 16 pages). Write a page a week (you may double-space). Have your diary ready to hand in every Tuesday.

Week 2: Ricordi d'estate; Week 3: Se vincessi un milione alla lotteria; Week 4: La mia migliore amica; Week 5: Perché studiare l'italiano; Week 6: Il semestre scorso; W7: I miei primi giorni come studentessa a UGA; W8: Quando ero bambina; W9: I miei più grandi desideri; W10: Se potessi cambiare il mondo; W11: Consigli per un viaggio in USA; W12: Quando penso al futuro; W13: Quando penso ai miei genitori; W14: Quando penso alle vacanze di Natale; W15: Riflessioni sullo studio della lingua italiana

Final Exam

The final exam is cumulative. It includes several essay questions, comprehension questions, and various grammar and vocabulary exercises. It is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 15, 3:30 – 6:30**, and will be held in our classroom.

Participation

Your participation is crucial for the overall effectiveness of the class as a learning community as well as your personal progress in Italian and the successful completion of all course requirements. You should participate actively in classroom discussions through comments, answers, questions, always speaking Italian while interacting both with your instructor and your fellow students. You should study the assigned readings and exercises before class and be ready to answer and ask questions. After each unit you will have the opportunity to fill out a class participation worksheet in which you evaluate your classroom performance together with your instructor.

Written Homework

On Thursdays you will usually hand in the exercises from the *quaderno* that correspond to the *unità* in NPI. separate Written homework is part of the class participation grade as it aids you in preparing for constructive class participation.

As we come to the end of a unit you will also write a summary of the chapters we read in *Pinocchio*. The summaries are due the day after we discuss the them in class.

Attendance

Attendance is required and reflected in your class participation grade. You can miss two classes; after your second absence, 10 points will be deducted from your final point score for EACH absence, including the first two. For example, if your total point score is 900 (A-) and you missed three classes, 30 points will be deducted for a total point score of 870 (B+).

ACADEMIC HONESTY

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty" (see http://www.uga.edu/ovpi/academic_honesty/culture_honesty.htm). Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. Students who plagiarize, receive unauthorized assistance, or submit work that has previously been submitted elsewhere will be reported for suspected academic dishonesty to the Office of the Vice President for Instruction (542-0432).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities which require special accommodations must present the instructor at the beginning of the semester with the pertinent documentation from the university's Center for Disability Services.

GRADING SCALE

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| 100-93 | A | 4.0 |
| 92-90 | A- | 3.7 |
| 89-87 | B+ | 3.3 |
| 86-83 | B | 3.0 |
| 82-80 | B- | 2.7 |
| 79-77 | C+ | 2.3 |

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| 76-71 | C | 2.0 |
| 70-68 | C- | 1.7 |
| 67-60 | D | 1.0 |
| <60 | F | 0 |

ITALIAN 3010 – SYLLABUS

(The syllabus is the general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.)

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| W1 | 18 agosto 20 agosto | Introduction NPI 1: Esami: la parola allo psicologo; (da consegnare quaderno 1, pp. 5-6) |
| W2 | 25 agosto 27 agosto | NPI 8: Figli di mamma a vita; quaderno 8, pp. 21-2; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 9: Lavoro; (da consegnare quaderno 9, pp. 23-4) |
| W3 | 1° settembre 3 settembre | NPI 22: Che fine ha fatto l'amicizia; quaderno 22, pp. 50-1; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 16: Breve storia della pasta; (da consegnare quaderno 16, pp. 38-9) ---► TEMA #1 |
| W4 | 8 settembre 10 settembre | NPI 5: Favole al telefono; quaderno 5; (da consegnare Diario) <i>Pinocchio</i> , capitoli 1-4 |
| W5 | 15 settembre 17 settembre | Presentation #1; (da consegnare: riassunti dei capitoli 1-4 di <i>Pinocchio</i>) QUIZ 1 |
| W6 | 22 settembre 24 settembre | NPI 2: Animali domestici; quaderno 2; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 3: Spendaccioni; (da consegnare quaderno 3) |
| W7 | 29 settembre 1° ottobre | NPI 4: No alla tv!; quaderno 4; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 7: Uomini e donne; (da consegnare quaderno 7) |
| W8 | 6 ottobre 8 ottobre | NPI 11: Telefonini; quaderno 11; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 15: Com'è ingiusta la parità; (da consegnare quaderno 15) ---► TEMA #2 |
| W9 | 13 ottobre 15 ottobre | NPI 18: Computer; quaderno 18; (da consegnare Diario) <i>Pinocchio</i> , capitoli 5-9 |
| W10 | 20 ottobre 22 ottobre | Presentation #2; (da consegnare: riassunti dei capitoli 5-9 di <i>Pinocchio</i>) QUIZ 2; <u>Midpoint withdrawal deadline</u> |
| W11 | 27 ottobre 29 ottobre | NPI 23: Il dottor Niù; quaderno 23; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 20: Stop alle auto; (da consegnare: quaderno 20) |
| W12 | 3 novembre 5 novembre | NPI 25: La pasticceria Grazia; quaderno 25; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 29: Roma antica; (da consegnare: quaderno 29) ---► TEMA #3 |
| W13 | 10 novembre 12 novembre | NPI 17: Non approfondire; quaderno 17; (da consegnare Diario) NPI 19: Emigrazione; (da consegnare: quaderno 19) |
| W14 | 17 novembre 19 novembre | NPI 32: Montalbano; quaderno 32; (da consegnare Diario) <i>Pinocchio</i> , capitoli 10-13 |
| W15 | 1 dicembre 3 dicembre | <u>Vacanze (24 novembre / 26 novembre): Festa del Ringraziamento</u> QUIZ 3; (da consegnare: riassunti dei capitoli 10-13 di <i>Pinocchio</i>); Presentation #3; (da consegnare Diario) |

Esame finale: martedì 15 dicembre, 15,30 – 18,30