ITAL S140: Intermediate Italian II

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The course has been designed with the concerns and philosophy of the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines in mind and is informed by the Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century. These Standards are organized into five goal areas: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities. For more information, see document on Canvas or visit: www.actfl.org.

Libro di testo


You can purchase your textbook and the Supersite Plus Code through the Vista Higher Learning website: https://vistahigherlearning.com/school/yale. Access to the “supersite” is included with each new copy of the book, but must be purchased separately if you acquire a used copy.

* An Italian-English dictionary needed to support your composition writing
Programma di lavoro

1ª settimana

29  Lezione 6: La società che si evolve: Per cominciare e Cortometraggio
30  Immagina & 6.1 e 6.2 Strutture
1° luglio 6.3 e 6.4 Strutture
2  Lettura: *Il problema dei vecchi*. Ripasso
3  Esame 1

2ª settimana

6  Lezione 7: *Le scienze e la tecnologia*: Per cominciare e Cortometraggio; **tema 1**
7  Immagina & 7.1 & 7.2 Strutture
8  7.3 & 7.4 Strutture
9  Lettura: *Le meraviglie del duemila*. Ripasso
10  Esame 2

3ª settimana

13  Lezione 8: Le ricchezze culturali e storiche: Per cominciare e Cortometraggio; **podcast 1**
14  Immagina & 8.1 & 8.2 Strutture
15  8.3 & 8.4 Strutture
16  Lettura: *La parola proibita*. Ripasso
17  Esame 3

4ª settimana

20  Lezione 9: Media e cultura: Per cominciare e Cortometraggio; **tema 2**
21  Immagina & 9.1 e 9.2 Strutture
22  9.3 e 9.4 Strutture
23  Lettura: *Lui e io*. Ripasso
24  Esame 4

5ª settimana

27  Lezione 10: Prospettive lavorative: Per cominciare e Cortometraggio; **podcast 2**
28  Immagina & 10.1 e 10.2 Strutture
Regole del corso

1. **Italian only and class preparation.** Intermediate Italian is conducted entirely in Italian. You are expected to have read over the relevant sections of the textbook before each class. Classroom time is mostly intended for clarification and practice of the material studied at home. Since we might not always be able to cover all the assigned material in class, you are encouraged to let us know if there is any specific topic that you would like to go over together. We are always available by email, should you need an appointment or any suggestions on how to improve your Italian.

2. **Attendance.** Class attendance is mandatory and will be marked each day. You are allowed a maximum of two (2) absences over the course of the summer. Each absence over two will be counted as one letter grade off your final grade point average. Absences due to religious holidays are exempted.

3. **Exams.** There are five 50-minute exams over the course of the 5-weeks term. You will take the exam on Canvas, from 10am to 11am. The oral component of each exam will be administered from 11am to noon on the day of the exam upon completion of the written component.

4. **Compositions.** There are two compositions (500 words, at least) over the course of this term. In Italian 140, content as well as grammar will be factored into your grade. Compositions must be submitted by the day that they are due (10am). Please use Times New Roman, 12pt, double spaced. For late submissions, one point will be counted off the final grade for each additional day beyond the amended due date.

5. **Podcast.** There are two 10-minutes podcasts over the course of the term. Topics will be assigned in class. The podcasts are due by 10am.

6. **Workbook.** For each unit, you are responsible for completing all the assigned exercises in the online workbook (on the Immagina supersite) by 10:00am of the exam day. You can work through these exercises at your preferred pace, but ideally you will complete them regularly as we progress in class and not at the last minute. If you use the workbook consistently, you will receive 100% for the assignment, regardless of how many mistakes you make; if you only complete the assignments partially, your percentage grade will reflect the proportion of exercises you have completed. Please note that the grade you will see on the supersite might not correspond to your actual grade, which, as a rule, you will find on Canvas.
7. **Final project.** By **August 1**, you are expected to submit a final reflection on your experience through the Italian course. The reflection can be in a form of a short essay (1000 words) or a 15-minutes video/podcast. More information on the final project will be given in class.

8. **Grade breakdown:**

   - Class preparation and participation* 20%
   - Compositions 15%
   - Podcast 15%
   - In-class exams 20%
   - Workbook 10%
   - Final project 20%

Class preparation and participation refers to your willingness to ask and answer questions, attitude when working with others, level of interest in the class, and preparation in advance.

**N.B.** Failure to receive a passing grade on any one component of the final grade will result in an **F** for the course.

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9. **Plagiarism and academic honesty.** In keeping with the principles of the Yale honor code, students are expected to be honest in all their academic work. Academic honesty means, most fundamentally, that any work you present as your own must in fact be your own work and not that of another. This includes using online translation programs such as Google Translate or translating online material, such as Wikipedia entries, from English into Italian, or excerpting Wikipedia or Wikipedia.it entries without proper citation. It also includes sharing work or jointly completed work (except as authorized in advance). All violations of these principles will be reported to the Language Program Director and may result in a failing grade for the course and additional disciplinary action by the university.

10. **Feedback.** We welcome your comments and suggestions at any stage of the course. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time, or to use the Feedback function on Canvas, which allows you to leave anonymous feedback for the instructors.

    Buon divertimento e buono studio!