



ITAL 101: Living Perugia: Culture, Language, and Reflection

Course Syllabus

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Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 60

Class Hours: Section A: Mo., Tu., We., Th. 9.15 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. (Aula 1)
Section B: Mo., Tu., We., Th. 10.45 a.m. - 12.00 a.m. (Aula 1)
Section C: Mo., Tu., We., Th. 12.30 p.m. - 1.45 p.m. (Aula 1)
Section D: Mo., Tu., We., Th. 2.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m. (Aula 1)
Section E: Mo., Tu., We., Th. 4.00 p.m. - 5.15 p.m. (Aula 2)

Office Hours: Italian Faculty Office, First Floor of Umbra Institute (check the Moodle course page for specific section hours)

Email:

Course Type: Standard course

Lab Fee: USD 95.00

Course Description

Exploring Perugia is an interdisciplinary course that focuses on achieving a basic level in cultural and linguistic-communicative competences (speaking, writing, reading and comprehension) regarding familiar contexts, everyday life activities and simple interaction with native speakers. At the same time, it introduces students to various, relevant aspects of contemporary Perugia life and Italian culture, asking them to reflect on their own experience of immersion in a different cultural environment. This course has three pillars: language, culture, and reflection. Basic Italian language instruction is at the core of the class. Students will learn fundamentals of the Italian language in order to interact with Italians in various real-world settings. Second, they will use their language learning as a vehicle for delving into the richness and complexity of Italian culture. Third, students reflect on their experiences living in a new culture and understanding how this has impacted their perspective on the United States and their sense of their own identities. Through engaging in interactive assignments, and participating in group activities, students will learn to live in their new

environment, build competence and confidence as global citizens, and understand how they can leverage their Perugia experience for their future personal and professional success.

Course Purpose

Students will acquire basic skills in speaking and understanding Italian, study Italian culture and experience it first-hand, and reflect on what they have learned both about Italy, the United States, and themselves through their study abroad experience. This course is the equivalent of a standard first semester college-level Italian course in the United States.

Course Learning Objectives

At the end of the semester, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate foundational skills in speaking and understanding Italian, including:
 - a. *recognizing* and using words and expressions of daily and common use;
 - b. *participating in* conversations at a basic level in everyday situations (talking about oneself, asking information, giving and receiving instructions, shopping, reading notices, etc.);
 - c. *understanding* short texts (menus, signs, announcements, timetables, notices, recipes, short newspaper articles, etc.);
 - d. *composing* short passages about their daily lives and direct experiences.
2. Participate in discussions of contemporary Italian culture.
3. Engage in critical evaluation of their own culture, Italian culture, and other foreign cultures, including:
 - a. *articulating* U.S. cultural rules, norms and biases;
 - b. *understanding* how their own experiences have shaped their values and priorities;
 - c. *knowing* how to respond productively to cultural differences;
 - d. *valuing* what is important to members of another culture, including their history, politics, communication styles, economy, beliefs and social practices;
 - e. *interpreting* cross-cultural experiences from multiple worldviews and *respecting* the rights and feelings of other cultural groups;
 - f. *asking* complex questions about their own culture and other cultures, *seeking out* answers to those questions that reflect multiple cultural perspectives.
4. Understand and articulate the unique benefits of their study abroad experience and anticipate how to leverage those benefits for their future personal and professional success.

Course Materials:

All students in ITAL 101 will be provided with a personal copy of the Umbra Italian 101 textbook:

Allora! Corso di italiano per stranieri.

Assessments

The fundamental approach of this class is the following: after an intensive first 4 days, the class will nudge you to recall and use what you've learned about the Italian language. There are *many* low stakes, low stress assignments that together make up your grade. Be sure to consult Moodle and mark the due dates in your calendar as missed assignments accumulate quickly. Final grades will be based on the following:

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| Attendance in class | 10% |
| Participating in class with completed homework | 10% |
| Attendance at Tandem | 10% |
| Weekly quizzes | 15% |
| "Vivi Perugia" assignments | 15% |
| Midterm Exam | 15% |
| Final Exam | 25% |

Attendance in class (10%)

You have to be in class to learn Italian. If you're in class, you'll be able to participate in the various exercises. Your grade for the attendance is essentially pass/fail, an easy 10%: if you're there, full credit! Class is four days a week. You can have up to 4 "sick days" (i.e. unexcused absences) before this grade starts to go down. Thereafter it's 1% for each absence. Three late arrivals or early departures equal once absence.

Participating in class with completed homework (10%)

Another important part of learning Italian is doing exercises after class to practice what you've learned. The next day that practice will be part of class. All the written exercises in the book are essentially pass/fail: if you did them, full credit!

Attendance at Tandem (10%)

Tandem is your chance to get to know Italian students and have a relaxed, semi-structured conversation with them. Attendance at two Tandem meetings (both dates TBA) is worth 2.5%: each class will be assigned two of the four dates. See Moodle for the dates for your section.

Weekly quizzes (15%)

There are weekly online quizzes on Moodle, which you may retake as often as you wish/need in order to reinforce vocabulary and key grammatical concepts. You may repeat these exercises as often as you want: your average score is what will count.

"Vivi Perugia" Assignments (15%)

We want to encourage you not only to see different parts of Perugia but to use your Italian as you explore the city. These assignments will ask you to go to different parts of the city and use the Italian you've learned in class. For each assignment you'll turn in either a recording or a selfie or both. These assignments are basically pass/fail: if you turn them in, you get full credit. All assignments will have a thorough prompt on the course's Moodle site. You don't have one every week: it's your job to check Moodle and mark your calendar as they cannot be made up later: don't leave them until the last minute.

Midterm Exam (15%)

The midterm exam will assess student mastery of course content during the first half of the semester. There will be a full prompt on Moodle with the topics covered on the exam. In addition to a written component, the midterm will include an oral component that will assess students' language competency.

Final Exam (25%)

The final exam will be cumulative: it will cover material from the whole semester. As with the mid-term, there will be a thorough prompt on Moodle and the exam will include an oral component.

Grading

Letter grades for student work are based on the following percentage scale:

| Letter Grade Range | Numerical Score Equivalent | Student Performance |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| A | 93% - 100% | Exceptional |
| A- | 90% - 92% | Excellent |

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| B+ | 87% - 89% | Superior |
| B | 83% - 86% | |
| B- | 80% - 82% | |
| C+ | 77% - 79% | Satisfactory |
| C | 73% - 76% | |
| C- | 70% - 72% | |
| D+ | 67% - 69% | Low Pass |
| D | 63% - 66% | |
| D- | 60% - 62% | |
| F | 59% or less | Fail (no credit) |

Extension & Submitting Late Work

Work submitted after the deadline will receive a grade of zero, not partial credit. Each student is allowed one extension of 24 hours over the entire semester. This can be used for any assignment but the final project. Students need to email the instructor before the deadline and inform the instructor of their use of the extension. Any work submitted after the 24-hour extension will be marked zero.

As for all policies, exceptions can be made by the Director for students with special accommodations or in case of medical emergencies, etc.

Attendance & Lateness Policy

Class attendance (in person or through live connection) is mandatory. All students are allowed 4 “sick days” (i.e. unexcused absences), which do not need to be justified. It is the student’s responsibility to keep them in case of real necessity. i.e., sickness or any other unforeseen inconvenience that may prevent students from being in class. More than 4 absences will affect your final grade by 1% per absence. Excessive unexcused absences (16 or more) may result in a failing grade or disciplinary action. Three late arrivals to or early departures from class will count as an unexcused absence. It is the student’s responsibility to be aware of the number of absences or late arrivals for each course, and to ask the instructor when in doubt.

If students miss class, they are responsible for obtaining class notes from other students and/or for meeting the professor during office hours. Any work missed in class because of an excused absence may be made up within one week of the return to the class. Any work missed that was a quiz or other test must be made up outside of class time and will, in the interest of intellectual honesty, be a slightly different test than the one given in class.

Presence during mandatory field trips is especially important. Missing a mandatory field trip for a course, unless for a very serious reason that is communicated to Umbra staff in a timely manner, will be considered the equivalent of two unexcused absences. As such, absence from the co-curricular field trip will lower students’ final grade in that course by 2% (the equivalent of two unexcused absences).

Additional absences relating to illness may be approved by the Director but only if a medical certification is provided. Except in the case of medical emergencies, absences are not accepted when tests are scheduled; tests cannot be made up. Furthermore, scheduled times and dates indicated for exams, quizzes, oral presentations, and any other graded assignments cannot be changed for any reason. Even if more sections of the same class are activated, students may only take exams during the scheduled times and dates for the section they are enrolled in.

Academic Integrity

All forms of cheating (i.e., copying during exam either from a fellow student or making unauthorized use of notes) and plagiarism (i.e., presenting the ideas or words of another person for academic evaluation without

acknowledging the source) will be handled according to the Institute Academic Policy, which can be found in the Umbra Institute Academic Policies and Conduct Guidelines.

Classroom Policy

Students are expected to follow the policy of the Institute and demonstrate the appropriate respect for the historical premises that the school occupies. Please note that cell phones must be set on silent mode before the beginning of each class. Computers and other electronic devices cannot be used during class lectures and discussions for anything other than note-taking, unless there has been specific academic accommodation.

Moodle

Please note that Moodle, not this syllabus, is the ultimate reference for due dates, assignment prompts, and course announcements. It is *the student's responsibility* to check the site regularly to be aware of announcements as well as to see and record all due dates for assignments.

Immersion Italian Week: Jan 17, 18, 19, 20

NB: Check your orientation schedule for class division during the Immersion Italian Week

Textbook: "Allora" – Immersion Days

Tuesday (Jan 17): Prendere il caffè

Textbook: "Allora" – Immersion Day 1

Activity: Getting a coffee at a local bar

Competencies:

- Presentarsi
- Salutare
- Domande di "sopravvivenza"
- Chiedere il significato di una parola, "Come si dice in italiano...?"
- Chiedere l'identità a qualcuno

Grammar:

- Alfabeto
- Numeri
- Essere/avere
- Pronomi soggetto
- Pronomi interrogativi

Wednesday (Jan 18): La spesa

Textbook: "Allora" – Immersion Day 2

Activity: Shopping at the grocery

Competencies:

- Quanto costa?
- Fare richieste al supermercato (ripresa di vorrei)
- Chiedere il prezzo
- Conoscere gli oggetti

Grammar:

- Singolare/plurale
- Sostantivo
- Articoli indeterminativi
- Presente di essere/avere
- mi piace/mi piacciono

Thursday (Jan 19): La Casa

Textbook: "Allora" – Immersion Day 3

Activity: Around the apartment Interactive Game

Topics:

- Nomi dei negozi
- Fare richieste di oggetti.
- Descrizione appartamento (per utilizzare c'è/ci sono)

Grammar:

- Accordi aggettivi e nomi
- Articoli determinativi
- C'è/ci sono
- Verbi in -are e verbo irregolare fare

Friday (Jan 20): Il viaggio

Textbook: "Allora" – Immersion Day 4

Activity: Field trip to Pian di Massiano by Minimetron

Competencies:

- Descrizione della Stazione
- Chiedere informazioni alla biglietteria

Grammar:

- Tre coniugazioni -are -ere -ire
- Ripresa dei numeri per l'orario
- Orario

Week 1: Jan. 23, 24, 25, 26

Textbook: "Allora" Week 1

Quiz on Moodle

ViviPerugia activity: find three places in Perugia and take a photo

Competencies:

- "La giornata 'tipo'"
- Chiedere e dire l'ora
- Chiedere e dare informazioni sugli orari
- Fare domande e rispondere a domande sulla vita quotidiana
- Parlare delle proprie abitudini"

Grammar:

- Presente indicativo dei verbi regolari in -are, -ere, -ire (-isc)
- Presente indicativo (1° persona singolare) dei verbi fare, andare, uscire
- e di alcuni verbi riflessivi (svegliarsi, farsi la doccia, addormentarsi...)
- Alcune preposizioni semplici: in, a, al, alla, alle, all'
- Da... a.../dalle...alle
- (giocare con le collocazioni)
- Amare+ infinito, verbi modali (*magari giovedì*). I mesi e le stagioni
- possessives
- c'è/ci sono
- prepositions (sotto, sopra...)

Week 2: Jan. 30, 31 - Feb. 1, 2

Textbook: "Allora" Week 2

Quiz on Moodle

Topics:

- Parlare del tempo libero
- Parlare di ciò che (non) si sa fare
- Esprimere volontà
- Formulare una richiesta cortese (vorrei...)
- Chiedere il conto

Grammar:

- Presente indicativo di alcuni verbi irregolari (venire, stare, dare)
- Presente indicativo dei verbi Modali: volere, potere, dovere, sapere
- Sapere + infinito
- Mi piace/mi piacciono
- Mi piace + infinito
- Ripresa preposizioni: a, al, in + alcuni luoghi
- Vorrei + infinito

Week 3: Feb. 6, 7, 8, 9

Textbook: "Allora" Week 3

Quiz on Moodle

ViviPerugia activity: go to your favorite place in Perugia, take photo, and explain why you like it

Competencies:

- Descrivere attività e luoghi di vacanza
- Esprimere preferenze sul viaggio
- Chiedere per avere
- Chiedere e dare informazioni
- Chiedere di raccontare e raccontare fatti passati

Grammar:

- Ripresa: l'uso di mi piace, mi piacciono
- Il verbo partire + da/per
- Il passato prossimo
- Il passato prossimo dei verbi regolari con l'ausiliare avere
- Il passato prossimo dei verbi regolari con l'ausiliare essere

Week 4: Feb. 13, 14, 15, 16

Textbook: "Allora" Week 4

Quiz on Moodle

Competencies:

- Chiedere di raccontare e raccontare fatti passati
- Raccontare un viaggio o una vacanza passata

Grammar:

- Alcuni participi passati irregolari (aprire - aperto, bere - bevuto, fare - fatto...)
- Altri participi passati irregolari (rimanere - rimasto, dire - detto, leggere - letto...)
- Espressioni di tempo al passato (ieri, l'altro ieri, ...scorso... fa, stamattina)
- Avverbi di tempo (prima, poi, dopo)
- Preposizione in + mezzi di trasporto

Week 5: Feb. 20, 21, 22, 23

Textbook: "Allora" Week 6

Grammar Review:

- Presente Indicativo dei verbi regolari e irregolari
- Verbi modali
- Passato Prossimo

Activity: Tandem language exchange on February 21 for ITAL 101 A, B, C

Activity: Tandem language exchange on February 22 for ITAL 101 D, E

Midterm exam: February 23

Week 6: Feb. 27, 28 - Mar. 1, 2

Textbook: "Allora" Week 5

Quiz on Moodle

Topics:

- Prenotare servizi
- Ordinare cibi e bevande
- Conoscere i nomi di piatti e cibi tipici italiani

Grammar:

- Ripresa di vorrei ...
- Alcune preposizioni di luogo:
al ristorante; al bar; in pizzeria; in
prosciutteria..

March 6 - 9: Semester Break

Week 7: Mar. 13, 14, 15, 16

Textbook: "Allora" Week 7

Quiz on Moodle

ViviPerugia activity: choose a recipe, find the ingredients, cook it and present it to your classmates

Topics:

- Parlare degli acquisti e delle proprie abitudini in merito
- Fare la spesa in un negozio di alimentari ed esprimere i propri desideri al riguardo
- Chiedere e dire il prezzo
- Chiedere una quantità
- Chiedere qualcosa in modo gentile

Grammar:

- Pronomi diretti con i tempi semplici e composti
- Ne partitivo

Week 8: 20, 21, 22, 23

Textbook: "Allora" Week 8

Quiz on Moodle

Topics:

- Parlare degli acquisti e delle proprie abitudini in merito
- Fare la spesa in un negozio di alimentari ed esprimere i propri desideri al riguardo
- Chiedere e dire il prezzo
- Chiedere una quantità
- Chiedere qualcosa in modo gentile

Grammar:

- Ripresa dei pronomi diretti con i tempi semplici e composti
- Ne partitivo

Week 9: Mar. 27, 28, 29, 30

Mar. 27-28: Solo Italiano - Karaoke night

Textbook: "Allora" Week 9

Quiz on Moodle

Topics:

- Chiedere e dare informazioni
- Chiedere e dare indicazioni stradali
- Descrivere un percorso

Grammar:

- Imperativo diretto dei verbi in -are, -ere, -ire
- Imperativo dei verbi andare e stare
- Imperativo negativo

Week 10: Apr. 3, 4, 5, 6

Textbook: "Allora" Week 1

Quiz on Moodle

Topics:

- Dare istruzioni
- Dare consigli
- Scrivere una ricetta
- Parlare del cibo e delle abitudini alimentari
- Commentare il sapore di un alimento

Grammar:

- Ripresa imperativo diretto e negativo
- Imperativo diretto e negativo dei verbi dare, fare, essere, avere
- Imperativo (diretto e negativo) con i pronomi diretti
- Le forme ci vuole, ci vogliono
- Ripresa degli avverbi di tempo (prima, poi, dopo...)

Activity: Tandem language exchange on April 5 for ITAL 101 A, B, C

Week 11: Apr. 11, 12, 13,

No classes on Monday 10 April.

Textbook: “Allora” Week 11

Quiz on Moodle

Topics:

- Ricordi
- Descrizioni situazioni e fatti del passato
- Raccontare le abitudini dell'infanzia
- Descrizione di luoghi e persone

Grammar:

- Imperfetto di essere e avere
- Imperfetto indicativo dei verbi regolari
- Usi dell'imperfetto

Activity: Tandem language exchange on April 12 for ITAL 101 D, E

Week 12: Apr. 17, 18, 19, 20

Textbook: “Allora” Week 12

Grammar Review:

- Presente indicativo
- Passato Prossimo
- Pronomi diretti
- Imperativo
- Imperfetto

Final Exam: April 20