Course Title: ITA 2240 Italian Intermediate Conversation  Spring 2015
Days and Time: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am -10:45am in GC 275A
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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30pm-1:45pm and 3:30pm-4:30pm in DM 4th floor room 495C.

Course Description: This course is for students who have completed three terms of Italian and/or have a good command of the language. This course will consolidate all essential grammatical constructions but concentrate particularly on the communication skills there’ll be presentations about modern Italian society, which become topics for essays and class discussions. In order to acquire the necessary knowledge of Italian language, idiomatic expressions, and vocabulary, students will be exposed to present-day Italy through the selection of specific Italian articles and essays, movies, and material from Italian websites. TEACHING WILL BE IN THE TARGET LANGUAGE.

You are expected to participate to class activities and to try to speak Italian regardless of any mistakes you may make in the process. Errors are to be expected and taken as a natural part of language learning.

Course Prerequisites: Three semesters of Italian or Instructor permission

Course Materials:  Immagina. L’italiano senza confini. Cummings, Frequellucci, Pastorino. Vista learning Ed. (We’ll use this book also in ITA Advance Conversation)  
+ Supersite access.

Grading:

Two esami............30%
Final.................20%
Homework*, Participation**, Attendance*** ..........40%
Presentations****........10%

* Homework: all the HW will be online through the Immagina Supersite. If the percentage of the online hw is 40% or lower by the end of the semester, you will automatically have an F in this 40% portion of your final grade.
**Partecipation: Class participation will be judged on the basis of quality and consistency of effort on daily basis. Attendance is NOT participation. Each student can ascertain the adequacy of his her participation by occasional discussion with the professor.
** Attendance: Regular attendance is mandatory. Students may be absent from class 3 times with no penalties. 2 points will be deducted per absence from the final grade for all other absences.  
Tardiness: For every 3 times you arrive late (more than 10 minutes) or leave early, it will count as 1 absence.  
It is your responsibility to be in class on the day of an exam. **NO make-ups are allowed unless you have a legitimate written excuse signed and dated from a reliable source regarding a personal or family emergency: i.e., doctor, hospital, accident report, family death notice, and/or court appearance.** An excuse from home is not acceptable.  
**** The oral presentations will take place during the last 2 weeks of the semester. The students can choose to work in small groups or by themselves. It could be a video or PP presentation based on a specific topic of the Italian culture to be discussed in advance with the Professor. Originality will be rewarded!!! 😊**

**Esami and Final Exam:** Exams will be given on the day and hour scheduled in the Course Calendar. There will be no make-ups without a documented valid reason.  

**Extra-credit Policy:** Each student may receive up to 5 points on the final course grade by choosing two out of three of the following assignments:

1) Going at least 6 times to the Language Lab (SIPA 240) for a minimum of 30 minutes and practice with the Italian Tutor;  
2) Watch at least 2 Italian movies during the International Film Festival (month of March);  
3) Participate in at least 3 activities organized by the FIU Italian Club; Meetings are not considered activities.

**Classroom Policies:**

1) **Cell phone, beepers and computers must be turned off before entering the classroom:**  
2) Students are expected to conduct themselves properly with respect for the instructor, other students and themselves.  
3) If you have to be absent, contact a classmate to share notes about what you missed in class.

**Grading scales:**

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**Tentative Course Calendar:**
I Settimana
Martedì: Introduzione al corso
Giovedì: Lezione 1 del libro di testo

II Settimana

Lezione 1 (fine)

III Settimana
Martedì: inizio Lezione II
Giovedì: Salotto culturale

IV Settimana
Martedì: Fine visione film + discussione
Giovedì: inizio Lezione III

V Settimana
Martedì: Lezione III
Giovedì: I ESAME

VI Settimana
Martedì: fine Lezione III
Giovedì: Salotto culturale

VII Settimana
Martedì: inizio Lezione IV
Giovedì: continua la Lezione IV

VIII Settimana
Martedì: Attivita’ ludica: Parlando si impara!
Giovedì: Discussione in classe

IX Settimana
Martedì: fine Lezione IV
Giovedì: Salotto culturale

X Settimana
Spring Break

XI Settimana
Martedì: II ESAME
Giovedì: inizio Lezione V

XII Settimana
Martedì: L’Italia e le sue regioni (gioco/test culturale)
Giovedì: continuiamo con la Lezione V
XIII Settimana
Martedì: fine Lezione V
Giovedì: inizio PRESENTAZIONI ORALI + ripasso Final

XIV Settimana
Settimana delle PRESENTAZIONI ORALI + ripasso Final
XV Settimana: FINAL!