ITA 3420  Rev Gram/Writing I
Days and Time  Tuesday and Thursday 11:00am-12:15pm in GC 289
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Course Description:

This course is for students who have completed for terms of Italian and/or have a good command of the language. The course will consolidate all essential grammatical constructions and concentrate in the revision of the grammar contents studied in Italian Intermediate. Grammar and syntax revision are alternated with presentations about modern Italian society, which become topics for essays and class discussions. We’ll start a journey through 5 of the 20 Italian regions; one region for chapter, and we’ll review the grammar and vocabulary studied so far. In order to acquire the necessary knowledge of Italian grammar, idiomatic expressions, and vocabulary, students will be exposed to present-day Italy through the selection of specific Italian articles and essays. In order to address the students’ own writing skills, written compositions will also be required as an integral part of the course. **Teaching will be in the target language.**

Grading:

Two Esami……………40%
Final…………………20%
Homework, Participation*, Attendance**………………40%

*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.

**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 (please note 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:**

**Week 1**
Martedi: Introduzione corso
Giovedi: Capitolo I: Il Lazio -

**Week 2**
Martedì: Emilia Romagna
Giovedì: prove di scrittura

**Week 3**

Martedì: Passato Prossimo versus Imperfetto
Giovedì: Sicilia

**Week 4**

Martedì: Passato Remoto
Giovedì: Pronomi DOPPI

**Week 5**

Martedì: Prove di scrittura
Giovedì: I ESAME

**Week 6**

Martedì: Lombardia
Giovedì: Futuro e Condizionale

**Week 7**

Martedì: Toscana
Giovedì: Congiuntivo

**Week 8**

Martedì: Prove di scrittura
Giovedì: Congiuntivo Imperfetto e Trapassato.

**Week 9**

Martedì: Le concordanze del Congiuntivo.
Giovedì: Prove di scrittura
**Week 10**

*Spring Break*

**Week 11**

Martedì: Il ESAME

Giovedì: Il verbo Piacere e simili

**Week 12**

Martedì: L’uso dei tempi passati

Giovedì: prove di scrittura

**Week 13**

Martedì: Visione film Italiano *Ciao papa’*

Giovedì: Prove di scrittura.

**Week 14**

Settimana dedicata al ripasso generale!

**Week 15**

Esame Finale