

Competencies and Objectives Elementary Italian 1

Course Objective: Development of the following basic grammar skills in Italian:
Knowledge of regular and irregular verbs of the present indicative tense in the affirmative, negative, and interrogative forms of verbs, noun forms and agreement in number and gender with verbs, adjective agreement in number and gender, and placement in sentences, subject pronouns, possessive adjectives, possession with nouns, definite and indefinite articles

Competencies:

1. Grammatical structures are introduced through classroom lecture
2. Students complete written homework assignments in text and on supplemental worksheets assigned as homework
3. Students interact orally with instructor and classmates in classroom

2.Course Objective: Development of basic reading comprehension skills in Italian; i.e. gain the ability to understand sentences, dialogues, simple paragraphs and essays, short selected readings and poetry

Competencies:

1. Students learn basic new vocabulary words and expressions: the classroom, numbers, colors, clothes, weather, time, seasons, days, months, etc. through lecture
2. Students use the text, simple magazine articles, supplemental reading material from newspapers to develop reading comprehension through class assignments and homework
3. Students use the CD Rom to accompany the text

3. Course Objective: Development of basic writing skills in Italian using the grammatical structures listed above; writing simple sentences and short paragraphs using the correct grammar forms

Competencies:

1. Students complete the assignments from the text as homework and classwork assignments.
2. Students create original sentences and short paragraphs as homework assignments and as part of examination
3. Course Objective: Gain a basic comprehension of the Italian phonetic system and proper pronunciation of Italian sounds through practice of the pronunciation of the letters of the Italian alphabet, letter blends and syllables and reading aloud with correct pronunciation, rhythm, and intonation

Competencies:

1. Students practice and learn to pronounce the letters of the alphabet orally and spell words in class
2. Students practice the proper rhythm and intonation when reading words, sentences, and paragraphs in class
3. Students read aloud simple sentences and short paragraphs in class

5. Course Objective: Development of effective listening comprehension skills in Italian

Competencies:

1. Students listen to the professor and other students speaking Italian during lectures and are able to comprehend and follow directions and/or respond orally
2. Students listen to supplemental CDs and audio cassettes in class and as assigned homework and have sheets to complete
3. Students have dictations in class and as part of tests/exams

6. Course Objective: Development of basic conversational skills in Italian; students learn to communicate basic ideas with other students and the instructor through short dialogues and conversations

Competencies:

1. Students listen to questions and commands from the instructor and classmates and respond appropriately in familiar subject areas.
2. Students ask questions and give commands to the instructor and each other
3. Students read selections in class and discuss the readings using basic conversational Italian
4. Students discuss activities and daily routines with the instructor and classmates
5. Students watch videos/films and using basic conversational skills, discuss the video/film

7. Course Objective: Learn the culture and customs of people in Italian-speaking countries through cultural discussions in the classroom

Competencies:

1. Students learn Italian culture and customs, traditions and folklore through cultural segments introduced by the instructor in class and through cultural readings in the text
2. Students identify people, history, holidays, art, music, cooking, literature, architecture, and geography important to the study of Italian life and the influences of Italian culture worldwide

