

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus – SPRING 2025

Elementary Italian I

Course ID and 7-digit Number: ITAL 0100-301

Course Description

Italian 0100, or Elementary Italian I, is an introductory course for students who have never studied Italian before. Students are required to attend classes four times a week and complete the assigned material in a timely manner, as indicated by the instructor. Classes, taught in Italian, emphasize the development of communicative skills and conversational competence. Throughout the semester, students will develop their listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills. Learners will engage in meaningful tasks and interactive activities, inside and outside the classroom. Students will be exposed to authentic cultural materials, such as films, video clips, songs, and literature. Classwork will be supplemented with homework in the course text and other assignments provided by the instructor. In class, students will have abundant opportunities to speak individually, in pairs, in small groups, and with the instructor. Students who have previously studied Italian are **required** to take the **Placement Test**.

Prerequisites

- No prior study of Italian
- A score below 380 on the SAT II or the departmental written exam

Class Structure

- Students will attend classes MTWR 10:15-11:15 am
- Students will complete out-of-class assignments as indicated by the instructor (in Canvas and Blink Learning)
- Students' progress will be evaluated through a combination of low-stake and high-stake assessments (in-class tasks, compositions, forums discussions, written and oral exams, individual and collaborative presentations and projects)

Out-of-class Activities

- Daily Assignments (exercises in the workbook/Blink Learning, handouts, compositions, videos, research, mini presentations)
- Weekly Forum Discussion on Canvas
- Video/Voice recordings (Canvas, Panopto)

Outline of Assignments and Assessments

- Attendance, Participation, & Engagement 20%
- Italian in Context (in-class communicative tasks/presentations) 15%
- Homework 15%
- Compositions 15%
- Tests 15%
- Oral Exam 5%
- Final Project (*compito finale*) 15%

Essential Course Policies

- **Required textbook:** *New Italian Espresso: beginner and pre-intermediate (book + ebook)*. Alma Edizioni. **ISBN 9788861827240** (chapters covered 1-9)
- **Required Workbook:** *New Italian Espresso: beginner and pre-intermediate – Updated Edition* (Workbook) – to be purchase [here](#)
- Additional course material provided by the instructor.
- Access to Canvas

Any student may consult with [Student Financial Services](#) to find out what support they are eligible to receive to cover course costs or other items that ensure their health, safety, and secure learning environment.

Students needing accommodations of any kind should let the instructor know as soon as they are able.