

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus – SPRING 2025

Elementary Italian II

Course ID and 7-digit Number: ITAL 0200-304

Course description

Italian 0200, or Elementary Italian II, is a second semester continuation of our introductory Elementary Italian I course. Classes are conducted in Italian and emphasize the development of communicative skills and conversational competence. Throughout the semester, learners will develop cross-cultural, 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, and with accompanying assignments provided by the instructor. Students will have abundant opportunities to speak together as a class, in pairs, small groups, and with the instructor. **Students who have previously studied Italian are required to take the Placement Test.**

Prerequisites:

- Successful completion of ITAL 0100
- A score between 390 and 440 on the SAT II or the departmental written exam

Class Structure

- Students will attend classes MTWR 1:45-2:45pm
- 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

- Weekly forum discussion on Canvas
- Weekly Video/Voice recordings
- Daily assignments (exercises in the workbook/Blink Learning, handouts, compositions, videos, research, mini presentations)

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 9-15). **Students don't need to buy the textbook if they studied ITAL 100 at Penn (FALL 24)**
- **Required Workbook:** *New Italian Espresso: beginner and pre-intermediate – Updated Edition (Workbook)* – to be purchase [here](#)
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- 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.