

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus – SPRING 2025

Intermediate Italian I

Course ID and 7-digit Number: ITAL 0300-301

Course Description

ITAL 0300, or Intermediate Italian I, is the first half of a two-semester sequence designed to help students attain a level of proficiency that will allow them to function comfortably in an Italian-speaking environment. The course will build on students' existing skills in Italian, increase their confidence and their ability to read, write, speak, and understand the language, and introduce students to more refined lexical items, more complex grammatical structures, and more challenging course material. This course is organized around content-based modules that will allow students to explore culturally relevant topics and to develop cross-cultural skills through the exploration of similarities and differences between students' native culture and the Italian world. Classes will be conducted entirely in Italian. Attendance and participation in Italian is of the utmost importance because students will work collaboratively with their classmates and the instructor towards increased linguistic competence and a more complex understanding of Italian culture.

Prerequisites:

- Completion of Italian 0200
- A placement score between 450 and 540 on the SAT II or the departmental placement exam.

Class Structure

- Students will attend classes MWF 12:00-1:00 pm
- Students will complete out-of-class assignments as indicated by the instructor (Canvas)

Out-of-class Activities

- Forum discussion
- Video/Voice recordings
- Collaborative work
- Daily assignments (readings, handouts, videos, research, mini presentations)

Outline of Assignments and Assessments

- Attendance, Participation, and Engagement 15%
- Homework 15%
- Compositions 15%
- Presentations 10%
- Oral assessment 10%
- Exams 15%
- Final Project (*compito finale*) 20%

Essential Course Policies

- **No textbook is required.** Course Material (PowerPoints, handouts, video, articles, short stories, selections from novels, etc.) 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.