

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus – Fall 2024

Advanced Italian I

Course ID and 7-digit Number: ITAL 1000-301

Course Description

The goal of the Italian 1000-1200 sequence is to prepare students for study in upper-level courses in Italian literature and cinema by guiding them through a selection of films and readings specifically chosen to bring students to the required level of linguistic and cultural competence. The sequence is also suggested for those students who do not intend to pursue a Major or Minor in Italian but would like to further improve their knowledge of the Italian language and culture. Advanced Italian I will focus on a film, which will be used as a point of departure to explore contemporary Italian culture following its development since the 1960s. Pertinent texts as well as material in other media will complement the analysis of the films and allow an in-depth discussion of many essential topics. Audiovisual materials and readings have been carefully chosen to develop students' comprehension and production in Italian, and to enable them to function in an academic setting in which competence at the advanced level is required. Classwork will center primarily on conversation to improve students' fluency, vocabulary, and accuracy in speaking.

Prerequisites:

- Completion of Italian 0400 or 0340 (or its equivalent) at the University of Pennsylvania
- Exemption from the language requirement in Italian (based on the departmental exam)
- 650 and above on the SAT II exam
- A score of 4 or 5 on the Language or Literature Advanced Placement Italian exam

Class Structure for Fall 2024

- Students will attend classes MW 12:00-1:30 pm
- Students will complete out-of-class assignments as indicated by the instructor (Canvas)

Outline of Assignments and Assessments

- Attendance and Participation 15%
- Forum Discussions and Videos 15%
- Compositions 20%
- Presentations 10%
- Homework (readings, collaborative work, research, songs, mini-projects, etc.) 20%
- Final Project (*compito finale*) 20%

Essential Course Policies

- **No books are required** for ITAL 1000-301. Course materials will be 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.