

School of Arts & Sciences Prospectus – Fall 2022

Italian Teaching and Learning (Module I)

Course ID and 6-digit Number: ITAL 5910-301

Course Description

This graduate seminar (module I) offers an overview of multiple factors that influence language teaching and learning. Students will familiarize themselves with a variety of teaching strategies and methods (such as the oral approach, the natural approach, the communicative language teaching method, the total physical response, suggestopedia, etc.) as well as with principles of proficiency, and Second Language Acquisition theories (from behaviorism to innatism, from interactionist positions to cognitive theories). At the end of the course, students will be able to evaluate teaching methodologies, be familiar with Foreign Language Standards, learn to plan course syllabi and teaching materials, and develop appropriate language assessment tools. Readings include Patsy Lightbown, Lourdes Ortega, Alice Omaggio, Bill Van Patten, Jack Richards, Nina Spada, and Jessica Williams, and will be provided by the instructor. Undergraduates need permission to enroll.

* Active participation in this introductory module will be assessed and included in the final grade of next semester's course (module II).

Class Structure for Fall 2022

- In-Person Sessions Planned
- Students will attend classes on Thursdays 3:30-5:30 pm
- Students will complete out-of-class assignments as indicated by the instructor

Out-of-class Activities

- Weekly forum discussions
- Weekly readings
- Tasks' completion (assigned throughout the semester)
- Portfolio

Essential Course Policies

- All readings will be made available by the instructor
- Additional material and instructional videos will be made available by the instructor on 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 me know as soon as they are able.