



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES**

ITALIAN PROGRAMME

ITAL 114 INTRODUCTION TO THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 1 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 3 March to 2 July 2014

Teaching dates: 3 March to 6 June 2014

Easter/Mid-trimester break: 18 April to 4 May 2014

Last assessment item due: 19 June 2014

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

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Class times and locations

Lectures

There are three lectures per week, held at the following times:

Mondays 10.00am - 10.50am HM (Hugh Mackenzie) LT002

Wednesdays 10.00am - 10.50am MY (Murphy) LT220

Thursdays 10.00am - 10.50am HM (Hugh Mackenzie) LT002

Audio-visual (AV) classes

Students must attend ONE audio-visual (AV) class per week, at one of the following times and places:

Monday 12noon - 12.50pm vZ (von Zedlitz) 509

Wednesday 2.10pm – 3.00pm vZ (von Zedlitz) 506

Thursday 12noon - 12.50pm KK (Kirk) 203

Tutorials (oral classes)

Students must attend ONE tutorial class per week, at one of the following times and places:

Monday 9.00am - 9.50am vZ (von Zedlitz) 506

Wednesday 11.00am - 11.50am vZ (von Zedlitz) 106

Thursday 11.00am - 11.50am vZ (von Zedlitz) 106

Please note that audio-visual (AV) and oral classes (tutorials) start in the second week of the trimester.

Students must choose tutorial and AV class groups by signing up using the S-cubed system.

<https://signups.victoria.ac.nz>. You remain in your allotted group for the whole course, unless a change is authorised by the Course Co-ordinator.

To prepare for tutorials, students are strongly encouraged to spend 20 minutes during the week preceding each tutorial carrying out online vocabulary exercises via Blackboard. Please also note that cellular phones and pagers should be switched off for the duration of all classes and tutorials. Social media (eg. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and websites not related to the course may not be used during class.

Communication of additional information

The Italian noticeboard is in the corridor outside the rooms VZ614 and VZ615. Additional information or information on changes will be conveyed to students either via class, noticeboards, Blackboard, or email.

Prescription

This course for beginners provides an introduction to the Italian language through practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Reading and audio-visual materials illustrate the Italian way of life. This course is for absolute beginners. It may not be taken by students with prior knowledge of the language.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

ITAL114 is a first trimester 20-point beginner course for students in the Italian language. The course provides an introduction to the Italian language through practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing broadly in line with level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (“can

understand with ease virtually everything heard or read; b) can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation; c) can express him/herself spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in the most complex situations”).

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. understand and reproduce in both written and spoken Italian a variety of elementary grammatical structures using a basic vocabulary;
2. express themselves in Italian, both orally and in writing, on their activities and interests, as well as on a range of situations connected with daily life;
3. read basic Italian with relative ease;
4. write simple Italian from dictation;
5. read aloud simple passages with correct pronunciation, fluency and reasonable speed.

Teaching format

This course is delivered through three lectures, one tutorial and one audiovisual class per week. The lectures will mainly cover grammatical aspects of the Italian language and the development of written skills, such as written comprehension, translation of texts, and development of basic written expression in general. The tutorials will focus on the development of oral linguistic skills and the audiovisual classes will aim to develop listening comprehension skills. Both the tutorials and the audiovisual classes will require students’ active participation in group exercises or activities.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass of 50%, students must

1. attend a minimum of 80% of the audio-visual classes (AV);
2. prepare for and attend a minimum of 80% of the oral classes (tutorials);
3. submit the 2 written assignments by the date indicated;
4. sit the two written tests on the dates indicated;
5. sit the individual oral test at the appointed time;
6. sit the two listening comprehension (AV) tests at the appointed times.

Workload

The University Assessment Handbook has laid down guidelines as to the number of hours per week which students are expected to devote to a course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. In order to maintain satisfactory progress in this **20-point 200-hour course**, students should expect to work on average **16 hours** per week including contact hours - i.e., in the case of ITAL 114, **12 hours of private study outside class time**. Some students will find they need to do more than this, especially if they are aiming to achieve high grades. A possible distribution of this time each week would be:

In class time: 3 hours (weeks 1 and 12): 5 hours (weeks 2-11)

Outside class time:

Reading and reviewing class notes	30% (about 3 and ½ hours)
Written, oral and aural practice	30% (about 3 and ½ hours)
Assessment preparation	40% (about 4 and ½ hours)

Assessment

ITAL 114 is 100% internally assessed as follows

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Test 1	20%	1, 2, 3	10.04.14
2	Test 2	20%	1, 2, 3	05.06.14
3	Assignment 1 (translation IT>EN and commentary: 500 words)	10%	1, 2, 3	03.04.14
4	Assignment 2 (translation EN>IT and commentary: 500 words)	10%	1, 2, 3	22.05.14
5	Listening Comprehension (AV) Test 1	10%	1, 2, 4	16-17.04.14

6	Listening Comprehension (AV) Test 1	10%	1, 2, 4	29-30.05.14
7	Individual oral test (10%)	10%	1, 2, 3, 4	Week 12
8	Communicative/oral assessment based on weekly tutorial tasks	10%	1, 2, 3, 4	Weekly

Submission and return of work

Tidy presentation of assignments is essential. Work may be typed or neatly handwritten. Crossings-out indicate that a piece of work is still at draft stage. Allow space for correction: leave a 4-centimetre margin and write on alternate lines. Do not write in pencil.

All assignments must include a cover sheet available from the School of Languages and Cultures (SLC) office on the 6th floor of Von Zedlitz (vZ610). Assignments are to be handed into the Italian assignment slot located to the left of the SLC Office (vZ610). Corrected work will be handed out in class. If you do not collect your work in class, you will be able to collect it from the SLC Office (vZ610) between the hours of 10am and 2pm each day. A Student ID card will need to be shown to collect work.

Extensions and penalties

The due dates for the assignments given in the Course Programme *must* be adhered to. Although work may be accepted late in special circumstances, the Course Coordinator should always be contacted on or before the due dates if there is a problem.

The penalty for work presented late without prior approval is a *5% deduction per day*. In addition, please note that up to a *maximum of 5%* may be deducted for poorly presented assignments.

Please note that no work for assessment will be accepted after Thursday, 19 June, 4pm.

The dates of the tests given in the Course Programme *must* be adhered to. You should always sit a test if humanly possible, obtaining a medical certificate if you wish to claim impairment. If you sit a test but believe your performance has been radically affected by some medical or other factor, inform the Course Coordinator *immediately*. If you fail the test, you may be able to claim impairment. If you are unable to sit a test, for severe medical, personal or family reasons, you should do everything possible to notify the Course Co-ordinator, if necessary through the Administrator, *before* the test, or to get a friend or family member to do so on your behalf.

Only in cases of severe illness or other exceptionally difficult circumstances, which must normally be documented, can the Programme consider allowing students to sit a test at a different time from that indicated.

Set texts

T Marin, S Magnelli, *The Italian Project 1a – An Italian Course for English Speakers* (student's book and workbook together), Edilingua.

Gabriella Iacovoni, Nadia Persiani and Barbara Fiorentino, *Gramm.it for English Speakers: Italian Grammar*, Bonacci editore.

Set texts can be purchased from Vic Books, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Parade. They can also be ordered online at www.vicbooks.co.nz. Orders and enquiries can be emailed to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz.

Class representative

A class representative will be elected in the first week, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students. Class reps will attend a meeting with the Head of School to discuss how the course is going and to raise any concerns or suggestions that they may have. You can find out more information on Class Representatives on the VUWSA website: www.vuwsa.org.nz

Student feedback

Response to feedback for this course will be discussed in class or delivered via Blackboard.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at

http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php

Language Learning Centre (LLC)

The Language Learning Centre (LLC) is the University's technology-rich, multimedia centre supporting language learning.

At the LLC you can practise and extend your language learning. You can:

- Find materials to support your language studies, including dictionaries, textbooks and graded readers.
- Study independently using language learning software, audio material and DVDs.
- Find a welcoming environment with services and events, and onsite assistance and support for languages
- Become a Language Buddy or find a conversation group.

Visit the LLC on Level 0, von Zedlitz Building and take a look at our website www.victoria.ac.nz/llc.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

Course programme

Week	Starting	Class	Unit of <i>The Italian Project 1a</i>	Grammar topic (also covered in <i>Gramm.it</i>)	Assessment
1	3 March	Lect. 1	Introduction to the course		
		Lect. 2	Unità introduttiva	<i>Essere</i> (to be)	
		Lect. 3	Unità introduttiva	Nouns	
(no tutorials or AV classes in the first week)					
2	10 March	Lect. 1	Unità introduttiva	Definite articles	
		Lect. 2	Unità introduttiva	Definite articles / <i>Avere</i> (to have)	
		Lect. 3	Unità introduttiva	<i>Avere</i> (to have)/ Numbers	
		Tutorial		Oral communication activities	
		AV class		Audio-visual activities	
3	17 March	Lect. 1	Unità 1	Present tense	
		Lect. 2	Unità 1	Present tense	
		Lect. 3	Unità 1	Present tense/ Indefinite articles	
		Tutorial		Oral communication activities	
		AV class		Audio-visual activities	
4	24 March	Lect. 1	Unità 1	Present tense / indefinite articles	
		Lect. 2	Unità 1	Adjectives	
		Tutorial		Oral communication activities	
		AV class		Audio-visual activities	
		Lect. 3	Unità 2	Adjectives / Irregular present tense	
		Tutorial		Oral communication activities	
AV class		Audio-visual activities			

5	31 March	Lect. 1	Unità 2	Modal verbs	Assignment 1 due: Thursday 3 April, 4pm
		Lect. 2	Unità 2	Modal verbs	
		Lect. 3	Unità 2	Simple prepositions	
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	Audio-visual activities		
6	7 April	Lect. 1	Revision		Thursday 10 April, 10am
		Lect. 2	Revision		
		Lect. 3	Written test 1		
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	Audio-visual activities		
7	14 April	Lect. 1	Unità 3	Combined prepositions	in weekly AV class
		Lect. 2	Unità 3	Combined prepositions	
		Lect. 3	Unità 3	Partitives	
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	AV Test 1		
EASTER/MID-TRIMESTER BREAK: 18 APRIL – 4 MAY					
8	5 May	Lect. 1	Unità 4	Possessives	
		Lect. 2	Unità 4	<i>Passato prossimo (with avere)</i>	
		Lect. 3	Unità 4	<i>Passato prossimo (with essere)</i>	
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	Audio-visual activities		

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9	12 May	Lect. 1	Unità 4	<i>Passato prossimo</i> (irregular forms)	
		Lect. 2	Unità 4	Practice of verbs (present and past tense)	
		Lect. 3	Unità 4	Practice of verbs (present and past tense)	
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	Audio-visual activities		
10	19 May	Lect. 1	Unità 5	<i>Passato prossimo</i> /Future tense	Assignment 2 due: Thursday 22 May, 4pm
		Lect. 2	Unità 5	Future tense	
		Lect. 3	Unità 5	Future tense (irregular forms)	
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	Audio-visual activities		
11	26 May	Lectures 1, 2, 3	Revision		in weekly AV class
		Tutorial	Oral communication activities		
		AV class	AV test 2		
12	2 June	Lecture 2	Written Test 2		Thursday 5 June, 10am
			Individual Oral Test: time and place to be advised (week 12).		

Note that on Monday 3 June the University is closed. Please be advised that due to the individual oral tests, there will be no lectures (except the one on Tuesday 4 June, when students will sit the Written Test 2), no AV classes and no tutorials this week (week 1).

