

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

**ITALIAN PROGRAMME
ITAL 315 ITALIAN LANGUAGE 3A**

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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The Course Coordinator and Senior Lecturer for ITAL315 is Dr Marco Sonzogni. The Oral (tutorial) and audio-visual (AV) classes are taught by Dr Marco Sonzogni and Alessandro Macilenti. Staff are available for student consultation at times indicated on the doors of their offices.

Class times and locations

Lectures

Mondays and Wednesdays 11.00am-11.50am in vZ (von Zedlitz) 710

Tutorials (Oral Classes)

Monday 1.10pm-2.00pm in KK (Kirk) 203

Audiovisual Classes

Wednesday 1.10pm-2.00pm in MY (Murphy) 531

Please note that tutorials and AV classes start in the second week of the trimester. Please also note that mobiles 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 VZ5614 and VZ615. Additional information or information on changes will be conveyed to students either via class, noticeboards, Blackboard, or email.

Prescription

An advanced course building on ITAL 216, designed to improve performance in speaking and writing, reading and oral comprehension. Lectures present written and audio-visual materials illustrating various aspects of Italy and help students learn advanced syntax, idiom and vocabulary. The tutorial and audio-visual classes support fluent oral skills and listening comprehension.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

The course learning objectives of ITAL 315 are broadly in line with levels upper B2-lower C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. read and comprehend a variety of authentic Italian texts;
2. have a sufficient grasp of the main current affairs to read Italian newspapers with a reasonable degree of linguistic and contextual comprehension;
3. write with a good degree of grammatical accuracy and a wide range of standard vocabulary;
4. comprehend standard Italian spoken at normal speed;
5. speak on a variety of topics confidently, fluently and with a reasonably good pronunciation;
6. translate either from Italian into English with a reasonable level of accuracy and speed.

Teaching format

This course is delivered through two 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 advanced 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:

- (i) attend a minimum of 80% of the oral (tutorial) and audio-visual (AV) classes;
- (ii) submit the 2 written assignments by the date indicated;
- (iii) sit the 2 written tests on the dates indicated;
- (iv) sit the 2 tutorial/AV tests on the dates indicated;
- (v) attend the oral test at the appointed time.

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 315, **13 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: 2 hours (weeks 1 and week 12); 4 hours (weeks 2-11)

Outside class time:

Reading and reviewing class notes 30% (about 3 hours)

Written, oral and aural practice 30% (about 3 hours)

Assessment preparation 40% (about 4 hours)

Assessment

ITAL 315 is 100% internally assessed as follows:

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Test 1	20%	1, 2, 3, 6	09.04.14
2	Test 2	20%	1, 2, 3, 6	04.06.14
3	Assignment 1 (translation and commentary: 1500 words)	10%	1, 2, 3, 6	24.03.14
2	Assignment 2 (translation and commentary: 1500 words)	10%	1, 2, 3, 6	15.05.14
3	Listening Comprehension (AV) Test 1	10%	4, 5	09.04.14
3	Listening Comprehension (AV) Test 1	10%	4, 5	28.05.14
2	Individual oral test (10%)	10%	4, 5	Week 12
3	Tutorial class assessment based on class tasks	10%	4, 5	Weeks 2-11

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 sixth 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, June 19, 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 Coordinator, 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, *Progetto Italiano 3. Libro dello studente* (Italian version), Edilingua.

A. Bidetti, M. Domenici, L. Piccolo, *Progetto Italiano 3. Quaderno degli esercizi. Corso multimediale di lingua e civiltà italiana* (Italian version), Edilingua.

G. Iacovoni, N. Persiani and B. 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	Chapter of <i>Nuovo Progetto Italiano</i>	Assessment
1	3 March	Lecture 1: Infinito presente e passato Lecture 2: Espressioni con il congiuntivo <i>NO Tutorial class this week</i> <i>NO AV class this week</i>	Unità 1 Unità 2	
2	10 March	Lecture 1: Forme irregolari di comparazione Lecture 2: Pronomi diretti e indiretti Tutorial class AV class	Unità 4 Unità 3 Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	
3	17 March	Lecture 1: Pronomi combinati e verbi pronominali Lecture 2: Participio passato + pronomi Tutorial class AV class	Unità 5-7 Unità 3 Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	
4	24 March	Lecture 1: Ci Lecture 2: Reggenze verbali con A e DI Tutorial class AV class	Unità 5 Unità 6 Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	Assignment 1 due: Thursday, 24 March, 5pm

5	31 March	Lecture 1: Revision Lecture 2: Mock Written Test Tutorial class AV class	Unità 1-7 Unità Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	
6	7 April	Lecture 1: Correction Mock Written Test 1 Lecture 2: Written Test 1 Tutorial class AV class	Oral communication activities	Written Test 1: Wednesday, 9 April, 11am AV Test 1: in AV class
7	14 April	Lecture 1: Possessivi e relativi Lecture 2: La forma passiva Tutorial class AV class	Unità 7-8-9 Unità 9 Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	
MID-TRIMESTER BREAK: 18 APRIL – 4 MAY				
8.	5 May	Lecture 1: Indicativo imperfetto e trapassato prossimo Lecture 2: Condizionale presente e passato Tutorial class AV class	Unità 10 Unità 8 Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	
9.	12 May	Lecture 1: Congiuntivo presente Lecture 2: Congiuntivo passato Tutorial class AV class	Unità 15 Unità 15 Oral communication activities Audio-visual Language	Assignment 2 due: Thursday 15 May, 5pm
10.	19 May	Lecture 1: Revision Lecture 2: Revision Tutorial class AV class	Unità 7-9 Unità 10-15 Oral communication activities Audio-visual language	
11.	26 May	Lecture 1 Mock Written Test Lecture 2: Correction Mock Written Test Tutorial class AV class	Oral communication activities AV Test 2	AV Test 2 in AV class
12.	2 June	Lecture 1: Written test 2 <i>NO lecture 2, AV classes or tutorials this week</i>		Written Test 2: Wednesday 4 June, 11am

Individual Oral Test: time and place to be advised (week 12)