



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code ITAL-202	Course Title Italian Language and Culture IV	ECTS Credits 6
Department Centre of Modern Languages	Semester Fall / Spring	Prerequisites ITAL-201 or Plida certificate A1/ Celi certificate A1 / Cils certificate A1 or placement test
Type of Course Elective	Field Languages	Language of Instruction Italian / English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st to 4 th	Lecturer(s) Michalis Pojiatzis
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- introduce (a basic level of) Italian language
- facilitate the development of speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in Italian
- familiarize students with cultural, geographical and historical aspects of Italian speaking populations.
- make students aware of cultural differences and similarities so that they demonstrate intercultural competence.

By the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to function at the A2 (Waystage) level of the Common European Framework for Languages.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

Listening skills

Catch the main points in short messages and simple exchange of information:

- identify the main points of a conversation and of oral documents around familiar issues (e.g. education, employment)
- identify information given by speakers who use grammatically simple

sentences with a degree of accuracy

Speaking skills

Handle a direct exchange of information on familiar topics:

- engage in conversation on familiar and routine topics (in the present, past and future)
- describe personal experiences and matters in areas of immediate environment
- narrate simple events (in the present, past and future)
- communicate using grammatically simple sentences with a degree of accuracy

Reading skills

Read very short simple texts, such as a job announcement, an advertisement, a poem, or a short newspaper article:

- scan for information in a simple text
- extrapolate the meaning of occasional unknown words from the context and deduce sentence meaning provided that the topic presented is familiar

Writing skills

Write short, simple texts relating to matters of immediate need:

- describe an event or personal experiences
- write a friendly letter to invite, thank, present excuses, ask for information, congratulate.
- send an announcement to a newspaper while looking for a new flat
- write a CV for a job application

Course Contents:

Students are familiar with most of the following **grammar** structures:

- Reflexive verbs
- Reflexive verbs in compound tenses
- Modal verbs in the reflexive verbs
- Impersonal expressions and verbs (Forma impersonale)
- Indirect object pronouns and compound tenses
- Modal verbs in the indirect pronouns
- Imperative (Imperativo diretto)
- Imperative with pronouns
- Conditionals

They can identify and use **vocabulary** about the following topics and situations:

- Discussing, criticizing and/or justifying preferences, mailing, giving advice or orders, directions, transport and travelling, vocabulary of music, leisure and entertainment, clothing, education.

They are familiar with some aspects of the target **culture(s)**:

- Fashion in Italian culture, designers and big names of “made in Italy”, contemporary

Italian music, leisure and entertainment, mailing, education, transport and travelling.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, multi-media techniques (audio/video/information technology), discussion with class participation, group/pair work

Assessment Methods:

Participation in structured oral discussions, listening comprehension tests, reading comprehension tests, grammar and vocabulary tests, summarising and reading for gist, paraphrasing, writing short texts

The grading policy includes: Quizzes; Mid-Term Exam; Final Exam; Class Participation; Writing Assignment

Required Textbooks/Readings:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
T. Marin, S. Magnelli	Nuovo Progetto Italiano 1(A1/A2) , Libro dello studente (with interactive cd-rom)	Edizioni Edilinqa	2009	978-960-6632-24-5
T. Marin, S. Magnelli	Nuovo Progetto Italiano 1(A1/A2) , Quaderno degli esercizi	Edizioni Edilinqa	2009	978-960-6632-25-9