

FNLG 15011 - Conversational Italian 1

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Course Description

1051i. Conversational Italian 1. An introductory course focused on developing functional conversation skills in the chosen language. Prereq.: None. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
	Spunti: Italiano elementare 1	Daniel Leisawitz and Daniela Viale	

This textbook is available for free online at:

<https://open.muhlenberg.pub/italiano-elementare-1/front-matter/foreword/>

You can also choose to print or download the book in various formats at:

<https://open.muhlenberg.pub/italiano-elementare-1/>

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Wed	8/26	Introduction to course	What we will cover in this course along with the online platforms that will be used	
Wed	9/2	Unit 1 - Review pages 7-19	l'alfabeto, la pronuncia, subject pronouns and the verb essere, numbers, formal/informal forms of address	DUE at 4:59PM 9/2 Read pages 7-19 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 9/2'
Wed	9/9	Unit 1 - Review pages 23-31	Definite articles, singular nouns, important expressions to order, making plurals, how to say 'THE', the verb piacere	Due at 4:59PM 9/9 Read pages 23-31 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 9/9'
Wed	9/16	Unit 2 - Review pages 43-51	Interrogatives, adjectives	Due at 4:59PM 9/16 Read pages 43-51 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 9/16'

Wed	9/23	Unit 2 - Review pages 53-58	Expressing opinions using exclamations, L'Italia secondo Umberto Eco, cultural reading	Due 4:59PM 9/23 Read pages 53-58 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 9/23'
Wed	9/30	Unit 3 - Review pages 65-71	The verb 'avere', seasons, months and days of the week, school subjects	Due 4:59PM 9/30 Read pages 65-71 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 9/30'
Wed	10/7	Unit 3 - Review pages 73-79	Present tense of verbs, most common regular verbs	Due 4:59PM 10/7 Read pages 73-79 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 10/7'
Wed	10/14	Unit 4 - Review pages 89-97	Telling time, common irregular verbs and their conjugations	Due 4:59PM 10/14 Read pages 89-97 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 10/14'
Wed	10/21	Unit 4 - Review page 100	Continue learning the conjugations of common irregular verbs	Due 4:59PM 10/21 Read page 100 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 10/21'
Wed	10/28	Unit 5 - Review pages 115-133	Italian houses, possessive adjectives	Due 4:59PM 10/28 Read pages 115-133 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 10/28' Due by 11:59PM - Topic due for cultural presentation - Google form will be shared
Wed	11/4	Unit 5 - Review pages 135-137	The Italian family, simple and articulated prepositions	Due 4:59PM 11/4 Read pages 135-137 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 11/4'
Wed	11/11	No class		
Wed	11/18	Unit 6 - Review pages 153-161	Discussing past events in Italian, the passato prossimo	Due 4:59PM 11/18 Read pages 135-161 Complete assignments found in the Blackboard folder labeled 'Assignments due 11/18'
Wed	11/25	No class		Due by 11:59PM - Powerpoint of your cultural presentation
Wed	12/2	Cultural presentations		
Wed	12/9	Cultural presentations		

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