

University of Jordan
Department of European Languages (DEL) – Italian Section
First Semester 2014/2015

Course Title : **Italian for Beginners 1**
Course Code : 2203105
Prerequisite : None

Course Objectives:

This language course aims at introducing students to the grammatical structures of Italian with the aim of training them to understand the spoken and the written texts.

Learning Outcomes:

A: Knowledge and Understanding (Students should):

- A1) know some Italian vocabulary,
- A2) know the basic elements of a simple sentence, and
- A3) understand the internal relations between the elements of an Italian sentence.

B: Intellectual/Cognitive/Analytical Skills (Students should be able to):

- B1) recognize the basic elements of a simple sentence such as: verb, noun, adjective, pronoun, etc.,
- B2) analyze a simple Italian sentence into its basic units, and
- B3) recognize some similarities and differences between the Italian language and their native language.

C: Subject Specific Skills (Students should):

- C1) distinguish the Italian sounds and words,
- C2) recognize some Italian vocabulary necessary for oral and written skills,
- C3) conjugate the Italian main and auxiliary verbs, and
- C4) recognize simple present and past tenses.

D: Transferable Skills (Students should):

- D1) read and understand the Italian language,
- D2) study vocabulary and build up simple sentences,
- D3) speak simple sentences out loud,
- D4) write simple Italian passages, and
- D5) know about the customs and lifestyle of Italy and Italian speaking world.

Teaching Methods:

- 1) **Lectures:** three hours per week. (Regular attendance is essential.)
- 2) **Assignments:** The students are asked to read the textbook in advance and to practice the oral conversation they learn in classroom.
- 3) **Reports:** The students are asked to prepare simple dialogues in order to practice the language use in classroom.
- 4) **Projects:** With the help of the teacher, the students are asked to choose a simple Italian text (mainly a simple fable), read it, understand it, rewrite it by their own words, and narrate it loudly in classroom.

Tests and Evaluations:

Participation and activities	: %20
Mid-Term Exam	: %30
Final Exam	: %50

Textbooks:

☞ Chiuchiù, A., F. Minciarelli e M. Silvestrini: *Grammatica italiana per stranieri: IN ITALIANO I*. Edizione Guerra, Perugia 1990. (+ cassettes).

☞ Chiuchiù, A., M. C. Fazi and R. Bagianti: *I verbi italiani: regolari e irregolari*. Edizione Guerra, Perugia 1983.

Course Schedule:

WEEK	TOPIC	READINGS
First	Introduction	-----
Second	The verb <i>ESSERE</i> : simple present, names and adjectives.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 1
Third	The verb <i>ESSERE</i> : simple present, names and adjectives.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 1
Fourth	The verb <i>AVERE</i> : simple present, names and adjectives (in <i>-e</i>).	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 2
Fifth	The verb <i>AVERE</i> : simple present, names and adjectives (in <i>-e</i>).	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 2
Sixth	The three main groups of the Italian verb: simple present, and the article.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 3
Seventh	The three main groups of the Italian verb: simple present, and the article.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 3
Eighth	The three main groups of the Italian verb: simple present, and the article.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 3
Ninth	Possessive pronouns, irregular verbs, prepositions, and expressions of time.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 4
Tenth	Possessive pronouns, irregular verbs, prepositions, and expressions of time.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 4
Eleventh	Past tense (<i>passatoprossimo</i>), other prepositions and articles, and irregular plurals.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 4
Twelfth	Past tense (<i>passatoprossimo</i>), other prepositions and articles, and irregular plurals.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 5

Thirteenth	Past tense (<i>passatoprossimo</i>), other prepositions and articles, and irregular plurals.	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Unit 5
Fourteenth	Revision	Chiuchiù, Minciarelli and Silvestrini Units1-5
Fifteenth	Practice	Reading, Listening, Writing and conversation

Participation and Attendance

The course is taught in Italian. Attendance is mandatory; absences is allowed to a maximum of 15% of the lectures. If more than 7 classes (Sun., Tues. and Thurs.) and of 5 classes (Mon. & Wed.) are missed, students cannot take the final exam. Attendance, interest, active participation and homework are assessed with 20% of the final grade. Students are expected to have completed homework BEFORE class, come prepared with questions and also to participate in in-class work. Students must have a copy of the required textbook and bring it to class.