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ITA 101: Elementary Italian I

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

Catalog Description

Prerequisite: RDG099 or ENG 104

This course introduces grammar and pronunciation of Italian and includes practice in speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing.

Textbook and Course Materials

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at rcgc.bncollege.com.

Evaluation Assessment

Online Proctoring

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring.

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Quizzes
- Exams
- Written Assignments
- Cultural Project
- Attendance and Participation

Grading

The grading scale for each course and section will be determined by the instructor and distributed the first day of class.

Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

ITA 101 Core Competencies

This course focuses on five of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written and Oral Communication
- Technological Competency
- Information Literacy
- Humanistic Perspective
- Global and Cultural Awareness

Student Learning Outcomes: Elementary Italian I

| <p style="text-align: center;">Successful completion of ITA 101 will help students:</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">RCSJ Core Competencies</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Evaluation / Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)</p> |
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| <p>Communicate at a basic literacy level, orally and in writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recall what has been learned and reproduce the information in written form • Imitate the learned vocabulary and recite the information so that it is comprehensible to the sympathetic listener • Comprehend and interpret basic learned written information • Use correct grammar • Develop conversational skills and use basic idiomatic expressions <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Read and translate level appropriate material</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written Communication - Oral Communication - Humanistic Perspective | <p>Quizzes Exams Assignments Attendance and Participation</p> |
| <p>Recognize and compare the customs of their own culture and Italian culture:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and contribute thoughts and ideas on education, the family and elections • Develop awareness of Italy's geography | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written Communication - Oral Communication - Humanistic Perspective - Global and Cultural Awareness | <p>Cultural Project Attendance and Participation</p> |
| <p>Apply technology to enhance language acquisition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the internet to complete a series of self quizzes online • Use the internet to do research for a cultural project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Written Communication - Oral Communication - Technological Competency - Information Literacy - Humanistic Perspective - Global and Cultural Awareness | <p>Assignments Cultural Project Attendance and Participation</p> |

Topical Outline

- Basic Patterns of Pronunciation
- Reading Techniques for English Speakers
- Introduction to the Cultural Elements of the Regions where the Italian Language is Spoken
- Classification of Nouns by Gender
- Pluralization of Nouns
- Adjectives:
 - Quantitatives
 - Qualitatives
 - Possessives
 - Demonstratives
- Agreement in Gender and Number between Articles, Adjectives, and Nouns
- Possessive Structures and Expressions
- Numbers and Telling Time
- Present and Past Tense Verb Conjugation Patterns and Basic Sentence Syntax
- Use of Subject and Reflexive Pronouns

ORAL EVALUATION RUBRIC

Student: _____

Date: _____

Topic: _____

Interview

Role Playing

Other Format

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| Comprehension Ability to understand aural cues and respond appropriately | (poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (excellent) |
| Comprehensibility Ability to communicate ideas and be understood | (poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (excellent) |
| Syntax Ability to use structures correctly | (poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (excellent) |
| Fluency Ability to communicate clearly and smoothly | (poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (excellent) |
| Vocabulary Ability to use learned vocabulary correctly | (poor) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | (excellent) |

TOTAL POINTS

NOTES:

Oral Evaluation Rubric

Comprehension:

- **4:** Speaker understands **all** of what is said to him or her.
- **3:** Speaker understands **most** of what is said to him or her.
- **2:** Speaker understands **some** of what is said to him or her.
- **1:** Speaker understands **little** of what is said to him or her.

Comprehensibility:

- **4:** Listener understands **all** of what the speaker is trying to communicate, when language is spoken at a normal speed.
- **3:** Listener understands **most** of what the speaker is trying to communicate, when language is spoken at a normal speed.
- **2:** Listener understands **less than half** of what the speaker is trying to communicate. Errors make it difficult to understand.
- **1:** Listener understands **little** of what the speaker is communicating.

Syntax:

- **4:** Speaker demonstrates **high degree of control** of language, including grammar and word order. **Errors are self-corrected.**
- **3:** Demonstrates **moderate degree of control** of language. **Minor** grammatical **errors**, which do not interfere with comprehension.
- **2:** Demonstrates **inaccuracies in the control** of language. **Many errors** in agreement or verb forms; errors in basic grammar.
- **1:** Demonstrates **little control** of language. **Serious errors** hinder overall comprehensibility. Communication is inappropriate.

Fluency:

- **4:** Speaker speaks **clearly**; some self correcting; hesitates but communicates easily.
- **3:** Speaker has **few** problems; occasional halting and fragmentary delivery; is able to rephrase.
- **2:** Speaker has **some** problems; frequent halting; repeats the question word before responses.
- **1:** Speaker has **severe** problems; struggles with pronunciation and intonation; incomprehensible and inappropriate.

Vocabulary:

- **4:** Uses **full range** of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Use of relevant words
- **3:** Uses a **variety** of appropriate vocabulary.
- **2:** Uses vocabulary that is **sometimes not appropriate or relevant.**
- **1:** Uses **limited** vocabulary, which is often incomprehensible and inappropriate.

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Department of Special Services

The Department of Special Services is located in the Instructional Center, room 425A. The Special Services Department is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal access to eligible students with documented disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments. If you are an eligible student with a documented disability please visit our website at RCSJ.edu/SpecialServices or call the office at 856-415-2265 or 856-415-2247 to speak to the Assistant Director Carol Weinhardt, cweinhar@rcsj.edu.

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault and Resource Referrals (8/2020) Gloucester Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Crimes that pose a threat to the campus community must be reported to 9-1-1, Security, the Sheriff's Office or the Deptford Township Police Department. All employees, including Security staff, must report incidents of discrimination, harassment or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Officer.

| Service | Resource | Phone Number/Location/Website |
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| Non-Confidential Reporting Local Law Enforcement | Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Deptford Township Police Dept. Gloucester Co. Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Response Team | 856-681-2200 856-845-2220 856-384-5500 856-384-5555 |
| Non-Confidential Reporting 9-1-1 and Campus Security | 9-1-1 Gloucester County Emergency Management Dispatch Campus Security Blue Light Emergency Phones OR ext. 4444 from any campus desk phone | 9-1-1 or push RED button on Campus Blue Light Emergency Phones 856-681-6287 |
| Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services | Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance John F. Ryder Director Student and Veteran Affairs | 856-415-2154 College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu 856-468-5000, ext. 6456 College Center, room 202 jryder@rcsj.edu |
| Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services | Lois Y. Lawson-Bridgell, Ph.D. MSW, LSW, Director Counseling & Wellness Services Center William Leonard, Ph.D. Intervention Teams Consultant Crystal Noboa, LSW, MSW Director, The Center for People in Transition (PIT) Diane Mussoline, EdS, LMFT Director of Behavioral Services | 856-464-5236 l Lawsonb@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 206 856-415-2119 wleonard@rcsj.edu College Center, STEM Office C-168 856-415-2264 cnoboa@rcsj.edu Workforce Development Bldg., room 809 856-494-5665 dmussoli@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 200A |
| Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support | Center for Family Services/ Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV) | 1-866-295-7378 Camden and Gloucester counties centerffs.org/serv |
| Hospitals with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners | Inspira Medical Center Jefferson Washington Township Hospital | 700 Mullica Hill Rd. Mullica Hill, NJ · 856-508-1000 435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Turnersville, NJ · 856-582-2500 |