

Italian Class Syllabus

Course Title: Italian

Instructor: Professore Schiano

Course Duration: SEP 24 to JUNE 25

Course Description:

This course introduces students to the Italian language, covering basic grammar, vocabulary, and cultural aspects. Emphasis will be placed on developing conversational skills, comprehension, and appreciation of Italian culture through various multimedia resources.

Course Objectives:

1. **Develop Basic Communication Skills:** Ability to understand and use everyday expressions and basic phrases.
2. **Understand Italian Grammar:** Grasp fundamental grammar rules and sentence structures.
3. **Expand Vocabulary:** Learn essential vocabulary related to common topics such as greetings, family, food, and travel.
4. **Cultural Awareness:** Gain insight into Italian customs, traditions, and cultural norms.
5. **Improve Pronunciation:** Practice correct Italian pronunciation and intonation.

Required Materials:

- Please bring 2 pencils to class daily.
- Please bring a notebook daily. We will be taking a lot of notes in this course. Notes will be your study guide
- Please bring your charged Chromebook daily. Points will be deducted if your not prepared
- A folder to collect your assignments

Grading and Evaluation:

- **Do Nows, Classwork, Class Participation/Preparation, Duolingo, HW:** 20%- LEVEL 1
- **Quizzes, guided notes, Oral exams, Nearpod:** 30%- LEVEL 2
- **Tests, projects, Flipgrid, Oral exams:** 50%- LEVEL 3

Classroom Rules- Phone Calls are made daily to parents!

- **When you come into the classroom please sit at your assigned seat. If any issues occur please see Professore Schiano. Seats will be changed at discretion as well.**
- **When the music stops in the classroom and you see Professore Schiano put the one up that means class has begun.**

- **Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for language acquisition. Please inform Professore Schiano in advance of any absences. If you are absent for more than 18 days you will be in NO CREDIT STATUS.
- **Late Assignments:** Assignments submitted late will incur a penalty unless prior arrangements are made. It is your responsibility to find out what assignments we missed and what we did in class previously.
- Only try to speak ITALIAN in my classroom. Everything else is prohibited.

1. Respect and Courtesy

- **Be Respectful:** Listen to others when they speak and allow everyone to express their thoughts. Respect diverse opinions and cultural backgrounds. No making fun of any student when they are trying to speak the targeted language.
- **Use Polite Language:** Address classmates and the instructor with courtesy. Use “per favore” (please) and “Grazie” (thank you) appropriately.

2. Active Participation

- **Engage in Activities:** Participate actively in class activities, discussions, and group work. Your involvement is crucial for language practice and learning and your grade will be improved as well.
- **Speak Italian:** Use Italian as much as possible during class to practice and improve your language skills. Try the best you can to improve your language skills and your grade.

3. Punctuality and Attendance

- **Be On Time:** Arrive at class on time. Late arrivals can disrupt the flow of the lesson and affect your learning.
- **Lates:** 1. If you are late to my class after the bell rings and it's been more than 5 minutes. 1st time will be a warning. 2nd time will be a detention during SAP with me and a phone call home. 3rd time will be a phone call home and write-ups after that point. If you would like your late with Professore Schiano please do.

4. Preparedness

- **Bring Materials:** Bring your notebook, pencil, papers, and any required materials to each class. Come prepared to participate and learn. Your grade will be affected by this.
- **Complete Assignments:** Submit homework and assignments on time. Incomplete or late work may affect your grade. Make sure you bring them to class on Chromebook or on paper.

5. Technology Use

- **Minimize Distractions:** Keep mobile phones and other electronic devices on silent or turned off unless used for class activities. Avoid distractions during lessons. Phones will be kept in a phone holder and you will have an assigned number. Failure to put your phone in the bin or if I see the phone out in class will result in an automatic write-up.
- **Use Technology Appropriately:** Follow the instructor's guidelines for using computers during class. In addition, Go Guardian will be up every class and it will see everything you are doing. Watch out Professore Schiano is watching.

6. Classroom Behavior

- **Raise Your Hand:** If you have a question or comment, raise your hand and wait for permission to speak. This helps maintain order and ensures everyone has a chance to participate. Please keep questions at the end of the lesson.
- **Bathroom Procedure:** If a student needs to go the bathroom they must follow these rules. Raise your hand and when Professore Schiano calls on you please say: “Scusi, posso andare in Bagno”. Professore Schiano will say si or no if you can go depending on the time and what we are doing. Do not disrupt Professore Schiano's lesson. When he says si please sign the paper by his desk and write your first and last name,

block, time in and out. If you are out of my classroom for more than 10 minutes it can result in an automatic write-up. Please see Professore Schiano for more clarification.

- **Follow the Instructions stated by Professore Schiano. They will only be repeated once.**

7. Academic Integrity

- **Do Your Own Work:** Complete assignments and exams independently. Plagiarism or cheating will not be tolerated.
- **Seek Help When Needed:** If you're struggling with a concept, ask for help rather than resorting to dishonest practices. Also please come to SAP if you need assistance or if you need extra time.

8. Respect for Property

- **Handle Materials Carefully:** Clean up after yourself and leave the classroom in good condition. Treat all of Professore Schiano's belongings with respect.

9. Communication

- **Ask Questions:** If you don't understand something, ask questions. Don't be afraid too.
Provide Feedback: Share constructive feedback with the instructor to help improve the learning experience for everyone.

10. Personal Responsibility

- **Manage Your Time:** Balance your classroom commitments with study time and other responsibilities. Stay organized and keep track of deadlines.
- **Be Open to Learning:** Approach the course with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. Embrace mistakes as part of the learning process. Try the best you can and I guarantee you will succeed.

Student Refocus Form- Please fill out this form and sit quietly at your desk until I am able to come and speak with you. Be sure to answer questions clearly so all interested parties will understand what happened. This form will be filled out if you are consistently late, have consistent behavior issues, or you're just really having a bad day. Professor Schiano will ask for you to step outside the classroom for a discussion. If Professore Schiano is with a student outside of the classroom the entire class is to remain quiet and if consistent talking occurs disciplinary actions will be taken.

Detentions: If you have been late or Professore Schiano assigned you detention then you must come at 2:00 PM to his classroom during SAP. Detention is from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM rules are to remain quiet during the entire duration and no phones are allowed. Also, a phone call will be made to guardians regarding detentions and what is occurring in the classroom.

SAP Hours/Office hours:

- **SAP days are every Tuesday: from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM, and every Friday from 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM.**