

Indiana University
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Spring 2017 – M100 (Beginning Online Italian I)

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Required Text: *Sentieri. Attraverso l'Italia contemporanea, 2nd edition.*
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Vista Higher Learning . Textbook + access code for Supersite.

Welcome to M100: Beginning Italian I Online Course. This course focuses on developing students' competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. M100 will be held entirely online. You will not need to be physically present on campus in order to be a student in this class. You will use the Textbook *Sentieri* published by Vista Higher Learning and the Supersite. You will need to purchase access to Supersite with your textbook, and activate your Adobe Connect account (available for Indiana University students for free). Since the course will be held entirely online it requires students **to work independently and follow a very structured syllabus**. Each day you will be involved in a variety of online tasks such as reading, listening, completing exercises, posting writing assignments and recording responses on the Supersite. Twice a week during our virtual classroom time, you will meet with your instructors and a small number of classmates on Zoom. Your instructors will be available for online office hours twice a week.

Course Requirements and Information

Textbook

- Julia M. Cozzarelli, *Sentieri*, Vista Higher Learning, (Supersite + WebSam + vText Code) **2nd edition**

Technology

- You will need to have access to a computer with headphones, a microphone, a video camera and high speed internet.
- You will use Zoom for Virtual Class meetings, office hours and to communicate with your instructor and classmates. In order to join the class meeting follow that you find in the course navigation of our Canvas page.
- For tech support regarding use of Zoom contact **UITS Collaboration Technologies Help Desk:**
Phone: 812-856-2020
Email: cthelf@iu.edu
Web: <http://collaboration.iu.edu>

- You will use Supersite for textbook *Sentieri* published by Vista Higher Learning. (refer to additional handout for detailed instructions on how to purchase the code and sign up for you class). For tech support regarding use of the Supersite visit: support.vhlcentral.com
- In order to register to the correct section on Supersite follow this link: https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/422269/student_instructions

Course Structure & Policies

1. **Supersite:** Each day you will be asked to follow a carefully structured syllabus and get involved in a variety of online tasks on Supersite. **You must work independently and follow the syllabus.** You must submit online exercises by the date you find on Supersite. No late work will be accepted. Remember: your Supersite work is 20% of your final grade! The computer graded assignments are for credit only and they will constitute 70% of your grade; the instructor graded activities will be for a grade and they will constitute 30% of your grade. We reserve the right to reset any activities if we notice that you do not put your best effort into your work. For each day after the due date you will lose 10% of the grade for the late assignment.
2. **Virtual Class (once a week):** Tuesday will log in to Zoom to meet with your instructor and other students. You can choose between two meeting times: either Tuesday 9:30-10:45 am or Tuesday 7:15-8:30 pm. You need to make the decision which meeting time works best for you and follow that time throughout the course. Occasional changes are possible, but the instructor needs to be aware of how many students are going to attend each session. **Please, bring a current picture ID to the first Virtual Class meeting.**
The Virtual classroom is for practicing speaking skills. The instructor will address the grammar in very concise fashion. It is your responsibility to study and learn the grammar before coming to class. Do not forget: it is an ONLINE course.
 You are allowed ONE excused absence. Each absence beyond the allowed one will lower your final grade by 4%. **It is your responsibility to provide the medical note to your instructor within a week of your absence. The note must state that you were unable to attend class due to illness (neither in the morning nor in the evening).** During online meetings you need to speak Italian, participate and have fun.
3. **Office Hours:** The instructor will hold office hours (using Zoom or in person – if requested). If you are on campus, you can set up a face to face appointment with your instructor.
4. **Mini Lectures:** You will be asked to watch mini lectures that will be posted on Canvas. These lectures cover the most demanding grammar points, give you more opportunity to practice, and provide you with the real classroom experience. After watching the lecture you will have to take a short Canvas quiz which will allow you to check if you understand the material (these quizzes are mandatory and they are part of your grade).
5. **Homework:** Homework will be due once a week and will include activities from the *Supersite*. *Supersite* work is worth 20% of your final grade and it is essential to complete the

homework in order to be successful in this class. The computer graded assignments are for credit only and they will constitute 70% of your grade; the instructor graded activities will be for a grade and they will constitute 30% of your grade. We reserve the right to reset any activities if we notice that you do not put your best effort into your work. For each day after the due date you will lose 10% of the grade for the late assignment. **YOU SHOULD DO YOUR HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT, IF YOU WAIT FOR THE EVENING IT IS DUE YOU, WILL GET FRUSTRATED AND DO NOT FINISH IT.**

6. **Participation:** Although this is an online course, presence and participation in Virtual Class is mandatory and it is part of your grade. During online meetings you need to speak Italian, participate and have fun. **The Virtual classroom is for practicing speaking skills.** The instructor will address the grammar in very concise fashion. It is your responsibility to study and learn the grammar before coming to class. Do not forget: it is an ONLINE course.
7. **Exams:** You will take three chapter exams and one final exam in this class. All of these exams are going to be online and you will have to take them during Virtual Class meetings (dates on the syllabus) with your video camera turned on. You are not allowed to use any help during the exams.
8. **Writings:** You will write three essays during the semester and you will submit them through email. The instructor will give you feedback and you will have to re-write both essays, making appropriate corrections. The second essay is going to be a base for your final oral presentation.
9. **5 Videotaped Diaries:** you will have a topic assigned and you will be asked to make a 3-4 minute video recording on the topic. The video recordings are due Saturday at 10pm. You will have a classmate assigned for each of the project and you will have to watch your classmate's video, correct possible mistakes and be ready to summarize it during the virtual classroom. No reading allowed.
10. **Midterm Oral Exam:** You will take the exam in pairs. You will make an appointment with a classmate and your instructor, and meet them online. You will get detailed instructions from your instructor.
11. **Final oral exam:** For this assignment you will have to meet with your instructor and speak for 15 minutes. The instructor will ask you several questions regarding the use of the vocabulary and structures you have learned during the semester. In order to prepare for this exam you must: study regularly, participate into virtual classroom, memorize and review structures and vocabulary learned during the semester.
12. **Co-Curricular Activities / Cultural Events in Italian at IU**

We have a lot of activities every semester that promote Italian Culture. Your instructor will inform you about all of them when the time comes. You can also learn about our program and Italian culture by liking our Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/italianprogramIU?ref_type=bookmark

or follow us on Twitter @IU_Italian

Honesty Policy:

1. Cheating

Cheating is considered to be an attempt to use or provide unauthorized assistance, materials, information, or study aids in any form and in any academic exercise or environment.

- a. A student must not use external assistance on any “in-class” or “take-home” examination, unless the instructor specifically has authorized external assistance. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of tutors, books, notes, calculators, computers, and wireless communication devices.
- b. A student must not use another person as a substitute in the taking of an examination or quiz, nor allow other persons to conduct research or to prepare work, without advanced authorization from the instructor to whom the work is being submitted.
- c. A student must not collaborate with other persons on a particular project and submit a copy of a written report that is represented explicitly or implicitly as the student’s individual work.
- d. A student must not steal examinations or other course materials, including but not limited to, physical copies and photographic or electronic images.

2. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else’s work, including the work of other students, as one’s own. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged, unless the information is common knowledge. What is considered “common knowledge” may differ from course to course.

- a. A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, opinions, theories, formulas, graphics, or pictures of another person without acknowledgment.
- b. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge indebtedness whenever:
 - directly quoting another person’s actual words, whether oral or written;
 - using another person’s ideas, opinions, or theories;
 - paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, or theories of others, whether oral or written;
 - borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material; or
 - offering materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections without acknowledgment

Adapted from [IU Honesty Policy: http://www.iu.edu/~code/code/responsibilities/academic/](http://www.iu.edu/~code/code/responsibilities/academic/)

3. **Google Translator** or any similar translation tools (human or electronic sources) are **not permitted** for any aspect of our courses and any evidence that they have been used will be considered an infraction of the University Honesty Policy (resulting in a “0” for the assignment and formal university consequences). Please do not even attempt this. It’s just not worth it.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

This course presents the first principles of Italian language, geography, and culture. Each day you will be involved in a broad variety of assignments and activities that help you build your proficiency. If you participate as requested, the course will enable you to communicate in Italian from the first day of class. And if you study and participate in class, by the end of this course you will be able to:

(1) identify and comprehend main ideas and certain details in beginning-level Italian audio and video texts;

(2) speak in simple sentences in the present and simple past tense with accuracy and fluency, employing basic conversational strategies to stay in Italian;

(3) identify and comprehend main ideas and certain details in beginning-level, Italian written texts from a variety of sources (textbooks, literary excerpts, newspapers, websites, magazines, advertisements, etc.);

(4) write complete sentence and short paragraphs in Italian with accuracy and coherency using familiar vocabulary and structures and on a range of familiar topics;

(5) demonstrate cultural understanding through knowledge of facts and simple comparisons with the native culture(s) of classmates on topics addressed in class such as greetings & register, regional geography, education systems, meals, leisure activities, etc.

Our hope is that your enthusiasm and confidence will grow steadily and we look forward to helping you reach these goals.

Grading standards and criteria

Grading Guidelines for Italian M100	Value
Supersite work	200
Canvas quizzes	70
3 Written in-class exams (60 points each)	180
Midterm in-class oral exam	80
Final oral exam	200
Virtual classroom participation	80
3 writing assignments (30 for the original essay and 10 for the re-write)	120
Video Diary	70
	1000

Final Numeric Grade Average	
100-97	A+
96-93	A
92-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-

This syllabus gives day by day precise instructions. Homework and practice on the supersite is assigned every day of the week in order to guarantee daily interaction with the language. Practice and homework have to be completed by the due dates indicated on the supersite. No late work will be accepted for grading.