Indiana University
Department of Department of French and Italian
M150 (Beginning Online Italian II)

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<u>Required Text:</u>   *Sentieri. Attraverso l'Italia contemporanea*, 2016, 2nd edition
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Vista Higher Learning . Textbook + access code for Supersite.

Welcome to M150: Beginning Italian II Online Course. This course focuses on developing students' competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. M150 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) ISBN: 978-1-60576-487-0, 2016, 2nd edition

Technology

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- 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 the link that you find in the course navigation of our Canvas course.
- For tech support regarding use of Zoom contact **UITS Collaboration Technologies Help Desk:**
  Phone: 812-856-2020

Email: cthelp@iu.edu
Web: http://collaboration.iu.edu

- You will use Supersite for textbook *Immagina* 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
- To register to your section on Supersite follow this link: **https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/f17f6187-3ed5-4d83-828e-d3f401156fb9/student_instructions**

Course Structure & Policies

1. **Virtual Classroom**
   Once a week: Thursday, either 9:30-10:45 am or 7:15-8:30 pm, upi will log in to Zoom to meet with your instructor and other students. 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.

2. **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.

3. **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).

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **9 Videotaped Diaries:** you will have a topic assigned and you will be asked to make a 3-4 minutes 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.

9. **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.

10. **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/

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 follows M100 and continues to present the beginning-level concepts of Italian language, and culture. Students will partake in a variety of assignments and activities designed to increase knowledge, build proficiency, develop greater cultural awareness. If you study and participate in class, by the end of this course you will be able to:

(1) listen to and comprehend more complex, first-year audio and video texts;

(2) speak in the present, future and past tenses with accuracy and fluency, employing basic conversational strategies to ask and answer questions with complete sentences and tell short and simple stories;

(3) read gradually more complex and varied first-year Italian language texts from a different sources (textbooks, literary excerpts, newspapers, websites, magazines, etc.);

(4) write in Italian with accuracy and coherency using your growing vocabulary and knowledge of structures on a range of familiar topics and in different contexts and for different purposes;

(5) demonstrate cultural knowledge (facts) and understanding (ability to conduct simple analyses and comparisons) on different topics and issues related to daily living, regional geography, and aspects of Italian high culture as presented and discussed in class.

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 M150	Value
Supersite work	190
Canvas quizzes	55
3 Written in-class exams (60 points each)	180
Final oral exam	190
Review Zoom Conversation 2 x 10	20
Virtual classroom participation	85
3 writing assignments (30 for the original essay and 10 for the re-write)	120
Video Diary	160
	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-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
59 & below	F