

ITALIAN AT N.U.I. GALWAY



Visiting Students Beginners Italian BOOKLET 2011/12

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COURSE DETAILS

Students can choose from the following modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Module</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
IT124	Italian Language 1	1	5
IT125	Italian Language 2	2	5
IT112	Introduction to Italian culture and language	1 and 2	5

Note: You cannot take IT 125 unless you have taken IT 124 or an equivalent course. In order to take IT 112, you must be here for the full academic year.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Contact hours/weekly</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
IT124 Italian Language 1	1	5	5

Course Coordinators: Lindsay Myers & Maria Rosaria Coda

Course description: The course, open to all students, both beginners and non beginners, focuses on the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) using regular practice based, as much as possible, on authentic material carefully selected to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. Students will achieve a good level of fluency by the end of the year to enable them to cope with everyday situations in Italy. Students will also be offered additional tuition in the multi-media labs and revision classes are organized during the year to help students learning a new language.

Method of assessment and examination: Continuous assessment is a central part of the course and students will hand in homework each week which will be corrected by the lecturer. At the end of each semester, there is a written language paper and a lab test.

Allocation of marks:

- Mid term test – 15%
- Lab test – 10%
- Continuous Assessment – 15%
- Christmas exam – 60%

Languages of instruction: English and Italian

Core texts: *Parliamo Italiano, Student Book.*

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Contact hours/weekly</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
IT125 Italian Language 2	2	5	5

Course Coordinator: A. O'Connor

Course description: The course continues from IT 124 and focuses again on the four main language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) using regular practice based, as much as possible, on authentic material carefully selected to provide a gradual introduction to the structures and functions of the language. Students will achieve a good level of fluency by the end of the year to enable them to cope with everyday situations in Italy. Students will also be offered additional tuition in the multi-media labs and revision classes are organized during the year to help students learning a new language.

Method of assessment and examination: Continuous assessment is a central part of the course and students will hand in homework each week which will be corrected by the lecturer. At the end of each semester, there is a written language paper and a lab test.

Allocation of marks:

Lab test – 15%
 Continuous Assessment – 15%
 Summer exam – 70%

Languages of instruction: English and Italian

Core texts: *Parliamo Italiano, Student Book.*

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Contact hours/weekly</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
IT112 Introduction to Italian Culture and Language	1 & 2	1	5

This is a year-long course which is divided into two parts

Assessment:

Part One (50%): Library worksheet – 15%
 History Quiz – 20%
 Cinema Assignment – 35%
 Internet Project – 30%

Part Two (50%): Oral exam – 80%
 Attendance and participation in conversation classes – 20%

- **Part One: Introduction to Italian Culture**

Lectures take place on Monday 12-1 in Charles McMunn Theatre in the Concourse.

Course Coordinators: Lindsay Myers & Maria Rosaria Coda for Semester One

Course Coordinator: Anne O'Connor for Semester Two.

Course description: This course is designed to give students an idea of some of the main trends in Italian history, society and culture. It gives students a better understanding of the country behind the Italian language and gives a context to many issues students will encounter in Italian society today.

The course also aims to give students a grounding in research skills which will help them in their time at university. In order to achieve this students are given various tasks during the year, some to be done in an individual capacity, others to be completed in groups. These tasks are intended to introduce students to the many areas of research available to them, from the library, to the web, from group work to individual analysis. Students will also be taught how to write a critical commentary on a film and further instruction will be given on how to write and reference sources. There is no written exam in the summer for this course.

Language of instruction: English

Texts: Handouts and reading lists will be supplied where necessary.

Assignments: All assignments for this course must be submitted to the Italian Department Secretary, (Ms. M. Logan , Room 310, Arts Millennium Building, top floor), and students must sign the register to show that their essay(s) have been received.

Note - essays sent by e-mail will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- **Part Two: Introduction to Spoken Italian**

Students choose a conversation class which fits in with their timetable from the three classes available. These classes take place on Monday 3-4, Thursday 1-2, and Friday 9-10.

Lecturer: Italian Language Assistants

Course description: This course helps students to develop their spoken Italian so that at the end of the year they are able to conduct a conversation in Italian.

Method of assessment and examination: Attendance and participation in conversation classes (20%) and an end of year oral exam (80%)

Languages of instruction: Italian

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Regular **attendance** is mandatory in First Year Italian and a proportion of the final marks will be given for this requirement

SEMESTER DATES **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS**

		2011/12
<u>First Semester</u>		
Registration and Teaching begins		Monday, 12th September, 2011
Teaching ends		Friday, 2 nd December, 2011
Christmas Vacation		Saturday, 17 th December, 2011 - Sunday, 8 th January, 2012
<u>Second Semester</u>		2012
Teaching begins		Monday, 9 th January, 2012
Teaching ends for Easter and teaching is finished for the Semester)		Friday, 30 th March, 2012
Easter vacation and Study Week		Saturday, 31 st March – Monday 16 th April, 2012
Examinations begin		Tuesday, 17 th April, 2012
Examinations end		Friday, 18 th May, 2012

Easter in 2012 is on 8th April

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Exams:

*Please note that the dates for in-class tests and the oral exam will be communicated to you in class and also given on the syllabus for each semester. Please put these dates in your diaries immediately.
It is your responsibility to make sure that you are in Galway for all exams.*

