

The University of Vermont
Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics
Intermediate Italian 052
sample syllabus

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Italian 052 is designed to integrate all of the knowledge attained in the previous levels with a particular emphasis on honing students' ability to interact with others in both written and spoken Italian through collaborative group activities. Many of the activities will help develop comprehension skills and a large active vocabulary necessary for advanced level courses. In addition to reviewing key grammar points, we will gain practice in developing reading comprehension strategies through study of short literary works and essays from *Immagina*, as well as additional materials such as the television program *I liceali*. Throughout the semester this course will focus on expanding awareness of Italian history, culture and society.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

By the end of Intermediate Italian 052, you will be able to:

- compose and revise written assignments in present and past time frames with learned material while expressing personal opinions.
- summarize and discuss texts using critical reflection and cultural references.
- demonstrate an ability to converse about social and cultural topics with ease and confidence in all major time frames.
- indicate a comprehension of Italian in personal and social contexts through verbal and written responses.
- recognize and discuss some of the major historical events and cultural aspects of the Italian-speaking world.

III. COURSE MATERIALS:

Required textbook: Packet available on Blackboard + Fabio Geda, *Nel mare ci sono i coccodrilli*. Milano: Baldini e Castoldi, 2010 (on www.ibs.it or www.amazon.com) or any other edition in Italian.

IV. GRADE BREAKDOWN:

Exams	20%
Oral Exam	10%
Quizzes	15%
Compositions	15%
Participation/attendance	15%
Final presentation	15%
<u>Homework and journals</u>	<u>10%</u>
	100%

This is just an example of a grade breakdown. Instructors may tailor the grade breakdown to their own courses and are not limited to these classifications or percentages.

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Grading scale used in all Romance Languages and Linguistics courses at UVM:

97% - 100%	=	A+
94% - 96%	=	A
90% - 93%	=	A-
87% - 89%	=	B+
84% - 86%	=	B
80% - 83%	=	B-
77% - 79%	=	C+
74% - 76%	=	C
70% - 73%	=	C-
67% - 69%	=	D+
64% - 66%	=	D
60% - 63%	=	D-
0% - 59%	=	F

I. VARIA:

1. Academic integrity: It is plagiarism to present another's ideas or words as your own. In a foreign language classroom, this includes computer-based translations. If you have questions when preparing a composition or other graded assignment, please ask your instructor. Do not have someone else correct your writing for you before turning it in for a grade. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense, and can result in a failing grade or worse.

(<http://www.uvm.edu/sconduct/?Page=ah.html&SM=menu-programs.html>)

2. Student learning accommodations: In keeping with University policy, any student with a documented disability interested in utilizing accommodations should contact ACCESS, the office of Students Accessibility Services on campus (www.uvm.edu/access).

3. Religious Holidays: Students have the right to practice the religion of their choice. If you need to miss class to observe a religious holiday, please submit the dates of your absence to your instructor in writing by the end of the second full week of classes. You will be permitted to make up work within a mutually agreed-upon time.

4. Resources for language students:

- The Language Resource Center at the University of Vermont:
<http://www.uvm.edu/~uvmlrc>
- Free tutoring at the Tutoring Center: www.uvm.edu/learnco
- Bailey Howe Library Media Collections
- UVM has a subscription to SCOLA, the international television service:
www.scola.org

Tentative course schedule to follow