

The University of Western Ontario  
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

**Italian 3300 - Advanced Italian (formerly ITA 300)**  
[Fall/Winter 2009-2010]

Contact: two 2-hour lectures/week



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**✉: use WebCT-OWL System (login: <http://webct.uwo.ca/>)**

**Course Outline and Aims:**

The course is aimed at developing advanced-level competence in the four basic language skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Discussions on Italian cultural topics and on literary texts, which will provide the material for oral presentations, will help the students refine their skills to communicate fluently in Italian. The course will focus also on intense grammar reviews combined with translation and composition assignments. Through the verbal communication and the written work carried out during the year, students will become acquainted with an advanced and more sophisticated use of the Italian language. Italian 3300 aims:

- *To expand and consolidate the ability to comprehend Italian in a variety of social situations*
- *To enhance the capacity to communicate in Italian in different cultural contexts with increasing accuracy and competence*
- *To broaden and enrich the understanding of Italian syntax, phonetics and morphology*
- *To continue to nourish positive attitudes towards language learning*
- *To refine the understanding and appreciation of both the history and the contemporary culture of Italy*
- *To generate enthusiasm for a deeper understanding of other societies and cultures*
- *To foster intellectual and personal development by promoting the student's communicative capacity*
- *To provide an advanced foundation for further study of Italian language and culture*

**Learning Outcomes:**

During/upon completion of this course students are expected to be able to do the following:

- *Speak and write in Italian at an advanced level with increasing accuracy and sophistication*
- *Steadily broaden and refine the use of an appropriate syntax and vocabulary in relation to complex issues and topics*
- *Employ a variety of Italian expressions and idioms with a growing degree of familiarity and competence*
- *Challenge themselves to improve their ability to produce arguments of some complexity, both in writing and orally*
- *Demonstrate an ability to comprehend a variety of Italian texts/ topics presented in class (e.g., oral presentations, films, pop music, short stories, news clips, etc.)*
- *Be prepared to participate in class discussions, both individually and by engaging constructively in group work*
- *Research topics of Italian culture independently in order to translate what they learn into information that can be disseminated, both orally and in writing*
- *Through the student-run seminars, acquire and develop personal qualities (such as independence, ability to take responsibility, self-esteem and confidence in speaking/ communicating) and transferable skills (such as negotiation/ working effectively with others, communication, objective-setting, planning and creativity).*
- *Demonstrate an understanding of the richness of the linguistic and cultural heritage of contemporary Italy*



*Villa Capra « La Rotonda » (Andrea Palladio, 16° secolo), Ville Venete, Vicenza*

**Course Texts:**

- *Crescendo!* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) with “Workbook and Lab Manual”
- Oxford Paravia Italian-English / English-Italian dictionary.
- Selection of Italian short stories (and assorted texts), to be distributed in class
- Recommended - Italian Thesaurus: *Dizionario sinonimi e contrari* (UTET – Garzanti Linguistica, 2001)

**Evaluation:**

- bi-weekly assignments (5 translations and 5 compositions) 30%
- two in-class presentations 10%
- three tests (in class, 2 hours each) 30%
- final exam (3 hours) 20%
- participation (assessed on basis of day-to-day preparation, overall in-class performance, and participation in group work and in-class activities and discussions) 10%

**Submitting assignments:** all coursework should be left with an Administrative Assistant in the Main office of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, UC 115 - Phone: (519) 661-3196 (ext 83196) Fax: (519) 661-4093 (ext 84093). **Do not** forget to request a date-stamp. **Lateness:** 5% /day penalty including weekends.

**Prerequisite:** Italian 2250 or 2250w/x or the former Italian 020 or 020w/x with a minimum standing of 60%, or permission of the Department.

**Please note:** You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites (or have special permission from your Dean to waive the prerequisite) and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. If you are not eligible for the course, you may be removed from it at any time, and it will be deleted from your record. In addition, you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions can not be appealed.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's verbatim or paraphrased text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called Turnitin.com.

**Absenteeism:** Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

*UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness:* <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>

*Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):* <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading