

Learning Outcomes

It is expected that, upon completion of this course, the students will have the ability to accomplish the following:

- Speak and write in Italian in such a way as to communicate information and analyses accurately and with an appropriate degree of sophistication
 - Produce arguments of some complexity both orally and in writing
 - Use the appropriate vocabulary in relation to specific issues and topics
 - Grasp the linguistic varieties of contemporary Italian and their use in different cultural and social contexts
 - Discuss literary and non-literary texts in terms of themes and language use
 - Research topics of Italian culture independently
 - Demonstrate familiarity with the principal features of the major artistic and political periods in the history of Italy
 - Demonstrate a sound understanding of topics such as the “questione della lingua”, the North-South divide, Italian emigration (especially the emigration to Canada), and the evolution of the Italian family
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The Trevi Fountain in Rome

Contact Hours

2 two-hour class meetings per week

Texts (available at the UWO Book Store):

Required: *Viaggio nell'italiano* (Rosella Bozzone Costa, 2nd edition)

Recommended: *Dizionario sinonimi e contrari* (Garzanti Linguistica, 2001)

Other Material

Selection of short stories, poems, newspaper articles, sociological essays, excerpts from history books.

Mark Breakdown

Attendance and participation	16%
2 in-class presentations	20%
Written assignments:	
a) 4 translations	12%
b) 4 compositions	12%
2 tests	20%
Final exam ²	20%

*The course calendar will be handed out on the first day of classes



*Please note:

- Students are expected to attend all lectures and to complete all assignments before coming to class;

- Students must provide medical documentation for make-up tests and other written and oral assignments.

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.

² The final examination is cumulative, i.e., it covers the entire year. It is timetabled by the Office of the Registrar without any input from the Department. Since it may be scheduled for any date during the April examination period, and since students must write at a scheduled time, you should not make any plans which might run into conflict with the examination timetable.

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

Definition of 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.

Prerequisite: Italian 3300 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.