Western University
Department of Modern Languages and Literatures
Italian Study Abroad Program at Rondine Cittadella della Pace

ITA 1045A/B – ITALIAN FOR TRAVELLERS I (0.5)

Tentative Syllabus

This is an intensive, full immersion one week course and is designed for students with little or no previous knowledge of Italian. An introduction to Italian in an active and practical way, it emphasizes linguistic travel competence and oral expression. Students will also acquire an understanding of multifaceted contemporary Italian culture. While students will be based in Arezzo, classes will be held in May at Rondine Cittadella della Pace (AR). They will be preceded by preparatory meeting/lessons on campus to be held during Winter Term.

Antirequisite(s): ITAL 1030, or ITAL 1033. Students with Grade 12U Italian or OAC Italian, or with previous knowledge of Italian must consult the Department before registering for this course.
Course Objectives:
• to develop the ability to understand, speak, read, and write basic Italian
• to enable students to express themselves effectively while travelling in Italy
• to provide students with the understanding of elementary grammatical structures

Learning Outcomes:
• understand questions and provide correct responses in the target language
• old basic conversations within topics dealing with travel in Italy explored
• read short passages dealing with contemporary social issues and daily life in Italy
• create oral presentations and written texts on situations pertaining to travel
• master basic grammatical structures and use them actively in oral and written expression
• basic knowledge and understanding of Italian culture and appreciation of cultural similarities and differences in relation to specific values and communication styles

Method of Evaluation:
Participation/ Attendance 20%
Quizzes 20%
Oral Learning Journal 30%
Final Oral Exam 30%


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