

ELEMENTARY ITALIAN ITALIAN 100



Section **01**: **Zoe Langer** (Tu-Th 10:30-11:50 ; M-W 11-11:50)

Section **02**: **Valeria Federici** (Tu-Th 9-10:20; M-W 10-10:50)

Section **03**: **Alessandro Carpin** (Tu-Th 1-2:20; M-W 1-1:50)

Section **04**: **Wuming Chang** (Tu-Th 10:30-11:50; M-W 10-10:50)



Italian 100-200 is a year-long sequence; you are expected to continue with this course in the spring semester in order to receive full credit. Neither semester may be taken independently.

Please note that this course follows Brown's grading policy for year-long courses: the final grade at the end of the course work covers the entire year and is recorded as the final grade for both semesters.

Your grade for semester 2 will replace the temporary grade you will receive in semester 1

(for more information on this policy, please see

<https://brown.edu/Administration/Registrar/guidelines/registration/index.html>)

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS

Italian 100 is the first-semester of a one-year sequence for students who have never studied Italian. All students who have previously studied Italian are required to take a placement test.

This course is structured around listening and speaking activities like role-playing exercises and interactive grammar exercises. Class work will be supplemented by weekly homework assignments on Connect. The course will provide you with many opportunities to speak, since the greater part of each hour will be spent working in pairs or in groups. You will read simple texts in Italian and will develop your writing skills initially through short compositions and later through longer essays.

When you have completed this course, you will be able to engage in some basic interactions in Italian. You will be able to greet people and introduce people; you will know how to describe yourself, your life, and your likes and dislikes; you will be able to ask questions of and interact with others; you will have begun to learn how to describe events in the past and your plans for the immediate future.

Course Materials
•Aski-Musumeci, Avanti! Beginning Italian Textbook (3 rd edition)
•Aski-Musumeci, Avanti! Beginning Italian Connect Plus access code

REQUIRED WORK

Attendance: Attendance is fundamental for all language courses and is therefore required for this course. Roll will be taken on a daily basis. You are allowed a maximum of **four** absences during the semester. *For each additional unexcused absence one point will be deducted from your final grade.* If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out the assignment for that day and be prepared for the next class. Be punctual. Two late arrivals will be considered the equivalent of one absence.

Class Preparation: Daily preparation of assigned work using Avanti- Textbook and Connect is essential. You should also keep your own personal list of words and expressions that you want to memorize. This class uses a communicative approach: **your instructor will not give extensive grammar explanations in class; it is your responsibility to study the assigned grammar and vocabulary in the textbook.** Be aware that this course will move at a fast pace. You can expect to do up to two hours of homework for every hour spent in class.

Connect: Connect exercises are self-corrected drills testing grammar and vocabulary acquisition. This kind of exercise is *crucial* when learning a new language. Connect is **mandatory** and must be completed on time. It will be accepted late only if you are sick.

FINAL GRADE

20%	three exams (no make-ups are allowed)
20%	seven quizzes (no make-ups are allowed)
15%	seven essays (no essays will be accepted after the deadline; you can drop the two lowest grades)
5%	one oral exam
5%	one group presentation
20%	class attendance, preparation, and participation
15%	Connect homework

GRADING SCALE

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
Below 70	NC

Cristina Abbona-Sneider (Cristina_Abbona-Sneider@brown.edu) is the coordinator of this course. Please feel free to drop by her office hours on Wednesdays 11-11:50 or by appointment at 190 Hope street #302 to discuss your goals for the course or any difficulties you might have with the class materials. Cristina is also on-campus advisor for the Brown in Bologna Program (requirement to enroll is Italian 300 or above).

3-4 settembre	Introduction to the course. Greeting people and introducing yourself.		
8-11 settembre	Capitolo 1. Asking people their name and where they are from. Identifying people and things.	A. Alphabet and pronunciation B. Gender and number C. The verb to be	Connect 1
15-18 settembre	Capitolo 2. Expressing likes and dislikes. Describing people, places and things. Expressing your age.	A. Articles B. Adjectives C. The verb piacere D. The verb to have and idioms with "to have"	QUIZ 1: 19 settembre Connect 2
22-25 settembre	Capitolo 3. Asking and telling time. Saying what you like to do in your free time. Talking about your daily activities.	A. Present of regular verbs B. Irregular verbs	QUIZ 2: 26 settembre Connect 3

29 settembre-2 ottobre	Capitolo 4. Talking about your family.	A. More irregular verbs B. Possessive adjectives C. The comparative	QUIZ 3: 3 ottobre Connect 4
6-9 ottobre	Capitolo 5. Inviting someone to do something. Declining an invitation.	A. The superlative B. Prepositions C. Verb + infinitive D. The partitive	ESAME 1: 9 ottobre Connect 5
14-16 ottobre	Capitolo 6. Making polite requests. Asking permission. Talking about actions in progress.	A. Object pronouns C. Present progressive	QUIZ 4: 17 ottobre Connect 6/a
20-23 ottobre	Capitolo 6/b. Talking about daily activities. Describing what you and others are wearing.	A. Reflexive verbs B. Adverbs	QUIZ 5: 24 ottobre Connect 6/b
27-30 ottobre	Capitolo 7. Asking and telling what happened. Talking about your weekend activities. Talking about what you did in the past.	A. The present perfect B. Negative expressions	QUIZ 6: 31 ottobre Connect 7

3-6 novembre	Capitolo 8. Talking about your actions and interactions with others in the past. Expressing general and specific concepts.	A. Reciprocal verbs B. The present perfect of reciprocal and reflexive verbs C. Prepositions	QUIZ 7: 7 novembre Connect 8
10-13 novembre	Capitolo 9. Describing how things used to be. Telling a story in the past.	A. The imperfect B. The imperfect vs. the present perfect	ESAME 2: 13 novembre Connect 9
17-20 novembre	FILM Presentazioni e ripasso		
24 e 25 novembre	Presentazioni e ripasso		
1-4 dicembre	FILM Ripasso		

Esame 3: 9 dicembre

Esami orali: su appuntamento 12-18 dicembre