

## Course Name:           Intro Italian 11

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### Course Description

This course is a basic introduction to the Italian language for absolute beginners. Students taking this course will learn to identify Italian sounds, to write and pronounce the letters of the Italian Alphabet, to converse at an elementary level (introduce oneself and others, greetings, make basic inquiries, etc.) and to begin to express themselves using basic grammatical structures and vocabulary in matters mostly related to everyday life.

The cultural context of the language will also be covered by exploring a variety of the regions in the Italian Peninsula and their accompanying customs and traditions.

### Big Ideas

Intro Italian 11 explores the following Big Ideas:

- **Idea 1:** Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of a new language.
- **Idea 2:** Stories help us to acquire language and understand the world around us
- **Idea 3:** Expressing ourselves in a new language requires courage, risk taking, and perseverance.
- **Idea 4:** Exploring diverse forms of cultural expression allows us to experience and appreciate cultural diversity.
- **Idea 5:** Acquiring a new language provides a unique opportunity to access and interact with diverse communities.

### Learning Standards

The activities in this course are designed to address the learning standards as outlined in the BC Ministry of Education's Introduction to Italian curriculum document. Learning Standards are organized into Core Competencies, Curricular Competencies, and Content Goals. Click the "Outcomes" link in the left side menu to read about these competencies in detail, or visit [www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca) to learn more.

### Topics of Study & Areas of Focus:

This course is organized into 9 themed units with relevant vocabulary, video courses, grammar pages and practice activities.

## Intro Italian 11 Course Outline

- **Introduction Unit:**  
Identifying Italian words you may already know (food, music, art, other)  
Introducing the Italian alphabet  
Vowels, consonants, double consonants, tonic accent  
Useful expressions (Leggere, Ascoltare, Ripetere, Rispondere, Scrivere, Come? Che? Chi? Quale? Che significa?)  
Cultural component: The Italian peninsula and its regions
- **Unit 1: Come va?**  
Greetings  
Introducing yourself to others  
Expressing dates  
Counting from 1 to 100  
Exchanging personal information  
Cultural component: Il Piemonte
- **Unit 2: La scuola**  
Nouns: gender and number  
C'è | Ci sono  
Adjective agreement  
Determinative articles  
Negative form  
Interrogative words  
Regular first-class verb -are  
Cultural component: L'Emilia-Romagna
- **Unit 3: Tempo libero**  
Speak about quantity (il partitivo)  
Regular 2° conjugation verbs in -ere  
Present indicative tense  
of *prendere, bere, volere, andare, venire, and uscire*  
Present indicative tense of *preferire*  
Number and gender of adjectives  
Expressions with *avere*  
Cultural component: La Lombardia
- **Unit 4: Abitudini**  
The Conjugation of Reflexive verbs  
The Verb *Piacere*  
The Adjectives *Bello* and *Quello*  
*Anche* and *Neanche*  
How to Tell time  
Cultural component: Le Marche
- **Midterm Exam (15%)**
- **Unit 5: La Famiglia**  
Possessive Adjectives and the use of definite articles  
Possessive pronouns  
The verbs *Conoscere- Sapere- Dare- Dire-Dovere-Potere*  
Direct objects Pronouns: *Io la li le*  
Describe family members and friends  
Talk about celebrations and parties  
Cultural component: La Toscana
- **Unit 6: Andiamo in vacanza**  
The Past participle with *essere* and *avere*  
Regular and irregular participle  
*Ci & ne*  
Numbers after 100  
Cultural component: il Veneto
- **Unit 7: Un giro in città**  
Preposizioni Semplici e Articolate  
*Il si impersonale*  
Pronomi Atoni e Tonic  
Gli interrogativi  
Cultural component: La Valle D'Aosta e Il Trentino-Alto Adige
- **Unit 8: Nel Ristorante**  
Restaurant Vocabulary  
Time expression, adverb of frequency  
Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns  
*Il Partitivo*  
Cultural Component: Lazio
- **Final Exam (15%)**

## **Grade Weights in the Course:**

Oral and Listening Assignments: 15%

Assignments: 55%

Midterm: 15%

Final: 15%

Total = 100%

## **Resources**

All learning materials required for this course are provided through the Canvas learning platform - there are no additional textbooks required, at the moment.