

Summer Study Abroad in Italy: ITAL 1001

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Textbook: Julia Cozzarelli, *Sentieri*. Vista Higher Learning, 2011

Course description: a course designed for students with little or no knowledge of Italian. It provides an introduction to basic oral expression, listening comprehension, and elementary reading and writing. Students master: greetings, basic everyday vocabulary, most common adjectives (descriptive, possessive, demonstrative), the present tense of regular verbs, the most common templates for the present tense of irregular verbs, direct object pronouns, and basic structure of phrases. The course covers 5 chapters of the textbook *Sentieri*

The following factors will be considered in determining the final grade for the course:

Attendance: regular attendance and attentiveness are critical to the success of the language learning process. Undocumented absences will result in a reduction of your final grade and in failure of the course should the number reach 3. Chronic lateness will be reflected in your final grade as well.

Assignments:

Preparation: following the syllabus, grammar and vocabulary are to be studied and exercises prepared *prior* to class meetings.

WEBSAM: with your textbook you are also buying an access code to the on-line workbook (WEB Student Activity Manual). You are expected to complete the assigned exercises in the workbook by the due date.

Exercises are auto-graded, so you will be able to see your score immediately.

Compositions: there are four “bluebook” compositions based on themes discussed in class or in the textbook. The instructor will correct them and give a grade out of five, just pointing out the mistakes without giving the right answer. Next, you will re-write the composition correcting mistakes. Finally, the instructor will give another grade out of five to the final draft. The overall grade will be out of ten.

Exams: there will be three in-class tests as well as a final exam

Final grade:

- 25% class attentiveness, preparation and participation
- 25% lab and workbook exercises
- 20% compositions
- 15% written tests
- 15% final exam

Cell Phones: NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS – the presence of a cell phone will result in an F