

Italian Civilization (A000974)

Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>			
Credits 5.0	Study time 150 h	Contact hrs	45.0 h	

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2023-2024

A (semester 2)	Italian	Gent	lecture seminar
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Lecturers in academic year 2023-2024

Bonciarelli, Sarah	LW07	staff member
Santi, Mara	LW07	lecturer-in-charge
Katinis, Teodoro	LW07	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2023-2024

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Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject Dutch - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject English - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject French - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject German - Italian)	5	A
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (main subject Latin - Italian)	5	A

Teaching languages

Italian

Keywords

Italy, geography, political geography, history, society, external history of the Italian language, Italian culture

Position of the course

This course aims to provide the students with a historical framework apt to explain the Italian society, language and culture. This course prepares the students for the courses of Italian linguistics and literature.

This course links in with the core learning outcomes of the Bachelor's Program in Linguistics and Literature, main subject: Italian: B.1.7; B.3.2; B.3.5; B.5.4.

Contents

The course consists of three parts.

The first part provides a general introduction to the Italian geography, political geography and history. Moreover, it will pay attention to some of the most important aspects of contemporary Italian society.

The second part provides an overview of the external history of the Italian language, covering the period going from the first literary texts to the Italian Unification in the 19th century.

The third part acquaints the students with some fundamental aspects of Italian culture.

Initial competences

To have completed the course Italian Language Proficiency I or to have acquired the necessary skills by other means.

Final competences

1 To have an active knowledge of the main lines of Italian history and about some prominent

- (cultural-) historical figures and phenomena.
- 2 To have an active knowledge of the main aspects of Italy's geography and political geography.
 - 3 To have an active knowledge of the main aspects of the Italian society and of some prominent figures and events.
 - 4 To have an active knowledge of the main lines of the history of the Italian language.
 - 5 To have an active knowledge of the main figures (authors and theoreticians) in the history of the Italian language.
 - 6 To have an active knowledge of the key texts in the history of the Italian language.
 - 7 To have an active knowledge of some specific Italian cultural concepts.
 - 8 To autonomously analyse specific aspects of Italian culture.
 - 9 To give proof of intellectual curiosity and commitment to lifelong learning with regard to Italian language, history, society and culture.
 - 10 Advanced language proficiency and active language skills in Italian (B1).

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Lecture, seminar: coached exercises

Extra information on the teaching methods

Formal lecture: 21 class timeslots

Seminar: guided exercises: 3 class timeslots

Learning materials and price

Power Point slides

Syllabus available on Ufora for the 2nd part

Roberto Carnero, Giuseppe Iannaccone, *Al cuore della letteratura*, voll. 1-6, Giunti T.V.P.-Treccani. (150 euro ca)

References

cfr. teaching materials

Course content-related study coaching

Individual support: by appointment

• Sarah Bonciarelli: sarah.bonciarelli@ugent.be

• Teodoro Katinis: teodoro.katinis@ugent.be

• Mara Santi: mara.santi@ugent.be

Tutoring by native speakers trainees. Group tutorial to prepare the lessons/the assignments; individual tutoring or in small groups to practise the language orally; ad hoc tutorial to practise or repeat specific parts of the grammar.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination with open questions, written examination with multiple choice questions

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination with open questions, written examination with multiple choice questions

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Oral examination

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Continuous assessment

• Oral exam (3rd part)

End-of-term assessment

• written exam with open questions and multiple choice (1st and 2nd part)

Calculation of the examination mark

Continuous assessment = 6 points (3rd part)

End-of-term assessment = 14 points (8 points for the 1st and 6 for the 2nd part)

Students who fail or do not participate in the full evaluation of both the continuous assessment and the end-of-term assessment can no longer pass the whole course. If the average final score would still be a mark of ten out of twenty or more, this will be reduced to the highest unsuccessful grade (= 9).

In the second examination period the student only has to redo the part (parts) of the exam that he/she did not pass in the first examination period (transfer of pass marks).

Facilities for Working Students

Facilities:

- 1 Possible exemption from class attendance via alternative online learning path (lesson recordings and/or substitute assignments)
- 2 Possible rescheduling of the examination to a different time in the same academic year
- 3 Feedback: online or by appointment

For more information:

<https://www.ugent.be/student/nl/administratie/flexibel-studeren/werken-studeren>