



Department of European languages

Course Description

B.A Degree

Italian and English

Language and Literature

2203105 Italian for Beginners (1) (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: none

This language course introduces students in a communicative way to the grammatical structures of Italian with the aim of training them in the four language skills: listening comprehension, reading, writing and oral skills. It covers the following fields of every day communication: greeting, introducing oneself, describing one's home, asking for prices, buying, asking for directions, specifying time and place etc. Following grammar issues will be trained: present tense of regular, irregular and modal verbs, definite and indefinite articles, negating, gender, nominative and accusative of nouns and pronouns, numbers, demonstrative and indefinite pronouns.

2203106 Italian for Beginners (2) (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite:2203105

The course continues the introduction into the basics of Italian . It develops the skills acquired in Italian for Beginners 1 and aims at preparing students to understand written and spoken texts, as well as to produce them. It covers new fields of every day communication such as giving advice, telling what happened, asking for and describing directions in the city, inviting, expressing opinion and wishes, etc. The following new grammatical issues will be covered: imperative, perfect tense, prepositions, dative and genitive, comparative and superlative.



2203143 Italian Language for beginners (3) (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite:2203106

The course is regarded as a continuation for the other two Italian course (Italian 1 &2 for beginners); it contains the four language skills that are available in the other two courses: listening comprehension, writing, reading and oral skills, but on a more advanced level . After finishing this course, the student will be able to act with self – assurance in every day life situations.

The course contains some new topics such as: description of people’s appearance, education and school, entertainment and TV, work and economics in Italy, industry and other more topics related to the Italian society and culture.

2233116 Italian for Specialization 1 (6 credit hours)

Prerequisite : non

This Course targets students with no prior knowledge of the Italian language and aims at gradually introducing and developing all main four skills : reading, writing, speaking and listening through situations and contexts of the daily life and acquainting them with typical scenes of the Italian speaking countries` culture.

2233117 Italian for Specialization 2 (6 credit hours)

Prerequisite : 2233116

This course builds on students` previous experience with Italian , adding to it more language rules, more vocabulary and more sentence structure as necessary, enabling them to read, write, listen and speak at a higher level within the context of daily situations.

2203225 Listening and Conversation/Italian (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

This course mainly enhances oral skills with the aim to practice communication strategies. General themes will be discussed after presentation through audio-visual aids. Student will be given ample time to listen and speak on the basis of texts of varying lengths.



2203226 Grammar (1)/Italian (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

The course concentrates on the description of Italian morphology. Students will be systematically trained in various morphological processes. Basic grammatical aspects will be studied at length, enables students to master them.

2203227 Pronunciation and Speech / Italian (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

The course introduces position and articulation regularities and describes cognitive and physiological processes during the production of phonetic segments (sounds and sound connections).

2203228 Italian Writing (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

The course trains students in writing various types of free and guided compositions (e.g. narratives, descriptions, letters, general subjects, etc.). students will master the sentence, first, and then more to produce paragraphs and compositions of varied lengths.

2203336 Introduction in Italian Literature (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite : 2233117

The course introduces students to Italian literature in general. Reading of various literary texts will be based on representative texts to familiarize students with literary terminology and the methods of text interpretation and realize the importance of general knowledge for the literature. Students will learn to work in groups through their group discussions and short presentations about the read materials and display better cross-cultural communication skills via comparing different cultures.

2233342 Translation (Italian – Arabic/1) (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

This course trains students to translate texts from Italian into Arabic; it highlights the difficulties of translation and trains students to overcome them. It includes translations from the press and the media, books, booklets, and articles to illustrate good translation. Emphasis will be placed on idioms.



2203323 Grammar (2)/Italian (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

The aim of the course is to enrich students' grammatical knowledge of Italian. It concentrates on the sentence as the elementary form of communication as well as on various syntactic processes.

2203337 Italian Literature until the end of eighteenth century (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite :2203336

The course gives through some selected examples an overview of the development of Italian literature from its beginnings in the middle ages until its classical perfection through the works of Pirandello and Svevo. Representative samples will be selected and studied.

2203424 Debate and Reading/Italian (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2203226

This course introduces the skills of debate, effective reading and inferential thinking through the use of selected text. The student should recognize the structure of the text and to utilize the acquired vocabulary, expressions and structures in his discussion.

2203425 Special Topic in Italian Language (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite 2203226

This course, whose content varies from one semester to another, deals with a specific topic on or linked to the Italian language. It is determined on the basis of students' needs and the instructors' area of specialization or research interests. The course usually provides an in-depth investigation of a certain topic that has not been covered in the language courses offered in the study plan.

2203437 Contemporary Italian Literature (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite : 2203336

This course starts with the so-called "Classical Period of Italian Literature" and leads through the several literary epochs until the present. Students will read and study selections from the poetry, prose, and drama of the period.



2233442 Translation (Arabic –Italian/ 2) (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2233117

Students will be trained in translating texts from Arabic into Italian whereby translation of practical texts such as newspaper articles, documents, certificates, directions for use etc. will be taken in special consideration. Model texts will be used to illustrate good translation.

2203338 Italian in the Field of Tourism (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite : 2233117

The participants should intensively tackle with Italian in the Field of Tourism. At the beginning of the course students listen to descriptions of different kinds of journeys. Advantages and disadvantages of different ways of travelling are discussed. Reading and discussing prospects the learners collect information on sights and monuments in Jordan. Students are then asked to give short presentations on these sights and monuments.

The special vocabulary necessary to describe archaeological places should be acquired.

2203339 Italian in the Field of Economics (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite : 2233117

This course familiarizes students with the special terminology used in this Field and introduces them to lexical expressions and specialized vocabulary to this Field. It also concentrates on special grammatical structures of scientific texts in general. It enhances as well their ability to communicate in the specialization, to read scientific texts, and to use dictionaries.

2203438 Italian in the Field of Media (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite : 2233117

In this course participants are introduced to characteristics of different kinds of media. Students receive an overview about different categories of newspapers and magazines. The different kinds of newspapers and magazines are described, background information about different products of the press is acquired. Articles from newspaper and magazines are presented by students and then discussed. Basic knowledge about the Italian press laws is gathered.

The students will learn to recognize the advantages and the disadvantages of the different methods of teaching and how to plan and perform a successful and interesting lesson.



2203426 Didactics and methodology of teaching Italian as a foreign language (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite :2203226

This course represents an introduction of the Didactics (the WHAT) and the Methodology (the HOW) of teaching of a foreign language. We shall handle those methodological concepts that have had a substantial impact on teaching Italian as a foreign language throughout the history, but also the modern methods that have proved to produce positive results in the past 10-15 years.

2203439 Italian Civilization (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2203226

Emphasis is placed on the historical, geographic and social circumstances of Italy as the basic focus of this course. Major authors and texts representing the Italian civilization will be studied at length. Use of media material will be highlighted.

2203324 Linguistics/Italian (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2203226

This course is an introduction to theories and trends in Italian linguistics and their importance in the teaching of grammar. The various components of Italian linguistics and major linguistics matters, theoretical and applied, will be studied.

2203430 Special Topic in Italian Literature (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite: 2203336

A particular literary topic is selected for study and analysis under the instructor's supervision (literary analysis, outline and text interpretation, historical and cultural background, etc.). This topic may be chosen from both classical and contemporary Italian literature.



2203330 Contemporary Italian Thought (3 credit hours)

Prerequisite 2203336

This course tends to offer the participant an ample understanding of contemporary Italian thought. After situating contemporary Italy in her ideological and political context, participants proceed to analyze the nation's intellectual, thinkers, social, and human development. The final object will be an attempt to identify a Italian thought in a broad sense. This course focuses on Italian thought with an emphasis on how Italian thought compares and contrasts with American or Hispanic thought.