CLASS SYLLABUS

DELTA COLLEGE
Fall 2008
ITALIANO 1 # 99143

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Course Description: This course is designed to offer an elementary study of the Italian Language and culture. Efforts to master reading and composition skills are based on both contemporary and traditional selections (UC, CSU)

Supplementary Material: Italian-English/English-Italian Dictionary / CDs are optional but highly recommended.

Course Goals:
- learn sentence structure and sound system of the language.
- build your vocabulary, your listening comprehension and your reading and writing skills.
- explore the various aspects of the Italian culture.

Course Content:
We will cover the first 5 chapters including "Lezione preliminare" of Oggi in Italia. Our grammar will focus on: verb tenses (present of regular and irregular verbs), definite and indefinite articles and their agreement with the noun, adjectives, possessive adjectives and sentence structure. We will build on your vocabulary and we will master communication skills (listening comprehension, speaking and pronunciation). The course will include common idiomatic expressions. Throughout the course we will discuss many aspects of the Italian culture.

Method of Evaluation

| Unit exams | 50% | A 90-100% |
| Assignment (lab/workbook) | 15% | B 80-89 |
| Presentation (at mid-term) | 5% | C 70-79 |
| Final exam, this will be an oral presentation | 20% | D 60-69 |
Participation 10%  F 59% and below  
*This class may be taken for a letter grade, or on a credit/no credit basis. The decision has to be made at the beginning of the semester.

Obligations of the student:  
- participate regularly in all class activities. Attendance strongly advised.  
- complete all assignments  
- take unit exams, a final oral exam and give a presentation.  
There will not be make up tests  
- adhere to the SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION Classroom Expectations as outlined below.

Social Science Division Class Room Expectations  
It is expected that students in all Social Science Division classes will:  
-be attentive to, and participate in all instructional activities.  
-be courteous to people with different perspectives and values.  
-be respectful of all persons.  
-be on time.  
-not leave early without instructor’s permission.  
-not disrupt class sessions by inappropriate behavior.  
-not cheat on examinations or assignments.  
-not engage in plagiarism.  
-not eat, drink, or smoke in classrooms.  
-make use of the instructor’s office hours during designated times.

Excerpt from College Catalog student responsibilities:  
Withdrawing from the class is the responsibility of the student. The student should file the request “Program Change Form” at the registration area noting the course to be dropped, or request the withdrawal through the telephone registration system. As a matter of courtesy and to assist the instructor’s in maintaining accurate class records, the student should also inform the instructor of the decision to drop the course.  
Please be aware of the amount of work you have to commit to this course, in order to achieve a high grade, and to ensure that you gain as much as possible of the educational experience this course offers to you. This course “requires a minimum of 3 hours of work per week for each unit of credit, including class time.”  
(California State Education Code)  

General remarks:  
Regular attendance is necessary to do well in this course. Take advantage of every opportunity to practice. Missing classes will hamper your ability to achieve high scores on the exams, and of course, it will negatively affect your participation grade.  
My goals are to see you do well and enjoy the learning of my native language.

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