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Class contents and exam requirements

Italian Language

(first language, second year)

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ITALIAN AS FIRST FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The course is aimed at students enrolled in degree courses taught in Italian who have chosen Italian as their first foreign language and runs over two years. It is for students who have at least an upper-intermediate (B2 level) knowledge of the language and the exit level is set as C1 (advanced) at the end of the second year of their degree course.
The second year course runs over two semesters and ends in an exam which, once passed, gives the student two credits and which grade forms part of the overall final degree grade average.
Please remind that the class group is run if the minimum number of applicants is reached.

Second year course – Path 3

Program
The syllabus for the second year covers the units from 4 to 13 in the set textbook.
In addition to the content of the academic program, there is also a guided self-study component. The activities are to be carried out in conjunction with attendance in class (up to five hours per week). This allows the student to constantly learn the language and prepare properly for the exam. Students who attend at least 70% of the lessons and complete the self-study program will be awarded two points to be added to their final exam grade (See "Concluding info", p. 4).

Subjects and functions	Grammar	Units	Self-study program*
Scrittura, editoria e mezzi di informazione in Italia. Sviluppo economico e demografico e sue problematiche.	Periodo ipotetico e congiuntivo	Un giorno in Italia Unità 4	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 1
Stili di vita, cambiamenti nella vita e nel lavoro. Esprimere ipotesi.	Periodo ipotetico	Un giorno in Italia Unità 5	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 2
Invenzione della radio Evoluzione della lingua italiana I giovani e le dipendenze tecnologiche	Congiunzioni e connettivi	Un giorno in Italia Unità 8	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 3
Problematiche sociali, associazionismo, volontariato. Ecologia, sviluppo sostenibile e Pubblicità	Usi del congiuntivo presente	Un giorno in Italia Unità 9	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 4
Arte Contemporanea. Problematiche sociali. Padri e figli: generazioni a confronto	Usi del congiuntivo imperfetto	Un giorno in Italia Unità10	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 5
Luoghi di svago nell'antichità	Forma passiva	Un giorno in Italia Unità 11	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 6
Trasporti: scioperi e agitazioni. Ambienti urbani: ecologia, rifiuti, riciclaggio.	Concordanze dei tempi e dei modi all'indicativo e al congiuntivo	Un giorno in Italia Unità 12	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 7
Cronaca Furti, illegalità. Criminalità, mafia, camorra.	Discorso diretto e indiretto Uso dell'infinito e del gerundio	Un giorno in Italia Unità 13	www.italicon.it corso di italiano per stranieri livello III Unità 8

* In order to get the most out of the course you should complete the exercises available at www.italicon.it Course of Italian for foreigners students Level III (all units in order).

Set textbook

- A.A.V.V., *Un giorno in Italia*, Bonacci Editore

Second year exam

Knowledge is assessed by one of the following methods, among which students can choose:

- international certification from among those recognized by the University (see www.unibocconi.eu > Language Center > Language Certificates), or
- Bocconi exam, which corresponds, like international certificates, to the Common European Framework standards.

Students cannot sit the second year exam unless they have passed the first year one (code 30125).
The exam consists of a **written paper** and an **oral exam**. Both need to be passed for the grade to count towards the final average. In order to take the oral exam, it is necessary to:

- pass the written exam (minimum mark 18/30)
- have a test score that hasn't expired, i.e. that is still valid (see Written **Exam**, **Validity**)

Students can choose to retake the written exam before the taking the oral exam but must remember that handing in their paper annuls any previous grade given. Students must enrol for all exams via the Punto Blu.

Written exam

There are two parts in the written exam and the score for each comprises the total exam grade in thirtieths.
Monolingual dictionaries can be used.
Duration of exam: 120 minutes, after the listening.

Contents of exam

First part	Listening to messages and news: announcements, surveys, extracts from telephone conversations	
Objective	Check candidates' ability to identify the subject matter, how it is communicated and the opinion expressed in a brief listening passage	
Exam	Writing a text (letter, report, memorandum).	**15/30**
Second part:	Reading comprehension of one or more authentic texts, possibly also containing graphs, tables, images.	
Objective	Checking candidates': • ability to understand texts; • ability to write structured texts according to instructions given.	
Exam	Writing a text (letter, short report, memorandum).	**15/30**

Validity
The written exam is valid a limited amount of time:

- if passed by 31st May 2013, it is valid for the 3 subsequent oral exams
- if passed from 1st June 2013, it is valid for the 3 subsequent oral exams, and it is also valid for the subsequent 12 months but there is a penalty that must be paid (see **Oral Exam**, **Validity**)

Oral exam

There are two parts to the oral exam: presentation and discussion. The presentation is about one of the main topic areas (taken from Italian press) contained in the course, and the discussion follows this under the examiners' direction using *ad hoc* questions.
It is indispensable that the above-mentioned items are prepared thoroughly for the oral exam and students are advised to prepare themselves well in advance of the date. Details on how to prepare

for the exam are to be found on line in the library for each language (Bocconi e-learning platform) or at: www.unibocconi.it/centrolinguistico in Laboratori linguistici > Materiali di autoapprendimento on-line.
Duration of exam: 15 minutes.

Description of exam stages

Presentation	Speaking about the topic assigned during the exam (10-12 minutes)
Discussion	Discussion of the topic presented led by the examiners using *ad hoc* questions.

Validity
The oral exam can only be taken once you have passed the written exam (see **Written Exam**). Students will be assessed in terms of their practical ability to communicate. During the oral exam marks can be added to or subtracted from the written exam result in the following way:

- by +3 or -3, if the oral exam is passed within the 3 oral exams subsequent to the written exam
- by +1 or -3, if the oral exam is passed after the first 3 subsequent oral exams, but still by 12 months subsequent to the written exam (this option is possible only for students who take the written exam after 1st June 2013).

Concluding info

The assessment of language skills depends both on the result of the final exam and on marks awarded during the year.
All exam grades on or above the pass mark (minimum 18/30) can be given an extra three points by the teacher responsible for the course as follows:

- Positive participation in the course and completion of self-study activities.
- Second-year exam passed on the first time it is taken.

Positive participation in the course and self-study program
Following a positive participation in the course, students can be awarded two extra points by the teacher as follows:

- 1 thirtieth for attending at least 70% of the classroom lessons;
- 1 thirtieth for completing the self-study program.

Any additional points are allocated by the teacher at the end of the course depending on students' attendance and active participation as determined in class and on line in each language's Library on the Bocconi e-learning platform.

These additional points are valid for a limited period only: from June to the following December after the course has ended, including these months mentioned.

Second-year exam passed on the first time it is taken
In order to reward students who sit for the exam only when really prepared, an extra point will be added to the final grade if students pass both the written and oral exams the first time they are taken (minimum 18/30). Please note that the oral part has to be passed on the first date subsequent to the written exam.