

This course is designed for students with little or no previous knowledge of Italian. In its new engaging format, the course is composed of three hours per week of in-class instruction, and one hour of online activities at home. It is a dynamic introductory course to the Italian language and culture that blends traditional classroom interaction and online activities. Students are provided with immediate online feedback and engage in active and collaborative learning to acquire beginners'

Online Learning Preparation and Activities (OLPA)\*: 8%  
 Class Participation (CP): 10%  
 3 Tests: 30%  
 Individual Presentations (IP): 12%  
 Final Poster Presentation (PP): 10%  
 Final Exam: 30%  
 Total: 100%


\* include practice activities as outlined in the *Online Activities Schedule*.

\*\* *Italian Studies @ Western organizes several cultural activities throughout the year that enhance the learning of Italian. List of extra-course activities will be provided at the start of term. These activities include, but are not limited to, guest speakers, end-of-the-year theatrical performance, Italian cooking classes, Cineclub Italiano, Conversation Club, and more. Students will be provided with a passport a list of the activities and percentage to be signed by activities leaders. Bonus Points will be credited for completed activities recorded on the Passport, handed in to the instructor at the end of the course.*

Students (in groups of 3 or 4) will present a poster on aspects of Italian culture in the global context, at the Italian Studies Cultural Awareness Day on campus. Each group will be in attendance for one hour.

The Online Learning Activities are an integral part of the course and the foundation of class participation. Students are asked to prepare for the in-class portion of the course by completing the selected activities as indicated in the weekly calendar distributed at the beginning of the course. (Your professor might add other activities, for practice). Participation is assessed based on class preparation built on this weekly online component, the overall in-class performance and progress, including group and pair in-class activities, and willingness to communicate in Italian. Students who miss classes or parts of classes are responsible for the material they have missed. For more details about missed classes and final exam debarment, please check <http://www.uwo.ca/modlang/undergraduate/policies.html>

There will be 3 tests (2 hours each) that will include grammar, listening, and comprehension sections. Students will receive guidelines about the tests beforehand, and of course class time and homework will be geared to the preparation for the tests. No make-ups will be allowed unless appropriate documentation is provided. See below under "Missed Assignments".

: The Final Exam is timetabled by the Office of the Registrar during the April examination period. Please, plan your travels accordingly. NO special examinations can be granted without approval of the Dean's Office.