# Italian 250: Composition and Stylistics

# Rutgers University, Italian Department, Fall 2017 01:560:250



Instructor:

**Meeting Time:** 

Office hours:

E-mail:

#### Course Description:

Italian 250 aims to improve written proficiency in Italian through an in-depth study of syntactic structures and stylistic features. Taught in Italian, this course focuses on writing and revising. Students will have the opportunity to practice and refine their writing skills by analyzing and discussing in class a varied selection of texts that are drawn from a diverse range of genres: novels, short stories, fables, diaries, articles, essays, films, film reviews, and poetry. After discussing and analyzing their formal and stylistic features, as well as their specific ways of structuring the argument, students are asked to write and revise a minimum of six compositions in different genres.

## Learning goals:

At the end of this course, students will be able to recognize different writing styles and registers of language and to identify the formal elements characterizing different types of narration and argumentation. Upon successful completion students will be able to comprehend and analyze written higher-level texts, compose in different genres (e.g.,

autobiography, critical essay, and short story) at an intermediate high level - as defined by the ACTFL Guidelines - and adequately respond to feed-back and suggestions for revisions.

# **Departmental Goal I:**

General Linguistic Proficiency: Communicative and Intercultural Competence

# This course satisfies Core Curriculum Learning Goals: AH (q) and W (s2, t, v).

- **Area of Inquiry C:** Arts and the Humanities.
- Goal q: Understand the nature of human languages and their speakers.
- Cognitive Skills and Processes A: Writing and Communication.
- **s2**: Respond effectively to editorial feedback from peers, instructors, and/or supervisors through successive drafts and revision.
- **t:** Communicate effectively in modes appropriate to a discipline or area of inquiry.
- **v**: Analyze and synthesize information and ideas from multiple sources to generate new insights.

#### **Prerequisites:**

Italian 132 or permission of the Undergraduate Director.

# Required texts

A good Italian/English dictionary such as Collins.

Course information, announcements, assignments, readings and deadlines will be posted on Sakai. Students MUST print and bring to every class the material that will be covered during the week. Please make sure that you have access to our page after the first class. You will need a Rutgers username and password. You are responsible for checking Sakai regularly.

## **Course requirements:**

#### Written work:

You will be assigned a composition every week. Compositions (first and final draft) must be submitted electronically through your Sakai Drop Box. **No late or make-up compositions will be accepted.** Compositions will be graded on a percentage scale. The first draft is worth 70% of the composition's grade while the final draft is worth 30%.

#### Participation:

The class will be conducted in Italian, and you are expected to participate entirely in Italian. Attendance is mandatory. Please note that attendance, the quality and quantity of your participation and of your responses to the instructor's corrections and suggestions for revisions are an integral part of your final grade.

#### Attendance

All students must attend regularly. No more than 3 absences are allowed. Use them wisely for health and other serious issues. Having more than 3 absences, arriving to class late, and engagin in behaviour that is distracting to the rest of the class are gounds for significan lower mark in class participation. If it is necessary for you to be absent from class, it is your responsibility to get the homework assignments from either the instructor or a fellow student. If you expect to miss one or two classs, please use the University Absence Reporting Website <a href="https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/">https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/</a> to indicate the dae and reason of your absence. An email is automatically sent to the instructor.

#### Disabilities Policies

In case students with disabilities should require any special type of assistance and would liek to request accommodations, they must follow the procedures outlines at <a href="http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/request.html">http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/request.html</a>

#### **Grade Distribution:**

Class Attendance and participation: 15%

Homework and assignments: 15%

Compositions: 25%

Midterm exam in class : 20% Final exam at home: 25%

#### **Academic Integrity and Plagiarsim**

Violations of academic integrity policy will result in disciplinary measures. Violations include: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, denying others access to information or material, and facilitating violations of academic integrity. In order to avoid plagiarism (the representation of the words or ideas of others as one's own), every quotation must be identified by quotation marks or appropriate indentation and must be properly cited in the text or in a footnote. Always acknowledge your sources clearly and completely when you paraphrase or summarize material from another source (in print, electronic, or other medium) on whole or in part. If you are in doubt, please consult the policy on plagiarism and academic integrity at Rutgers and do not hesitate to ask your instructor for clarifications.

http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/integrity.shtml

# Calendario delle lezioni

	Data	In Classe	Letture, Composizioni e Esercizi
1	7 Settembre	Introduzione al corso: le funzioni della lingua	
II	12 settembre 14 Settembre	Analisi del testo <b>\$tile descrittivo:</b> Descrizione di luoghi e persone	Giacomo Leopardi, <i>Dialogo di un venditore</i> di almanacchi e di un passeggere Elsa Morante, <i>La casa di Arturo</i>
III	19 settembre	<b>\$tile descrittivo:</b> le preposizioni	Esercizi di grammatica
	21 settembre	<b>Stile descrittivo</b> : esercizi di scrittura	Composizione #1: prima stesura
IV	26 settembre	<b>\$tile autobiografico:</b> raccontare la propria vita	Italo Svevo, <i>L'ultima sigaretta</i>
	28 settembre	<b>\$tile autobiografico</b> : il discorso indiretto	Composizione # 1: seconda stesura
V	3 ottobre 5 ottobre	<b>Stile autobiografico:</b> esercizi di scrittura	Esercizi di grammatica
		<b>\$tile argomentativo</b> : provare una tesi	Alessandro Baricco, <i>Next</i>
VI	10 ottobre	<b>\$tile argomentativo:</b> le congiunzioni	Composizione # 2: prima stesura
	12 ottobre	<b>\$tile argomentativo</b> : esercizi di scrittura	Esercizi di grammatica
VII	17 ottobre	Preparazione	Composizione # 2: seconda stesura
	19 ottobre	al midterm	Esercizi di preparazione

VIII	24 ottobre	MIDTERM	Composizione #3: prima stesura
	26 ottobre	<b>La recensione</b> : Recensire un film	Recensioni di <i>Il Capitale Umano</i>
IX	31 ottobre	La recensione: il congiuntivo	Composizione # 3: seconda stesura
	2 novembre	<b>La recensione</b> : esercizi di scrittura	Esercizi di grammatica
X	7 novembre	<b>\$tile narrativo:</b> I generi narrativi	Composizione # 4: prima stesura
	9 novembre	II racconto: \$ Struttura del racconto	Dino Buzzati, <i>L'uomo che volle guarire</i>
XI	14 novembre	Il racconto: passato prossimo	Composizione # 4: seconda stesura
	16 novembre	versus imperfetto  II racconto: esercizi di  scrittura	Esericizi di grammatica
XII	21 novembre	<b>La fiaba</b> : Struttura della fiaba	Fiabe di Leonardo e Leon Battista Alberti Composizione # 5: prima stesura
XIII	28 novembre	<b>La fiaba</b> : la forma passiva	Composizione #5: seconda stesura
	30 novembre	La poesia: Cos'è la poesia	Antologia di testi poetici (Dante, Leopardi, Montale)
XIV	5 dicembre	La poesia: Le figure retoriche	Esercizi di grammatica
	7 dicembre	La poeșia: esercizi di scrittura	Composizione # 6: prima stesura
ΧV	12 dicembre	Ripasso finale	Esericizi di grammatica
	14 dicembre	Ripasso finale	Composizione #6: seconda stesura

#### **Student-Wellness Services:**

# Just In Case Web App

http://codu.co/cee05e

Access helpful mental health information and resources for yourself or a friend in a mental health crisis on your smartphone or tablet and easily contact CAPS or RUPD.

# Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)

(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901/ rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

CAPS is a University mental health support service that includes counseling, alcohol and other drug assistance, and psychiatric services staff ed by a team of professional within Rutgers Health services to support students' efforts to succeed at Rutgers University. CAPS offers a variety of services that include: individual therapy, group therapy and workshops, crisis intervention, referral to specialists in the community and consultation and collaboration with campus partners.

# **Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)**

(848) 932-1181/3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901/vpva.rutgers.edu/

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides confidential crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual and relationship violence and stalking to students, staff and faculty. To reach staff during office hours when the university is open or to reach an advocate after hours, call 848-932-1181.

## **Disability Services**

(848) 445-6800 / Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston Campus, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854 / <a href="https://ods.rutgers.edu/">https://ods.rutgers.edu/</a>

The Office of Disability Services works with students with a documented disability to determine the eligibility of reasonable accommodations, facilitates and coordinates those accommodations when applicable, and lastly engages with the Rutgers community at large to provide and connect students to appropriate resources.

#### **Scarlet Listeners**

(732) 247-5555 / http://www.scarletlisteners.com/

Free and confidential peer counseling and referral hotline, providing a comforting and supportive safe space.