COURSE SYLLABUS: FLL 497.01W - ITALIAN LANGUAGE I - SPRING 2014

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Online resources on
http://connect.mangolanguages.com/texasamcommerce/start

Course Description

Welcome students!
Learning a language is important for three main reasons: to see your world with new lenses, to use these lenses to explore that world, and to explore worlds beyond your own. Having completed this course, it is our hope that the experience will have nurtured in you a desire to explore other cultures, other languages, different histories, and people. After experiencing life in another country, you may return home or you may choose to put down roots in another place that makes you happy–your experiences will have expanded your world. This course is your virtual journey to a new world, Italy.

Student Learning Outcomes

- The student will learn and recognize most of the Italian grammar structures;
- The student will handle articulate conversations;
- The student will understand spoken and written texts;
- The student will become familiar with Italian culture and the way language is connected to both Italian and the student's own culture;

- The student will demonstrate proficiency in both linguistic and communicative competence in Italian;
- The student will become familiar with many Italian pragmatic speech acts and language in context.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to achieve the outcomes of the course, students are required to take a placement exam on http://connect.mangolanguages.com/texasamcommerce/start , in order to determine which unit and which chapter they should start from. Students will be involved in a number of different activities on this website. In order to successfully accomplish the objectives of the course, it is fundamental for each student to take part in the online activities. This course covers a lot of material in a relatively short period of time.

Instructional Methods / Activities / Assessments

- **Assignments**: Students are required to complete all assigned mangolanguages.com activities in at least two Units of the course; the starting Unit and the starting chapter are determined by the placement exam.

- **Final exam:** At the end of the course, students will take an exam in Italian in order to obtain the course credits.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

You must have regular **Internet access.**

This course is held entirely on the website http://connect.mangolanguages.com/texasamcommerce/start, where you will post the assignments.

It is your responsibility to check your email regularly to make sure that you receive all the information about this course.

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

To register for the course, e-mail me at Giacinto.Guagnano@tamuc.edu. Provide your first name, last name and the e-mail address that you want to use as contact for the course.

Internet Access

An Internet connection is necessary to complete assignments and receive feedback from your professor.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Interaction with Instructor

If you have technical problems or require any assistance with lessons, send an e-mail at Giacinto.Guagnano@tamuc.edu.

If you want to arrange an appointment with the instructor, send an e-mail at Giacinto.Guagnano@tamuc.edu.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Plagiarism/Academic Honesty

Academic Dishonesty Defined. Texas A&M University-Commerce defines "academic dishonesty" in the following way (Procedure A13.12 "Academic Honesty"): Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.

"Plagiarism". Further Specified. The Department of Literature and Languages builds on the university definition of "plagiarism," given in 1, in the following manner (taken from "Defining and Avoiding Plagiarism: The WPA Statement on Best Practices," undated, pages 1-2, 12 March 2003. http://www.wpacouncil.org/node/9 Plagiarism occurs when a writer deliberately uses someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source. [. . .] Ethical writers make every effort to acknowledge sources fully and

appropriately in accordance with the contexts and genres of their writing. A student who attempts (even if clumsily) to identify and credit his or her source, but who misuses a specific citation format or incorrectly uses quotation marks or other forms of identifying material taken from other sources, has not plagiarized. Instead, such a student should be considered to have failed to cite and document sources appropriately.

Instructors in the Department of Literature and Languages do not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. Instructors uphold and support the highest academic standards, and students are expected to do likewise. Penalties for students guilty of academic dishonesty include disciplinary probation, suspension, and expulsion.

Attendance

Participation is a very important component for the final grade. If you do not take part in the online activities, you cannot take the final exam and get the credits.

University Specific Procedures

ADA Statement

Students with Disabilities
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library- Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Student Conduct
All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook).* Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Course Calendar

When you receive an email from your instructor, follow the enclosed instructions and you may begin the course. The minimum required Units must be completed by April 21, 2015. Exams will be scheduled via email and completed before the end of the semester, May 15, 2015.