



**JOHN FELICE
ROME CENTER**

Italian Language 104 (A...)

John Felice Rome Center

Fall 2025

Twice a week/ to be determined based on students' schedule

Room: SALA ...

Professor:

Email:

Office Hours:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to acquire basic structures of the Italian language and culture. Emphasis will be placed on developing speaking, listening, reading and writing skills and grammar sufficient to support these. Through in-class activities and homework assignments, students can also expect to learn about modern Italy, including geography, culture, history, and society. Given the unique cultural context in which this course is placed, students will be particularly encouraged to begin speaking Italian outside the classroom as soon as possible.

This course will be conducted in Italian.

LEARNING GOALS

Learning Outcomes:

Students will further refine their Italian language skills and gain greater fluency in all aspects of communication, from spoken to written. By the end of the course, they will be able to understand and interpret more complex texts, including short stories, articles, and multimedia materials such as songs and films. They will express themselves with greater precision and sophistication in speaking and writing, using advanced grammatical structures such as the subjunctive mood, conditional tenses, and relative pronouns. Students will be able to express opinions, hypotheses, and agreement and disagreement through class discussions, group activities, and in-class oral presentations. They will further develop their intercultural awareness by applying and expanding their critical thinking on topics related to the links between Italian language and cultural practices and art and society.

Course Objectives:

By completing Italian 104, students will be familiar with or deepen their understanding of:

- Grammatical structures covered in Italian 101-103 (e.g. the passato prossimo, the imperfetto, the future, the present conditional, object pronouns, etc.)
- Double object pronouns
- The subjunctive mood and its uses
- The past conditional
- Relative pronouns
- The pronoun *ne*
- The particella *ci*

Students will be able to:

- Avoid redundancy in their spoken and written Italian through the use of pronouns
- Express more complex opinions and formulate hypotheticals to communicate both possible and impossible scenarios
- Understand and interpret short narrations and other materials such as songs and films
- Express and exchange ideas on historical and contemporary Italian social issues
- Express their interpretations of Italian society and culture through oral presentations and writing assignments

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

In order to attain the learning outcomes outlined above and to ensure that the course moves on effectively, students are encouraged and expected to:

1. Attend class. Not attending class will lower a student's grade for several reasons (e.g., lack of participation, missed clarifications, explanations and analyses, missed vocabulary).
2. Participate actively and constructively in class both with the instructor and other students.



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3. Take all quizzes and exams, and complete assignments on their scheduled dates and at their scheduled times (see dates in **boldface type** under CLASS SCHEDULE). **Make-up quizzes and exams will be possible ONLY in accordance with Rome Center policy regarding excused absences (see ATTENDANCE POLICY).**
4. Complete homework assignments on their due date.
5. Behave in a manner conducive to learning and respectful to everyone in class.
6. Speak Italian as requested during class meetings.

REQUIRED TEXT – 1 COPY IS REQUIRED FOR EACH STUDENT:

NUOVO ESPRESSO 3 Libro dello studente e esercizi + ebook interattivo
Maria Bali. Luciana Ziglio, Alma edizioni
ISBN: 9788861826847

The books required are to be purchased within the first week of class. You are free to order the books online, using the links provided below. We encourage you to physically go to LaFeltrinelli bookstore in Largo di Torre Argentina 5a (<https://www.lafeltrinelli.it/punto-vendita/roma/ms-roma-argentina/555>) where Loyola students have 5% discount on books and stationery. Please bring the ISBN of the texts required.

Suggested links for purchasing online:

<https://www.amazon.it/> or <https://www.amazon.com/>

<https://www.almaedizioni.it>

<https://www.languages-direct.com>

<https://www.italianbookshop.co.uk>

OFFICE HOURS AND E-MAIL COMMUNICATION

I would be happy to meet with you at our mutual convenience. Write toto make an appointment or come to my office hours scheduled on in Faculty room. I encourage you to contact me with any questions. If you have questions, make sure to ask them with ample time to finish your assignments.

Netiquette: <https://www.pearsoned.com/helping-students-develop-proper-internet-etiquette/>

ATTENDANCE POLICY

In accordance with the Rome Center mission to promote a higher level of academic rigor, and in compliance with full-time student visa status, all courses adhere to the following attendance policy.

Prompt attendance, preparation and active participation in course discussions are expected from every student and synonymous with academic success. Attendance is mandatory at every class meeting for each course. Lateness or leaving class early will impact the course grade at the professor's discretion.

All absences, including medical absences, will be treated the same, unless they are documented long-term conditions or emergencies. Such situations will be evaluated case-by-case by the Academic Affairs office. It is the student's responsibility to check homework assignments, class notes, etc. and come to class prepared in case of absence.

This class meets three times a week and it follows the schedule below:

Twice-a-week classes:

- After 2 absences, a 2% final grade reduction will be applied for each missed class.
- Missing 6 classes or more will result in an automatic failure (F).



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MEANS OF ASSESSMENT

The final grade will be determined on the basis of the following criteria, and grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

% of final grade

Class Participation	12.5%
*Homework	12.5%
*Progetto Roma	10%
*Italian Culture Presentation	5%
*Oral competence (2)	10%
**Quizzes (3)	15%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	20%

Grading

94-100: A

90-93: A-

87-89: B+

84-86: B

80-83: B-

77-79: C+

74-76: C

70-73: C-

67-69: D+

60-66: D

59 or lower: F

*Detailed information concerning these assignments (expectations, deadlines, etc.) will be distributed during the semester.

Progetto Roma an on-site guided activity, will encourage students to explore sites of the city while practicing structures and vocabulary learned in class interacting with local people.

Cultural Presentation in Italian: You will be asked to make a presentation of your choice on topics which will focus on the Italian culture in accordance with the teacher's instructions. Further details will be given during the synchronous sessions. The presentation is in Italian.

** Quizzes are designed to assess students' progress at regular intervals throughout the semester and are not cumulative. The midterm exam and final exam are cumulative.

FINAL EXAM

DATE: | TIME: | PLACE:

Students who cannot attend the final exam session will receive a grade of 0 (zero) on the final exam (except for students with a valid excuse; see ABSENCE POLICY), and the final grade will be calculated accordingly.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are unacceptable at the JFRC and will be dealt with in accordance with Loyola University Chicago's guidelines. Please familiarize yourself with Loyola's standards here:



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http://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg_academicintegrity.shtml. You are responsible to comply with the LUC Student Handbook.

In addition to the Loyola University Chicago policy on Academic Honesty (see Loyola website), the following rules apply in all modern language courses:

1. Students may not use automated translators to write compositions.
2. Students may not ask friends, relatives or native speakers to complete their assignments.
3. Students may not recycle their own or other people's work.
4. Students must explicitly cite any material that has been taken from the Internet or other sources and in most cases are urged to paraphrase rather than copy and paste.

TITLE IX

As an instructor, I am a Responsible Campus Partner ("RCP") under Loyola's [Comprehensive Policy and Procedures for Addressing Discrimination, Sexual Misconduct, and Retaliation](#) (available at www.luc.edu/equity). While my goal is for you to be able to engage fully and authentically with our course material through class discussions and written work, I also want to be transparent that as a RCP, I am instructed to notify the [Office for Equity & Compliance](#) ("OEC")/Title IX Coordinator when I have any information about conduct that reasonably may constitute Title IX Sex-Based Discrimination.

Title IX Sex-Based Discrimination (Discrimination or discriminatory harassment on the basis of sex, Sexual harassment, Sexual assault, Dating and/or domestic violence, Stalking) applies when the conduct was within the University's education program or activity.

As the University's [Title IX](#) office, the OEC coordinates the University's response to reports and complaints of sexual misconduct (as well as discrimination of any kind) to ensure students' rights are protected.

LATE OR MISSED ASSIGNMENTS

Late or missed assignments will not be accepted for grading without the authorization of the instructor.

ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Students registered with the Student Accessibility Center requiring academic accommodations should contact the Office of the Dean at the John Felice Rome Center, the first week of classes.

EXAMINATION POLICY

<https://www.luc.edu/rome/academics/academicpolicies/>

Final examinations are given during the scheduled examination period each semester. Additional tests or examinations may be given during the semester as often as deemed helpful by the instructor. Students who miss any scheduled exam or quiz, including a final exam, at the assigned hours will not be permitted to sit for a make-up examination without approval of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Permission is given rarely and only for grave reason, travel is not considered a grave reason. Make-up exams will only be given for documented absences.

Student progress is assessed after mid-term so that students who are not performing to established academic standards may be informed of their academic progress far enough in advance to take corrective steps. Early academic alert notices are issued to students who are in danger of failing; notices may also be sent to the students' deans and/or study abroad coordinators if deemed appropriate. The policy concerning travel and make-up examinations for missed mid-term exams is identical to that for all exams.

PLEASE NOTE ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES 104 LEVEL MAY HAVE TWO (2) MAKE-UP LESSON ON FRIDAY: SEPTEMBER 19 AND OCTOBER 25TH. (DEPENDING ON THE SCHEDULE)



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CLASS PLAN: the following plan can be modified

*Classes are normally not scheduled on Fridays with the exception of two (2) Friday class days: Friday, September 19: Wednesday schedule/ Friday, October 25: Thursday schedule

Dates	Italian Espresso	Vocabulary	Grammar	Italian Culture	Formal assessment
Week 1 September	1 DO YOU SPEAK ITALIAN?		Introduction to the course/Review of Italian 103 topics Past Perfect		
Week 2 September	1/2	• daily activities question words	Combined object pronouns	L'Italofonia	
Week 3 September	2 VIVERE IN CITTÀ	Talking about unfilled wishes and regrets	conditional perfect	city or countryside	Quiz 1
Week 4 September	2/3		Ci e Ne Some verbi pronominali	Città emblematiche	Oral 1
Week 5 September	3 MADE IN ITALY	Expressing views and opinions, judgments, joy, fear, hope, displeasure	The Subjunctive mood (present)	Made in Italy	Quiz 2
Week 6 October	4 PAROLE, PAROLE, PAROLE	REVIEW	REVIEW	REVIEW	Mid-term
Week 7 October 10-19	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK	FALL BREAK
Week 8 October	5 INVITO ALLA LETTURA	Expressing opinions, talking about interests	The Subjunctive mood (past)	Gli stranieri in Italia	
Week 9 October	5				Progetto Roma
Week 10 November	6 LA FAMIGLIA CAMBIA FACCIA		The Subjunctive mood (imperfect)		
Week 11 November	6 LA FAMIGLIA CAMBIA FACCIA	Talking about distant past	Past Perfect Subjunctive /Come se + Imperfect and Past Perfect Subjunctive	Letteratura del Novecento	Quiz 3



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Week 12 April November	7 FESTE E REGALI	Expressing desire: formulating hypothesis of possibility and impossibility	Conjunctions and subjunctive Impersonal form	Italian Superstitions (legends, beliefs)	
Week 13 November	7		Past conditional Hypothetical period II type (possibility)		Oral 2
Week 14 December	<u>Review for final</u>	<u>Review for final</u>	<u>Review for final</u>		Italian Culture Presentation