

Italian

Italian studies at the University of Melbourne offer the most comprehensive program of its kind in Victoria. Students from all faculties have the opportunity to study the language and literature of one of the richest cultures in Europe. Multiple entry points are provided from beginners to advanced levels of language proficiency through the concurrent diploma and international exchange and study abroad. The emphasis on practical language acquisition and the study of Italian culture make Italian a rewarding option for all students. Students are able to select from a comprehensive and fascinating range of subjects in areas of linguistics, dialectology, literature and contemporary cultural studies. Taught by staff with strong research interests and expertise in these areas, the program equips students with an excellent grounding in Italian language, literature and culture and provides avenues into exciting career opportunities. Students who are interested in expanding their interests and knowledge in Italian studies are provided with an articulated structure of higher degree study at the University of Melbourne.

Time commitment to study

As well as scheduled contact hours for lectures, tutorial and seminars a considerable additional time commitment is needed to complete the academic requirements of each subject.

A subject-specific time commitment to study will be provided by your lecturer or tutor at the beginning of semester to help you schedule your workload and successfully manage your time during the semester. In addition, general estimates of the total time commitment required to study a 12.5-point single semester subject in the Faculty of Arts can be found on page 1.

Language study streams

The Department of French, Italian and Spanish Studies offers three streams of Italian:

Beginners

The beginners stream is for students who have little or no knowledge of Italian. It is available to students at first and second year, although students intending to complete a major will need to commence Italian in their first year.

Intermediate

The intermediate stream is usually only available to students who have undertaken four to five years of secondary school Italian, normally to Year 11, or an approved equivalent. It is not available to those who have sat for VCE Italian or equivalent.

Post-VCE

The post-VCE stream is usually only available to students who have obtained a pass in VCE Italian, or its equivalent.

Students who have not formally studied VCE Italian, but believe they have achieved an equivalent competence, must receive written permission from the Italian Part 1 coordinator before enrolling.

The department determines the language stream in which a student is to enrol. Placement is based on VCE results, other language study records, or a placement test.

Stream enrolment remains provisional until confirmed or, alternatively, altered according to the student's needs as determined by the department during the first two weeks of teaching. As far as possible, the department will notify students of any changes to their stream enrolment during the first two weeks of semester. Where a change is made in the third or fourth week of semester, it will be reported to the Associate Dean (Academic Programs).

Diploma in Modern Languages (Italian)

The Diploma in Modern Languages (DML) enables students to gain a diploma in language study while completing an undergraduate degree at the University of Melbourne.

The DML usually involves a three-year sequence of language study, totalling a minimum of 100 points. It adds one year to the duration of an ordinary degree course.

The DML (Italian) is offered in the beginners, intermediate and post-VCE streams. Italian subjects are taken alongside degree subjects in an integrated sequence of study. This must be approved by a faculty course adviser and the Italian section of the Department. See *Diploma in Modern Languages (p.13)*.

Requirements for a major

A major in Italian consists of 125 points usually comprising:

- four first-year subjects in Italian (37.5 points); and
- three second-year subjects in Italian (37.5 points); and
- four third-year subjects in Italian (50 points).

A major must include either:

- 116-067 Italian Part 3A Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.5)
- or
- 116-064 Italian Part 3 Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.4)

Structuring a major

A major in Italian usually takes one of the following forms:

Beginners stream

First year	Points
116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A (p.2)	12.5
116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B (p.2)	6.25
116-143 Beginners Italian Part 1C (p.2)	12.5
116-144 Beginners Italian Part 1D (p.3)	6.25
Second year	Points
116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3)	12.5
116-058 Intermediate Italian B (p.3)	12.5
116-059 Intermediate Italian C (p.4)	12.5
Third year	Points
116-067 Italian Part 3A Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.5)	12.5
Three optional subjects	37.5

Intermediate stream

First year	Points
116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3)	12.5
116-058 Intermediate Italian B (p.3)	12.5
116-059 Intermediate Italian C (p.4)	12.5
Second year	Points
116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1 (p.4)	12.5
116-060 Italian Part 2:Cultural Studies (p.4)	12.5
116-062 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 2 (p.4)	12.5
Third year	Points
116-064 Italian Part 3 Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.4)	12.5
Three optional subjects	37.5

Post-VCE stream

First year	Points
116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3)	12.5
116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3)	6.25
116-153 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture B (p.3)	12.5
116-154 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies B (p.3)	6.25
Second year	Points
116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1 (p.4)	12.5
116-060 Italian Part 2:Cultural Studies (p.4)	12.5
116-062 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 2 (p.4)	12.5
Third year	Points
116-064 Italian Part 3 Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.4)	12.5
Three optional subjects	37.5

Optional subjects for the major

Second/third-year subject	Sem.
116-028 European Spectacle (p.6)	N/A
Third-year subject	Sem.
116-065 Italian Part 3 Language 2 (p.4)	2
116-066 Italian 3R: Research Project (p.5)	1 rep 2
Third/fourth-year subjects	Sem.
116-416 Modern Italian Novel (p.5)	2
116-418 To Hell with Dante (p.5)	1
116-419 Dante 2 (p.5)	N/A
116-460 Italian as She is Spoke (p.5)	2
116-462 Sex and Power in the Renaissance (p.6)	2
116-463 From Reason to Romanticism (p.6)	N/A
116-466 The Story of Italian (p.6)	N/A
116-467 Modern Italian Theatre (p.6)	N/A
116-468 Italy in Close Up (p.6)	N/A
116-470 Italian Special Research Project (p.6)	1
116-478 The Sicilian Connection (p.7)	1

Honours entry

The prerequisites for entry to fourth-year honours in Italian are:

- completion of all the requirements for the BA; and
- completion of a major in Italian; and
- an average grade of H2B or higher over the second/third-year subjects within the major.

For information on how to apply see *Applying for Honours* (p.12).

Honours requirements

Pure honours

Students undertaking pure honours in Italian must complete:

- 116-507 Italian Thesis (p.7) (37.5 points); and
- 116-410 Italian Honours Language Seminar 1 (p.7) (12.5 points); and
- four honours subjects in Italian (50 points).

Combined honours

Students undertaking combined honours in Italian and another area of study must complete:

- 116-507 Italian Thesis (p.7) (37.5 points); and
- 116-410 Italian Honours Language Seminar 1 (p.7) (12.5 points); and
- one honours subject in Italian (12.5 points); and
- three honours subjects from the combined area of study (37.5 points).

or

- honours thesis in the combined area of study (37.5 points); and
- two honours subjects in the combined area of study (25 points); and
- 116-410 Italian Honours Language Seminar 1 (p.7) (12.5 points); and
- two honours subjects in Italian (25 points).

Honours subjects

	Sem.
116-507 Italian Thesis (p.7)	1 rep 2
116-410 Italian Honours Language Seminar 1 (p.7)	1
116-411 Italian Honours Language Seminar 2 (p.7)	2
116-416 Modern Italian Novel (p.5)	2
116-418 To Hell with Dante (p.5)	1
116-419 Dante 2 (p.5)	N/A
116-460 Italian as She is Spoke (p.5)	2
116-462 Sex and Power in the Renaissance (p.6)	2
116-463 From Reason to Romanticism (p.6)	N/A
116-466 The Story of Italian (p.6)	N/A
116-467 Modern Italian Theatre (p.6)	N/A
116-468 Italy in Close Up (p.6)	N/A
116-470 Italian Special Research Project (p.6)	1
116-478 The Sicilian Connection (p.7)	1

Further study

A BA with a major in Italian can lead to a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Italian).

The section also offers an MA and PhD by research. Students interested in postgraduate study should consult the departmental postgraduate information booklet and make an appointment to see the postgraduate coordinator.

Career opportunities

The training acquired in learning a language and the practical competence involved in using it effectively provide skills of great value in a variety of occupations and are appreciated by many employers. Such skills are increasingly considered essential in a number of professions, for example in international trade, law, diplomacy, journalism, social and medical services, and many others.

Former students have followed successful and rewarding careers as interpreters, journalists, librarians and teachers. Many have found employment in public relations, the media, the airline industry, travel and tourism, and in business. Italy is now one of the major industrialised nations, making knowledge of Italian a valuable asset for those embarking on a business career.

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Language subjects

116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A

Note: Formerly available as 116-049. Students who have completed 116-049 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr Vita Giordano

Prerequisites: Students who have attempted Year 11 or 12 Italian or its equivalent are not eligible to enrol.

Corequisites: 116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B (p.2).

Contact: Four hours of language and conversation classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject provides a comprehensive introduction to contemporary Italian. Language classes will gradually familiarise the students with the structures, rules and skills necessary to communicate in Italian. Continuous assessment (through tests, exercises and other activities) is fundamental to evaluating the students' progress in the acquisition of Italian. By the end of the semester, students will have developed oral and written skills that will enable them to achieve a reasonable level of competency in Italian.

Assessment: Five pieces of written homework 25% (due throughout the semester), a 1-hour written test 25% (due mid-semester), and a 1-hour written test 50% (due at the end of the semester).

Prescribed texts: Lazzarino, Peccianti, Aski Dini, *Prego! An Invitation to Italian*, (6th ed) McGraw Hill 2004. • Lazzarino, Peccianti, Aski Dini, *Prego! An Invitation to Italian, Laboratory Manual*, (6th ed) McGraw Hill 2004.

116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B

Note: Formerly available as 116-050. Students who have completed 116-050 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 6.25

Coordinator: Dr Vita Giordano

Prerequisites: Students who have attempted Year 11 or 12 Italian or its equivalent are not permitted to enrol. Students must be concurrently enrolled in 116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A

Corequisites: 116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A (p.2).

Contact: A 1-hour multimedia class and a 1-hour lecture/seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject is designed to assist the language learning of students already enrolled in 116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A (p.2). Weekly multimedia classes based on audio, video, music and computer activities will reinforce and improve students' listening comprehension and communicative competency. A weekly lecture/seminar will introduce students to Italian culture, including literature and film. By the end of the semester, students should have acquired the skills necessary to read and discuss simple literary texts.

Assessment: Continuous assessment throughout the semester including three class tests 30%, 1-hour dictation and listening comprehension test 20% (due at the end of semester) and a 1-hour written test 50% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available through the Melbourne University Bookshop.

116-143 Beginners Italian Part 1C

Note: Formerly available as 116-056. Students who have completed 116-056 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr Vita Giordano

Prerequisites: Students should normally have completed 116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A (p.2) and 116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B (p.2).

Corequisites: 116-144 Beginners Italian Part 1D (p.3).

Contact: Four hours of language classes and conversation per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: See 116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A (p.2).

Assessment: Four pieces of written homework 20% (due throughout the semester), a 1-hour written test 20% (due mid semester), an oral test totalling 500 words 10% (due at the end of semester) and a 1-hour written test 50% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Lazzarino, Peccianti, Aski Dini, *Prego! An Invitation to Italian*, (6th ed) McGraw Hill 2004. • Lazzarino, Peccianti, Aski Dini, *Prego! An Invitation to Italian, Laboratory Manual*, (6th ed) McGraw Hill 2004.

116-144 Beginners Italian Part 1D

Note: Formerly available as 116-051. Students who have completed 116-051 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 6.25

Coordinator: Dr Vita Giordano

Prerequisites: Students should normally have completed 116-141 Beginners Italian Part 1A (p.2) and 116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B (p.2).

Corequisites: 116-143 Beginners Italian Part 1C (p.2).

Contact: A 1-hour multimedia class and a 1-hour lecture/seminar per week (Semester 2).

Description: See 116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B (p.2).

Assessment: A 1-hour written exam 50% (due at the end of semester), three class tests totalling 500 words 30% (due during semester) and a 500-word dictation 20% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: As for 116-142 Beginners Italian Part 1B (p.2).

116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A

Note: Formerly available as 116-052. Students who have completed 116-052 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: to be advised

Prerequisites: VCE Italian or equivalent.

Corequisites: 116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3).

Contact: Three hours language classes and a 1-hour lecture per week (Semester 1).

Description: This subject provides students with intensive revision and further exploration of the major areas of the contemporary Italian language. The subject combines the analysis of structures, vocabulary and idiom with practical exercises designed to increase the students' linguistic competence in a variety of areas: comprehension, essay writing, spoken Italian. Students will also explore aspects of Italian culture, society and history. They will develop a critical capacity which will enable them to understand a variety of texts and documents (including films, music, mass media, contemporary literature). By the end of the subject, students should have developed their spoken, written and comprehension skills.

Assessment: A 1-hour in class written test 15% (due in week 7), a 1-hour in class written test 15% (due in week 8), a 500-word class presentation 10% (commencing at the start of semester and due at the end of semester), a 1-hour in class written history test 20% (due during semester) and a 2-hour written exam 40% (due during the exam period).

Prescribed texts: Materials will be available from the department.

M Mezzadri & P Balboni, *Rete! 2*, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2001.

116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A

Note: Formerly available as 116-053. Students who have completed 116-053 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 6.25

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: VCE Italian or equivalent.

Corequisites: 116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3).

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1-hour tutorial per week (Semester 1).

Description: This subject introduces students to the study of literary texts in Italian, mainly, short stories. Students will be provided with strategies for reading these texts and with ways of generally increasing comprehension of written Italian. The subject will also provide a basic introduction to a number of methodologies for analysing literary texts. The central part of the subject will consist of detailed readings of the texts concerned in order to elucidate their major themes and their relationship with the historical and social context of modern Italy. By the end of the subject, students should have improved their reading skills; developed critical methodologies for interpreting literary texts; and gained some understanding of the context of the stories studied.

Assessment: An essay of 1000 words 45% (due mid-semester), an essay of 1000 words 45% (due at the end semester) and tutorial participation throughout semester 10%.

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the Melbourne University Bookshop.

116-153 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture B

Note: Formerly available as 116-054. Students who have completed 116-054 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: 116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3) and 116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3).

Corequisites: 116-154 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies B (p.3).

Contact: Three hours of language classes and a 1-hour lecture per week (Semester 2).

Description: As for 116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3).

Assessment: A 1-hour in class written test 20% (due during week 6), a 1-hour in class written test 20% (due during week 8), a 500-word class paper 10% (commencing at the beginning of semester and due at the end of semester), a 2-hour final exam 40% (due during the exam period) and a 10-minute oral test 10% (due during exam period).

Prescribed texts: Materials will be available from the department.

M Mezzadri and P Balboni, *Rete! 2*, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2001.

116-154 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies B

Note: Formerly available as 116-055. Students who have completed 116-055 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 1st and 2nd year

Credit points: 6.25

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: 116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3) and 116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3).

Corequisites: 116-153 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture B (p.3).

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1-hour tutorial per week (Semester 2).

Description: This subject continues the study of significant literary texts in Italian begun in 116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3). Students will be given guidance in reading poetry and a novel in Italian and in ways of generally increasing comprehension of written Italian. The subject will also provide a basic introduction to a number of methodologies for analysing literary texts. The focus of the subject will consist of detailed readings of the novel and poetry concerned in order to elucidate their major themes and their relationship with the historical and social context of modern Italy. By the end of the subject, students should have improved their reading skills; developed critical methodologies for interpreting literary texts; and gained some understanding of the context of the works studied.

Assessment: Two essays of 1000 words apiece 45% each (one due in week 6 and the other at the end of semester), tutorial participation 10% (throughout semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the Melbourne University Bookshop.

I Calvino, *Il sentiero dei nidi di ragno*, Einaudi.

116-057 Intermediate Italian A

Availability: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof John Hajek

Prerequisites: Completion of 116-143 Beginners Italian Part 1C (p.2) and 116-144 Beginners Italian Part 1D (p.3) or adequate knowledge of Italian without completion of VCE Italian or an approved equivalent. Students should consult with departmental advisors prior to enrolment.

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (Semester 1).

Description: This subject is a systematic revision and consolidation of the basic structures of the Italian language. Grammatical explanations will be integrated through regular weekly exercises and activities, oral and written, so as to extend the range of vocabulary and improve fluency. A range of audio and audiovisual activities will also provide further opportunities to practise and develop competence in the language. By the end of the first semester, students should have consolidated their knowledge of the basic structures of Italian, acquired the knowledge to compare and contrast features of English and Italian vocabulary and syntax, and attained a reasonable level of competence in written and oral production.

Assessment: Three take-home assignments totalling 1000 words 30% (due throughout the semester), attendance and participation in class activities 10% (throughout the semester), a 2-hour written test 20% (due in week 6) and a 2-hour written test 40% (due during the exam period).

Prescribed texts: M Mezzadri, & P Balboni, *Rete! 2 (libro di classe)*, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2001.

116-058 Intermediate Italian B

Availability: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof John Hajek

Prerequisites: 116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3).

Corequisites: 116-059 Intermediate Italian C (p.4).

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: As for 116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3).

Assessment: Three take-home assignments totalling 1000 words 20% (due throughout the semester), attendance and participation in class throughout semester 10%, a 2-hour written test 20% (due mid semester), a 2-hour written test 30% (due at the end of semester), oral test 20% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: M Mezzadri, and P Balboni, *Rete! 2 (libro di classe)*, Guerra Edizioni, Perugia 2001.

116-059 Intermediate Italian C

Availability: 1st, 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: 116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3).

Corequisites: 116-058 Intermediate Italian B (p.3).

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: In this subject students will study key aspects of Italian culture, through the analysis of literary texts and other materials. Students will also have the opportunity to study the development of Italian society. By the end of the subject, students will have been introduced to a small number of texts in order to improve their standard of comprehension and to gain some understanding of the process of cultural analysis. They should also have acquired the ability to examine critically various aspects of Italian history and culture.

Assessment: Two assignments of 750 words each on Italy since 1945 40% (due mid-semester and at the end of semester respectively), a 750-word analysis of a poetic text 20% (due mid-semester), a 750-word classpaper on short story in Italian 20% and a 1000-word classpaper on plays 20% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Materials available from the department, through the Melbourne University Bookshop.

116-060 Italian Part 2:Cultural Studies

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: Completion of 116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3), 116-058 Intermediate Italian B (p.3) and 116-059 Intermediate Italian C (p.4) or 116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3), 116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3), 116-153 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture B (p.3) and 116-154 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies B (p.3).

Corequisites: 116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1 (p.4).

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject allows students to study key aspects of Italian culture, primarily through the analysis of specific literary texts and/or films. Students will also have the opportunity to study the development of Italian society. By the end of the subject, students should have been introduced to a small number of literary texts and/or films in order to improve their standard of comprehension and to gain some understanding of the process of literary/cultural criticism. They should also have acquired the ability to examine critically various aspects of Italian history and culture.

Assessment: A 1.5-hour written test 40% (due at the end of semester), a 1.5-hour written test 20% (due mid-semester), a 1000-word essay 40% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Materials will be available from the department through the Melbourne University Bookshop.

116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: to be advised

Prerequisites: Completion of 116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3), 116-058 Intermediate Italian B (p.3) and 116-059 Intermediate Italian C (p.4) or 116-151 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture A (p.3), 116-152 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies A (p.3), 116-153 Italian Part 1:Language & Culture B (p.3) and 116-154 Italian Part 1:Textual Studies B (p.3).

Corequisites: 116-060 Italian Part 2:Cultural Studies (p.4).

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject focuses on the spoken and written language of present day Italy. Students will undertake regular language activities on contemporary Italian texts in order to improve their language skills. They will also participate in regular conversation practice for the purpose of reinforcing their command of current idiomatic Italian. Students will also explore aspects

of contemporary Italian culture and society, through a critical analysis of a variety of texts and documents (including films, music, mass media and literature). By the end of the subject, students should have improved their written production skills, and should be able to express themselves with fluency on most topics of a general nature.

Assessment: A 1-hour in class contemporary culture and society written test 20% (due in week 6), a 1-hour in-class written language test 20% (due week 8), a 1000-word class presentation 10% (commencing at the beginning of semester and due at the end of semester), attendance and participation in class 10%, written exam 40% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Habekovic & Mazzola, *Insieme: An Intermediate Italian Course*, (2nd ed) McGraw-Hill. • S Deon, P Francini and A Talamo, *Amor di Roma*, Bonacci Editore 2001.

116-062 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 2

Availability: 2nd and 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: to be advised

Prerequisites: 116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1 (p.4) and 116-060 Italian Part 2:Cultural Studies (p.4).

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: As for 116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1 (p.4).

Assessment: A 1-hour in class written test on contemporary culture and society 20% (due in week 6), a 1-hour in-class written language test 20% (due in week 7), a 1000-word class paper on conversation 10% (commencing at the beginning of semester and due at the end of semester), a 2-hour written exam 40% (due at the end of semester) and a final 10-minute oral exam 10% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Habekovic & Mazzola, *Insieme: An Intermediate Italian Course*, (2nd ed) McGraw-Hill. • S Deon, P Francini and A Talamo, *Amor di Roma*, Bonacci Editore 2001.

116-064 Italian Part 3 Language 1 (Compulsory)

Note: Formerly available as 116-310. Students who have completed 116-310 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: Completion of 116-060 Italian Part 2:Cultural Studies (p.4), 116-061 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 1 (p.4) and 116-062 Italian Part 2:Advanced Language 2 (p.4).

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject involves a detailed analysis of a number of contemporary Italian texts, literary and non-literary, for the purpose of familiarising students with various registers and styles. There are regular oral and written practical exercises. The modern literature section provides an opportunity for students to practise their spoken Italian through the study of modern literary texts. By the end of the semester, students should have further developed their written and oral production skills and should have acquired the ability to competently discuss literary texts in Italian.

Assessment: Written work consisting of three assignments of 500 words each 30% (due week 3, 7 and 10), a 1-hour mid-semester written test 20% (due in week 6), a 10-minute oral presentation class paper 15% (commencing at the start of semester and due at the end of semester), a 15-minute oral test 10% (end of semester) and a 2-hour written exam of 2000 words 25% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: M Mezzadri & PE Balboni, *Rete! 3: Corso multimediale d'italiano per stranieri*, Guerra edizioni 2001. • S Buttaroni, *Letteratura al naturale*, (latest ed) Bonacci.

116-065 Italian Part 3 Language 2

Note: Formerly available as 116-311. Students who have completed 116-311 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: 116-064 Italian Part 3 Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.4) or 116-067 Italian Part 3A Language 1 (Compulsory) (p.5).

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject will focus on a number of texts in contemporary Italian, to acquaint students with different writing strategies. There will be emphasis on advanced literary and non-literary translation. On completion of this subject, students should have refined their linguistic skills, both written and oral; acquired the skills to translate from and into Italian texts in different registers; and have acquired the ability to discuss in Italian, both orally and in writing, extended prose texts, literary and non-literary.

Assessment: Written work consisting of four assignments of 500 words each 50% (due week 3, 6, 8 and 10), a 15-minute oral presentation class paper 20% (commencing at the beginning of semester and due at the end of semester) and a 2-hour written exam 30% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: A subject reader will be available from the University Bookshop

116-067 Italian Part 3A Language 1 (Compulsory)

Note: Formerly available as 116-372. Students who have completed 116-372 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: Completion of 116-057 Intermediate Italian A (p.3), 116-058 Intermediate Italian B (p.3) and 116-059 Intermediate Italian C (p.4).

Contact: Three hours of language classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: In this subject students will be exposed to, and will work through, a number of different styles and registers. Students will undertake the study of selected contemporary literary texts for the purpose of extending vocabulary and practising Italian conversation. By the end of the semester, students should have learnt to identify, and correctly use, the main registers of Italian, spoken and written; improved their composition skills; and acquired the ability to discuss in Italian, both orally and in writing, extended prose texts.

Assessment: Written work consisting of three assignments of 500 words each 30% (due week 3, 7 and 10), a 1-hour written test 20% (due during week 6), a 10-minute oral presentation class paper 15% (commencing at the start of semester and due at the end of semester), a 15-minute oral test 10% (due at the end of semester) and a 2-hour written exam of 2000 words 25% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: M Mezzadri & PE Balboni, *Rete! 3: Corso multimediale d'italiano per stranieri*, Guerra edizioni 2001. • S Buttaroni, *Letteratura al naturale*, (latest ed) Bonacci.

Optional subjects

Second/third-year subject

116-028 European Spectacle

See full subject details on page 6.

Third-year subject

116-066 Italian 3R: Research Project

Note: Formerly available as 116-313. Students who have completed 116-313 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof John Hajek

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of second year Italian either at advanced or post-beginners level. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 25 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Contact: Fortnightly meetings with the supervisor (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

Description: For this subject, students must complete a 5000-word research project in English or Italian on a topic to be approved by their supervisor and by the subject coordinator. The subject's aim is to train students in carrying out a substantial piece of work in preparation for the fourth-year honours thesis. The areas of research may be connected with the subjects offered this year, or in another area connected with the research interests of staff. On completion of the project, students should have extended and deepened their knowledge of the chosen topic; sharpened their critical faculties in relation to source material and secondary literature; and acquired substantial skills in planning and executing a research program on a specific topic.

Assessment: A research essay of 5000 words 100% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Bibliography to be discussed with the supervisor.

Third/fourth-year subjects

116-416 Modern Italian Novel

Note: Due to overlap in subject content, students who have completed 116-078 (in 2001 and 1999) are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: The subject examines a sample of the most significant and interesting prose fiction coming out of Italy in recent times. Students focus on the 20th century Italian novel in order to analyse the Italian novel tradition and the impact of postmodernism on recent output. The subject encourages students to analyse the social context of the fiction studied relating it to developments in Italian society in the postwar period. Students taking this subject will learn to apply contemporary literary theory to specific texts; to evaluate the importance of specific Italian elements in the novels studied and to be able to discuss novels using Italian.

Assessment: A 10-minute class paper in Italian 25% (due during the semester) an essay of 2000 words for 3rd year and 2500 words for 4th year 50% (due after the end of the subject) and a 1-hour final written test 25% (due during exam period).

Prescribed texts: S Aleramo, *Una donna*, Feltrinelli. • I Calvino, *Se una notte d'inverno un viaggiatore*, Adelphi. • L Sciascia, *Todo modo*, Mondadori.

116-418 To Hell with Dante

Note: Formerly available as 116-071/318. Students who have completed 116-071 or 116-318 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject concentrates on selected cantos of Dante's *Inferno*. Students will develop techniques which will enable them to analyse the poetic language of the *Inferno*. Guided readings in secondary material will give students an understanding of some of the key medieval concepts of the *Inferno*. The subject is designed so that students will be in a position to appreciate and analyse one of the most impressive poems in western literature. By the end of the subject, students should have acquired some understanding of the basic theological, philosophical and literary concepts of the *Inferno* and have developed critical strategies for interpreting its poetry.

Assessment: A 30-minute mid-semester quiz 10%, a 1.5-hour final test 40%, an essay of 2000 words for 3rd year students and 2500 words for 4th year students 50% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: D. Alighieri, *Inferno*, RM Durling (ed), Oxford University Press. • D. Alighieri, *Inferno*, N Sapegno (ed), La Nuova Italia.

116-419 Dante 2

Note: Formerly available as 116-072. Students who have completed 116-072 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points at either post-beginners or post-VCE sequence for third year, admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject will complete the study of the *Divina commedia* begun with the *Inferno*. It will build on techniques already acquired by students in their previous study of Dante. The subject will place the two *cantiche* in their medieval context so that students will be able to grasp more easily the originality of Dante's poem. The historical and political context of *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso* will be examined in order to render the two *cantiche* more accessible to the students. By the end of the subject, students should be able to analyse the poetic techniques employed by Dante. Students should have acquired an understanding of medieval culture in order to appreciate *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso* in their historical context.

116-460 Italian as She is Spoke

Note: Formerly available as 116-073. Students who have completed 116-073 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof John Hajek

Prerequisites: 37.5 points at either post-beginners or post-VCE sequence for third year, admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5 hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: The subject consists of two parts: (1) Contrastive analysis of Italian and English sound systems and language structures in order to highlight the differences; and (2) Varieties of Italian component which will focus on a range of varieties of Italian in use today. This will include looking at factors (eg. regional, social, cultural and political) that may influence such variation. It will also consider the role of the Italian on the world stage and the influence of other languages on Italian. This subject is both descriptive and practical and is intended to assist students with a better understanding of Italian in its many contexts.

Assessment: A 1-hour written class test of 1000 words 30% (due mid semester), a take home assignment totalling 1000 words for 3rd year and 2000 words for 4th year 30% (due at the end of semester), a 1-hour exam of 1000 words 30% (due at the end of semester) and a 5-minute oral, totalling 1000 words 10% (due at the end of semester).

Prescribed texts: Materials prepared by the department.

116-462 Sex and Power in the Renaissance

Note: Formerly available as 116-074/362. Students who have completed 116-074 or 116-362 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: The subject will examine two classics of Italian literature, Boccaccio's *Decameron* and Machiavelli's *Il Principe*. The first, composed in the 1350s, is a classic of comic writing which became an essential reference point for later writers. Students will study a selected number of stories to understand their narrative structures and their major themes. *Il Principe* is the foundation work of modern political science. Its reputation has ensured continuing interest in such a provocative work. By the end of the subject, students should have acquired a basic knowledge of Renaissance culture and politics. Students should also have gained some understanding of narratological analysis and have applied it to the *Decameron*.

Assessment: A 2000-word essay for 3rd year, 2500 words for 4th year 50%, a 10-minute classpaper in Italian 25% and a 1-hour test 25%.

Prescribed texts: Decameron Reading Pack (available from the University Bookshop)

N Machiavelli, *Il Principe*, Feltrinelli.

116-463 From Reason to Romanticism

Note: Formerly available as 116-075/363. Students who have completed 116-075 or 116-363 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points at either post-beginners or post-VCE sequence for third year, admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject looks at critical moments in the historical and cultural development of Italy from the early 18th century until Italy's unification in the late 19th century. Themes examined include the history of ideas as well as the defining cultural movements in Italy of this period. We begin with *Illuminismo* (Enlightenment) and its emphasis on reason, and the gradual shift to Romanticism, which became a powerful force in Italian cultural expression and historical development. We consider specifically the works of some of the greatest figures of this time: Ugo Foscolo, Giacomo Leopardi, Giovanni Pascoli, Gabriele D'Annunzio among others.

116-466 The Story of Italian

Note: Formerly available as 116-076/366. Students who have completed 116-076 or 116-366 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject begins with a study of the history of the language, which describes the development of the Italian language since its Indo-European origins; the linguistic situation in Roman Italy; the fragmentation of Latin; and the genesis of present day Italian dialects. The subject will also focus on the *questione della lingua* and the ascendancy of Tuscan/Roman. The 'dialectology' section of the subject involves an introduction to the study of one regional dialect. On completion of this subject, students should have acquired a basic knowledge of the structures of Latin to the extent that they are reflected in present day Italian; a knowledge of the development of Italian from post-classical Latin to the language spoken in contemporary Italy, and the reasons for that development; and a basic knowledge of the structures of one major Italian dialect.

116-467 Modern Italian Theatre

Note: Formerly available as 116-077/367. Students who have completed 116-077 or 116-367 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points at either post-beginners or post-VCE sequence for third year, admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year, see *Prerequisites (p.1)*.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: This subject will examine a selection of the most significant dramatic texts of modern Italian literature from the 18th to the 20th centuries. The subject will concentrate on a number of key texts written by Goldoni, Pirandello, Fo and Rame. Students will be asked to pay particular attention to the structural features of the plays studied, relating them, where appropriate, to current theoretical concerns and to the social and ideological context of the plays. In particular, the subject will examine the work of Dario Fo and Franca Rame in the context of the politicisation of the theatrical tradition. Students should have acquired, by the end of the subject, a knowledge of some of the landmarks in modern Italian theatre; and have developed an awareness of the critical dimensions of analysing the theatrical text and its relationship to performance.

116-468 Italy in Close Up

Note: Formerly available as 116-078. Students who wish to take this subject but who have previously completed Italian Special Subject A or B should contact the coordinator.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year.

Semester: Not Offered

Description: The subject examines social and political reality in postwar and contemporary Italy through film. It looks at topical issues such as the mafia, the representation of women, regionalism, religion, language and dialect, migration and consumerism as represented, explicitly and implicitly, in some of the best known films of Italian cinema. The subject covers films by some of the masters of Italian cinema, such as de Sica (*Ladri di biciclette*), de Santis (*Riso amaro*), Fellini (*Amacord*), Antonioni (*L'eclisse*), Visconti (*Rocco e i suoi fratelli*), Dino Risi (*Il sorpasso*), Wertmuller (*Mimi metallurgico*) and some of the most interesting films of the 'new Italian cinema' including Giordano's *I Cento Passi*, Moretti's *Aprile*, and Virzi's *My Name is Tanino*. By tracing the journey of postwar Italy's struggle for self-definition and quest for national identity, the films screened also offer an overview of the most important periods and genres in Italian film production, from neorealism to *la commedia all'italiana*, and introduce students to some of Italy's best-known filmmakers. According to availability the above selection of films may change.

116-470 Italian Special Research Project

Note: Formerly available as 116-070. Students who have completed 116-070 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian for fourth year.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5-hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: Students who complete this subject should be able to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a particular topic in Italian culture or linguistics, and demonstrate the ability to analyse and to report on their reading in a manner appropriate to the methodology adopted. Available topics will be posted during Semester 2 of the previous year.

Assessment: A class paper (15 minute oral presentation) followed by a 1500-word written submission 30% (due during the semester), and an essay of 2500 words for 3rd year, 3500 words for 4th year 70% (due at the end of the semester).

116-478 The Sicilian Connection

Note: Formerly available as 116-088. Students who wish to take this subject but who have previously completed Italian Special Subject A or B should contact the coordinator.

Availability: 3rd and 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr Vita Giordano

Prerequisites: Completion of 37.5 points of Italian at intermediate or post-VCE level for third year. Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian. European studies students wishing to enrol in this subject would normally have completed 37.5 points of European studies at second/third year.

Contact: A 1-hour lecture and a 1.5 hour seminar per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: Sicily's geographical position as an island located at the crossroads between Africa and continental Europe, the Orient and the Occident, the ancient and the modern worlds, has made it a place with a separate identity and deeply ingrained contradictions. Yet to some extent the distinctness of Sicilian identity has been nourished from the outside as it has served one part of culture in defining its identity by metamorphosing, as Leonardo Sciascia would say, the 'other'. This subject examines the 'insularity' of the Sicilian mindscape as don Fabrizio refers to it in *Il gattopardo*. The subject explores Sicily's role in Italy's ongoing quest for national identity. Through the study of selected texts, images commonly associated with Sicilian identity, such as the Mafia and the notion of *gallismo*, will also be explored.

Assessment: A 15-minute oral presentation subsequently written up 20% (due during the semester), one research essay of 2000 words for 3rd year and 3000 words for 4th-year students 40% (due at the end of the semester), and a 1.5-hour final test 40% (at the end of the semester).

Prescribed texts: Selected Sicilian short stories will be made available to students through a course reader that will be sold through the University Bookshop

T Di Lampedusa, *Il gattopardo*, Feltrinelli c1990.

Fourth-year subjects

116-507 Italian Thesis

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 37.5

Coordinator: Assoc Prof Stephen Kolsky

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian.

Contact: Regular meetings with the supervisor over two consecutive semesters of enrolment and a 1-hour weekly seminar in the first semester of enrolment (*Semester 1, repeat 2*).

Description: The honours thesis in Italian provides students with the opportunity to develop research techniques and to benefit from the experience of researching and writing an independent thesis on a topic of their choice. The thesis is normally written in Italian but special permission may be obtained from the Head of the Italian Section for the thesis to be written in English. The main areas of specialisation are Italian linguistics, Italian cinema and cultural studies. Italian literature from the Middle Ages to the present. It is also possible to negotiate theses on other topics with the permission of the Head of the Italian Section after consultation with the appropriate lecturer.

Assessment: A thesis of 12 000 words (a 1000-word summary in Italian is required when the thesis is in English) 100% (due at the end of the second semester of enrolment)

116-410 Italian Honours Language Seminar 1

Note: Formerly available as 116-068. Students who have completed 116-068 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: Dr Vita Giordano

Prerequisites: Admission to the postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours in Italian.

Contact: Two hours of advanced language classes per week (*Semester 1*).

Description: This subject focuses on a variety of authentic materials ranging from literary and non-literary texts to audio-visual activities as a stimulus for discussion and conversation practice. Each student will present an assessable class paper on a topic to be agreed with the lecturer. On completion of this subject, students should have acquired the ability to comprehend, analyse and interpret complex texts, both literary and non-literary, and the ability to use actively a variety of registers and styles in contemporary Italian.

Assessment: Four take-home assignments of 300 words each 20% (due throughout the semester), a 20-minute class presentation 20% (commencing at the start of semester and finishing at the end of semester), a 15-minute oral examination 20% (due at the end of semester) and a written test 40% (due at the end of semester).

116-411 Italian Honours Language Seminar 2

Note: Formerly available as 116-069. Students who have completed 116-069 are not eligible to enrol in this subject.

Availability: 4th year

Credit points: 12.5

Coordinator: To be advised

Prerequisites: 116-410 Italian Honours Language Seminar 1 (*p.7*).

Contact: Two hours of advanced language classes per week (*Semester 2*).

Description: This subject is intended to focus on texts from non-mainstream literature as a stimulus to discussion and conversation practice. Advanced exercises in Italian composition will be set for the purpose of studying syntax and style in the appropriate registers. The subject will also include advanced take-home exercises in composition and translation with the purpose of refining syntax and style. Each student will present an assessable class paper on a topic to be negotiated with the lecturer at the beginning of the semester.

Assessment: Written work consisting of four assignments of 750 words each 50% (due week 3, 6, 8 and 10), a 20-minute oral presentation class paper 20% (commencing at the beginning of semester and due at the end of semester), a take-home written exam of 1500 words 30% (due at the end of semester).

Horwood Italian intensive

183-110 Intensive Beginners Italian

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