

OLLIE Italian: Beginning: A Taste of Italy

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This course will teach basic Italian expressions, vocabulary to assist with questions related to travel, eating, touring sites and cultural mores which will allow those who are interested in the country or have a familial connection to start building a bridge to the people and language of Italy. Those planning a trip to Italy will build a basic knowledge of language and cultural mores for a more enjoyable and authentic travel experience.

The course will progress with teacher instruction and guidance but with the opportunity for interactive practice with each week's lesson and time for discussion and questions. Students are encouraged to take notes each week and to review material presented prior to the next week so they can come to the following class with any questions. General course content and format as below.

The course will be presented with a general syllabus as follows:

Instructor: Jeanne M. Cannavo

Materials:

Italian is Fun Text: ISBN0-87720—597-3 **Text is not required for students. Instructor will use some info from text to: Instructor will also use components of Exploring Italian: ISBN 0-8219-0969 and Idee Pratiche: ISBN: 0-8219-1054

- 1) provide information connecting Italian to English vocabulary.
- 2) Present short dialogues for pronunciation practice.
- 3) Present material on formation of questions.
- 4) To include a basic intro to greetings, weather, telling time, food, transport, lodging vocabulary and adjectives.

Additional materials:

Instructor created worksheets.

Vocab Flashcards

Pictures of places and food

CDs for pronunciation

Music CD's

DVDs to present cultural information.

Internet clips for listening

Internet photos to present historic sites.

Topic 1: Instructor will present common expressions and greetings with pronunciation practice and interactive practice. General information on Italy: Cities and regions

Topic 2: Asking for food, lodging. Names of common places. Train station, airport, museums. Build on vocabulary with flashcards. Practice with interactive exercise. Sites of Italy.

Topic 3: Vocabulary for food and understanding differences in eating establishments. Cultural differences. Learn about famous artists and artworks.

Topic 4: Numbers to tell time and understand transport schedules. Some famous and lesser-known historic sites. Travel to learn and understand.

Topic 5: Understanding common signs. Using music to learn language. Interactive practice with accumulated knowledge.