

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School / Department:	General Education
Programme:	Standalone course not associated with a degree programme
FHEQ Level:	3
Course Title:	Elementary Italian I
Course Code:	ITL 3831
Course Leader:	Monica Giovannini (Florence) Rosanna Graziani (Rome)
Student Engagement Hours:	120
Lectures:	45
Seminar / Tutorials:	
Independent / Guided Learning:	75
Semester:	Fall/Spring/Summer
Credits:	12 UK CATS credits 6 ECTS credits 3 US credits

Course Description:

ITALIAN STUDY CENTRES ONLY. A thorough, basic introduction to the Italian language for those with little or no previous experience, the course teaches essential vocabulary and grammar and develops students' ability to communicate in an authentic linguistic context – key to making the most of the experience of their stay in Italy.

Prerequisites:

None

Aims and Objectives:

In accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages of the Council of Europe level A1, this course aims to:

- provide students with basic skills in understanding the spoken language through the use of authentic material and an appropriate vocabulary related to specific situations

- enable students to acquire the basic vocabulary and structures necessary to develop their communication skills
- enable students to understand and write short paragraphs

Programme Outcomes:

This is a standalone course not associated with a degree programme

A1 (based on CEFR indicators)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification.

This is located at the archive maintained by the Academic Registry and found at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- demonstrate an ability to understand basic spoken language in context
- demonstrate an ability to use basic vocabulary and structures to communicate
- demonstrate an ability to understand and write short paragraphs

Indicative Content:

Basic grammar and vocabulary; basic structures

Receptive skills:

- Understanding simple statements
- Basic reading comprehension

Oral communication skills:

- Communicative functions: basic needs and helpful courtesy
- Using acquired grammar and vocabulary in context
- Basic face to face conversation

Written skills:

- Writing short messages and notes
- Writing statements and questions on familiar topics

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Language Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board (formerly Learning & Teaching Policy Committee) and located at: <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/>

