

**Hashemite University**  
**Language Center**  
**Foreign Language – Italian 1 (141603101)**  
**(3 credit hours)**

**Course instructor: Serena Bernardi**

**Prerequisite: none**

**Course description:**

The course is conceived for students without any knowledge of Italian language. It aims at the development of the skills for a **basic communicative interaction** by teaching **phonetics** and then communicative expressions and analyzing them to memorize **vocabulary**, to get familiar with **grammar** and also the **cultural attitudes** related to daily life and familiar situations. **Listening** activities (dialogues, interviews, and songs) and **conversation** practice are widely used during the lessons.

**Course objectives:**

By the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Write correctly any Italian word they hear;
- Ask for information, explanation and help during a lecture and in common daily situations;
- Dialogue asking and giving personal information using both formal and informal register;
- Introduce themselves orally ("monologue") and in written documents (CV, informal letters, emails);
- Understand a menu at the café or restaurant, order and pay;
- Talk about daily routine, free time and leisure.

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

- A) **Knowledge and understanding:** To understand general information and to communicate in standard speech on a range of everyday issues.
- B) **Cognitive and intellectual skills (thinking and analysis):** from globalizing exposure to analyzing and synthesizing of information
- C) **Communication skills (personal and academic):** To acquire the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in Italian in a range of predictable situations.
- E) **Practical and subject specific skills (transferable skills):** To develop an insight into the nature of language, culture and society together with an intercultural competence.

**Resources:**

Students are expected to take notes during the lectures, in addition to making use of the following resources:

**Textbook:**

**Nuovo Espresso 1 – ALMA EDIZIONI (Luciana Ziglio, Giovanna Rizzo)**

**Chiaro A1 – ALMA EDIZIONI (Giulia De Savorgnani, Cinzia Cordera Alberti)**

**Teaching Methods:**

- The general approach is communicative as to all modern languages.
- The language is dealt with in social situations and the students are encouraged to participate as much as possible.
- Students will be exposed to authentic material adapted to their level of language proficiency.
- Teaching supports are textbook, handouts, CD and possibly videos and songs.

**Assessment Instruments:**

	<b>Mark</b>
First Exam	25%
Second exam	25%
Quizzes, active participation and oral presentation	10%
Final Exam	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>