



**FALL TERM 2019**  
**ONLINE INTRODUCTORY ITALIAN 101**  
**COURSE WEB ADDRESS:**  
<https://www.vhlcentral.com/>

**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

Elementary Italian 101 is a three-credit hour course designed to introduce you to the Italian language, to the many facets of Hispanic culture, and to develop all language skills: *speaking, listening, writing, and reading*. In this course you will develop your ability to communicate in Italian in everyday situations by learning basic Italian vocabulary. Upon completion, you will be able to comprehend and respond with grammatical accuracy to spoken and written basic Italian and demonstrate cultural awareness. This course consists of at least 20 hours a week of online activities.



**EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

The equipment needed for this course is:

1. **A computer, a tablet or a smart phone** with internet access. Feel free to use a tablet, or a smart phone, if it is more convenient for you. However, we do recommend a desk top or a lap top computer.

If you decide to use a tablet or a smart phone, make sure that **every once in a while you save your work on your desk top or lap top computer.**



2. **A set of headphones with a microphone.**

Many computers come equipped with their own microphones but often they are placed inside the computer too far away from the student's mouth, and due to this, the software cannot correctly "hear" what the student says, thereby hindering the learning process. That's why it is recommended to use a headset with a microphone attached to it.

### 3. **Your e-Book**

e-Book: **SENTIERI** e-version, 3rd edition.

Author: [Julia M. Cozzarelli](#)

This is an electronic textbook and it will be purchased at Mxccc bookstore with the eBook's access key.

For Customer Assistance, call: 1-800-269-6311.

### **HOW DOES IT WORK???**

**Click on this link to read specific instruction:**

[https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/a93ff257-c14c-43ea-90da-9abc5321bdb0/student\\_instructions](https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/a93ff257-c14c-43ea-90da-9abc5321bdb0/student_instructions)

All the students signed up for this course will learn Italian by using Vista's language software, a highly sophisticated online language program engineered by Vista Higher Learning Publishing Company.

**You'll log into this web site every time you will be studying Italian**

To have access to this software, you need to do the following:

1. Click/copy and paste this link:  
[https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/a93ff257-c14c-43ea-90da-9abc5321bdb0/student\\_instructions](https://www.vhlcentral.com/section/a93ff257-c14c-43ea-90da-9abc5321bdb0/student_instructions)
2. Have the access code for the Italian eBook you purchased at the Middlesex Community College Bookstore (<https://www.bkstr.com/middlesexccstore/home>)
3. Follow the prompts. Please rest assured all information will be kept private.

### **ATTENDANCE**

1. **Withdrawal:** You may withdraw from this class any time before the end of the 11th week of the semester. A completed and signed withdrawal form must be on file in the Records Office by the deadline in order to receive a "W" on your transcript. If you fail to complete this process on time, you will receive a letter grade at the end of the semester, which will include zeroes for any work not submitted. Course withdrawals may affect financial aid and veteran's benefits. Please make this decision carefully and with the help of your advisor. See the Academic Calendar and the College Catalog for specific dates and procedures regarding the withdrawal process.

2. **Incomplete:** If, for a very important reason, you cannot finish this course, you must apply for an **incomplete** by picking up an incomplete form at the Registrar's Office and having the instructor sign it. If you do not follow this procedure, you will receive an automatic **F**.

## **HOMEWORK**

Doing homework is important for a number of reasons such as: understanding lessons, providing learning opportunities for the reinforcement of contents learned in your eBook.

Doing the homework and submitting it on time, also makes you develop the culture of meeting deadlines.

**Doing the homework and handing it in on time is a requirement in this course.**

Not doing the homework will result in **five (5) points** per exercise taken off the student's final grade. Unless discussed with your instructor, no late submissions are accepted. By doing the homework students get to practice well before their quizzes.

**IMPORTANT: The scores you receive for doing your homework are not going to be factored in when calculating your final grade. As described above, heavy penalties will be applied for not submitting it.**

Again, no points will be given to students' final grades at the end of the semester for simply doing the homework. All homework must be submitted because doing the homework is a requirement in this course. As mentioned above, penalties will apply for not submitting your homework.

If a student has a specific reason why he or she didn't/couldn't do the homework or handed it in late, the student would want to share the reason with the instructor.

Your syllabus tells you where and how to find your assignment on your eBook account. Simply click on the due date and then on the various exercises appearing on the screen.



## **WRITTEN HOMEWORK**

You are required to do written homework. You'll be given detailed instruction in your syllabus. If you lost your syllabus and need a replacement, please ask. Your instructor will send you a new one immediately.

The directions about how to do your homework will be explained once you get to the assignment section of **Sentieri, your Italian eBook**. Please contact your instructor if you need help understanding homework directions.

**NOTICE: Not doing or submitting your assignments because of technical difficulties is NOT an accepted excuse. Please immediately contact your instructor for help: [aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu](mailto:aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu).**

Thank you.



### **AUDIO HOMEWORK**

In order to listen or speak Italian in this course you will need to use your headphone/microphone set. Make sure that your set is plugged in to your computer or electronic device. Make sure the microphone is very close to your lips. To purchase this item, go online or to the **MxCC bookstore (860) 346-4490**. It is approximately \$20.00.

It is very possible that the first time you plug your headset into your computer/electronic device it may ask you to calibrate your headphone/microphone for better use of the software. It's a very easy and fast process. If you have any problems, just let me know or better yet call **CONNECT's Tech Support: 1-800-331-5094** (Preferred).

Once your headset is ready, follow the on-screen instructions.

**PLEASE READ: If you were to experience technical issues please contact your instructor or the publishing company right away: [aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu](mailto:aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu).**

**Not submitting your audio/oral homework because of technical problems is not an accepted excuse.**

### **QUIZZES**

There will be a quiz at the end of every single chapter. Since we will be covering six chapters this semester, there are going to be 6 quizzes. (including Chapter "*Bienvenidos*").

Your quizzes will be comprised of both written and oral exercises.

Your quizzes will be corrected and graded by both the online software and by the instructor and they are going to be **time sensitive**. So, make note of when you have to take your quizzes. **They will be available online only for 24 hours.**

As a courtesy, before each quiz, your instructor may post reminders on Black Board the day before your quizzes are scheduled. It would be advisable to have additional ways for when your quizzes are due, to make sure not to miss them.

**NOTICE: Not doing or submitting your quizzes because of technical difficulties is NOT an accepted excuse. Please immediately contact your instructor for help: [aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu](mailto:aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu).**

**Your final grade will be the result of the grades you earned in your quizzes, and for required assignment completion. Failure to do so will result in an automatic “F”.**

### **LATE SUBMISSIONS**

Submitting your homework or quizzes late is generally speaking not allowed and students will be penalized. (for details read the homework section on page 3) and therefore their late submission is NOT automatically accepted. In rare occasions, they will be allowed, depending on a case by case basis.

### **FINAL GRADE AND GRADING**

**Your final grade will be the result coming from the 6 grades you earned from your quizzes. It will be negatively affected in case of missing homework. As mentioned above, no credit is given towards the final grade for submitting the homework. Doing so is a requirement of this course.**

**However, there will be penalties applied towards your final grade for not submitting it. The penalty is 5 points for each missing exercise or question, as the software calls it.**

**To calculate your final grade simply add all the grades you earned in your quizzes up and then divide the result by 6.**

Your grading is based on the following scale:

95 - over 95= A	75= C
90-94= A-	70- 74= C-
86-89= B+	66-69= D+
85= B	65= D
80-84= B-	60-64= D-
76-79= C+	

Anything below 60 is equal to an F.

**IMPORTANT: Final grades will be affected by missing homework.**

**All assignments are time sensitive.**

This syllabus explains what materials you need to cover during each session, and how, and especially by when, you need to have your assignment completed. If you do not complete the assignments by the given deadline, the software will lock you out. You will be unable to retrieve the missed assignment and therefore will not receive credit for it.

Please be diligent and e-mail your instructor ([aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu](mailto:aglaviano@mxcc.commnet.edu)) whenever you are experiencing difficulties.

**Not understanding how the program works is no excuse for late work.**

## VERY MPORTANT

**Not submitting oral and written assignments because of technical problems is not a valid excuse. If you have any technical issues with your electronic device please inform your instructor or call the publishing company IT department.**

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After logging in your Vista Learning Account, in order to have access to your e-book click on the content link, scroll down and then gain access to your eBook, select VText.

Now with your eBook open, go to the left upper corner of your eBook and click on “01”. Now you will see a **sub menu** opening up with a number of different links: “Contesti”, Pronuncia e ortografia, The Italian Alphabet, etc. . This is how you will be able to navigate the different sections of this chapter by clicking on it.

**Now, you will have to use or follow your syllabus to know which one you have to click on or use for every lesson. You will find your syllabus posted on your Bb account.**

Most of the times, when you log in to study, you will be learning new vocabulary and grammar. That is what you would be doing on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### LEARNING VOCABULARY

So, to gain access to the vocabulary, you, again, log in your account, then put your cursor on “01” (upper left corner of the page), and then click on “ Lezione 1A”. Once you do that, a page with several Italian words will appear on the screen.

You will be able to visualize the Italian words and their spelling but you will not be able to hear their pronunciation.

To do that, you would have to go to your assignment calendar where you’ll find the exact same page but with the option to click and listen the pronunciation of these words.

Your syllabus will tell you exactly which exercise will allow you to do that. I know it may seem a little redundant, but some students like to see/spell these words not only knowing how they sound.

Please make sure to repeat **3 times** the words or sentences you are supposed to repeat.

### LEARNING GRAMMAR

Learning grammar is going to be straighter forward.

With your cursor, go to “01” again (upper left corner of the page), and after that, scroll down to what the syllabus says. In this case it would be “1A.A Nouns”. A new page opens up and you’ll see explanations in English about Italian Grammar.

Study both Vocabulary, grammar and whatever else your syllabus says until YOU decide you had enough studying and you are ready to test yourself by doing the homework to see how much you have retained after studying.

To do that, you can close or not the VText and start doing your homework. You will find that on your **assignment calendar**. Click on the homework due date, and then click on the various exercise links appearing on your screen. The number of homework submissions is unlimited so that, if you initially receive a low score please don't feel discouraged and try again, again and again until when you get 100%. (That is what I would do anyway. 😊)

Of course, while you are doing all that, you might have a question or two. That is when you send me an email ([aglaviano@mxcc.comnet.edu](mailto:aglaviano@mxcc.comnet.edu)) with your question and if you would rather talk to me that is also possible. I'll give you my mobile number and while we are sitting at our respective computers, we can talk about what is that needs reinforcing.

Once you learn all that you are all set for the rest of the semester.

Now, let's start working!

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### UNITÁ 1: Ciao, come vá?

#### VOCABOLARIO

- Come va? P. 5

#### PRONUNCIA

- The Italian Alphabet, p. 5

Also, please click on this YouTube link to learn the pronunciation of the Italian alphabet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF1nggmXwew> (copy and paste).

I would recommend wearing a headset while watching the video.

Listen to the pronunciation of every single letter of the Italian carefully and repeat after the speaker **3 times** after him.

#### GRAMMATICA

- Nouns, p. 10

**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on your assignment calendar. **The due date for this homework is 9/25/19.** Please click on the number 25 you find on your calendar to gain access to your assignments. **They need to be submitted by the midnight of the 25th.** Thank you.

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### UNITÁ 1: Ciao, come vá?

#### VOCABOLARIO

#### GRAMMATICA

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#### VOCABOLARIO

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**VOCABOLARIO**

**GRAMMATICA**

**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Bienvenidos*” folder. **This homework is due by 9/11/19**

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**VOCABOLARIO**

**GRAMMATICA**

**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 1*” folder. **This homework is due by 9/18/19**

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**VOCABOLARIO**

**GRAMMATICA**

**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 1*” folder. **This homework is due by 9/23/19.**

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**VOCABOLARIO**

**GRAMMATICA**

**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 1*” folder. **This homework is due by 9/25/19.**



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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 1*” folder. **This homework is due by 9/30/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 2*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/2/19**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 2*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/7/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 2*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/9/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 2*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/14/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 2*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/16/19.**

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**\* Please don't forget to repeat after the speaker while you listening to these words.  
Thanks.**

**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 3*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/23/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 3*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/28/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 3*” folder. **This homework is due by 10/30/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 4*” folder. **This homework is due by 11/11/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 4*” folder. **This homework is due by 11/18/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 4*” folder. **This homework is due by 11/20/19.**

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**HOMEWORK:** The homework assigned to help you reviewing these contents has been posted on the home page of Connect, in the “*Capítulo 5*” folder. **This homework is due by 12/4/19**

**END OF THE SEMESTER**

