

## CLASS SYLLABUS

### DELTA COLLEGE

Fall 2008

ITALIANO 2--46258 IT.3--78084

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Class meets MWF----11:00-12:40pm / Holt 313

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**Please contact me through campus e-mail for any concerns and questions; i will try to respond in a timely fashion.**

**Course Description:** This course is designed to offer continued study of the Italian Language and culture. Efforts to improve reading and composition skills are based on both contemporary and traditional selections (UC, CSU)

**Text--Italiano 2: "Oggi in Italia"** by Merlonghi, Tursi, O'Connor-8th Ed.  
"Oggi in Italia" **Workbook/Lab Manual** 8th Ed.

**Text--Italiano 3 and 4: "Oggi in Italia"** by Merlonghi, Tursi, O'Connor-8th Ed.  
"Oggi in Italia" **Workbook/Lab Manual** 8th Ed.  
"Delitto in Piazza del Campo" by Banfi, Gavelli with audio

CD

**Supplementary Material:** Italian-English/English-Italian Dictionary / CDs are optional but highly recommended .

#### **Course Goals:**

- to broaden your knowledge of the Italian language
- to understand, speak, read and write Italian expressed in more complex sentences.
- to learn about the different aspects of the Italian culture.

#### **Course Content:**

**Italiano 2** will begin with a review of the chapters covered in level 1. Then the following chapters will be covered up to ch. 9 or 10 depending on the readiness of the class. The focus will be on the simple past of regular and irregular verbs, reflexive verbs, the imperative forms, direct pronouns, adjectives, imperfect tense, negative expressions and we will broaden vocabulary and dialogue.

**Italiano 3 and 4** will begin with a review of basic structures and vocabulary. Our focus will be on verb tenses ( irregular verbs, present perfect, imperfect, future, conditional etc.) and pronouns. Since this is a **multilevel course** the ability to cover all the material will depend upon the readiness of the students and the discretion of the instructor.

Throughout the course we will increase the vocabulary and improve your communication skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing.) The course will include common idiomatic expressions and the many aspects of the Italian culture will be discussed. **We will also read a novel at level 2 difficulty which includes specific activities to reinforce the four levels of learning.**

### Method of Evaluation

Unit exams	50%	A 90-100%
Assignments (lab/workbook)	20%	B 80-89%
Participation/Attendance	10%	C 70-79%
Final exam, this will be an oral presentation	20%	D 60-69%

**\*This class may be taken for a letter grade, or on a credit/no credit basis. The decision has to be made at the beginning of the semester.**

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### Obligations of the student:

- participate regularly in all class activities. **Regular attendance strongly advised.**
- complete all assignments
- take unit exams, final oral exam. **There will not be make up tests.**
- adhere to the SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION Classroom Expectations as outlined below

### Social Science Division Class Room Expectations

It is expected that students in all Social Science Division classes will:

- be attentive to, and participate in all instructional activities.
- be courteous to people with different perspectives and values.
- be respectful of all persons.
- be on time.
- not leave early without instructor's permission.
- not disrupt class sessions by inappropriate behavior.
- not cheat on examinations or assignments.
- not engage in plagiarism.
- not eat, drink, or smoke in classrooms.
- make use of the instructor's office hours during designated times.

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Excerpt from *College Catalog* student responsibilities:

Withdrawing from the class is the responsibility of the student. The student should file the request "Program Change Form" at the registration area noting the course to be dropped, or request the withdrawal through the telephone registration system. As a matter of courtesy and to assist the instructor's in maintaining accurate class records, the student should also inform the instructor of the decision to drop the course.

Please be aware of the amount of work you have to commit to this course, in order to achieve a high grade, and to ensure that you gain as much as possible of the educational experience this course offers to you. This course "requires a minimum of 3 hours of work per week for each unit of credit, including class time."  
(California State Education Code)

### General remarks about this course:

**Regular attendance is necessary to do well in this course, especially in a language course.** Take advantage of every opportunity to practice.

Missing classes will hamper your ability to achieve high scores on the exams, and of course, it will negatively affect your participation grade.

It is a challenging course due to its nature (multilevel) therefore your cooperation and willingness to work independently are highly appreciated. My goals are to see you do well and enjoy the learning of my native language.

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