Advanced Italian Grammar Syllabus

Villa Aurora Adventist Institute, Florence
Battista, Mantovani, Scarazzato
ITLN 351-352-353 Advanced Grammar (3qh)
From Monday to Friday
Viuzzo del Pergolino, 4 – 50139
From September to the end of May

Prerequisite(s)
Welcome and Introduction
“Welcome to the Intermediate Italian Grammar course. I’m your instructor. We’ll be together for this quarter. In this course, we’ll come together to help you learn new grammar rules and vocabulary and how to apply them through dialogues, readings, listening and writing with more and more difficulty. These elements will enable you to become more fluent in the Italian language.”

Course Goals
Enable the students
• to express their opinions and ideas in Italian;
• to interact with different types of people;
• to feel comfortable with the new language in different contexts;
• to improve their vocabulary and their understanding.

Methods of Instruction
There are a variety of methods that are used during the grammar classes. Writing on the board to teach a more articulated sentence structure. Teamwork and working in pairs to help the students to correct each other through the supervision of the teacher. Involvement of the students in discussions about natural phenomenon, various types of events, personal experiences, how the Italian language has changed through the years, new ways of communication, etc… Use of a CD to listen and comprehend paragraphs, of an advanced level, as an introduction to the grammar.

Course Component Specifics
Students are expected to be on time and every tardy is marked. Three tardies equal an absence. Over 15 minutes of tardy equal an absence. Students are allowed to miss 20% of classes, beyond that the final grade decreases according to the number of absences. Active participation in class activities is strongly encouraged as well as a positive attitude. Homework is checked regularly. During the tests or exams students are far from one another, they don’t have opportunity to communicate and they are only allowed to leave the classroom one at a time. Eating and chewing gum in class is prohibited as well as the use of computers and other electronic devices.
Cheating is also prohibited and we tell the students that cheating has no place in a community of scholars. Have the confidence in yourself to give your original best. This is all that is required of you.

Attendance and Make-Up Work
As mentioned above students are allowed to miss 20% of classes. The 20% includes all types of absences, including sickness, parents visiting, or travels around Europe. Students must know that any absence beyond the given percentage lowers their grade. They must be responsible to manage this percentage. They also must keep up with the class work and their studies even if absent because they will be tested on the whole program like everybody else. They are responsible for getting class notes from a classmate.
Course Requirements and Grading

- We use a letter grade.
- The grading percentage is as follows:
  - Final written exam: 50%
  - 4 Tests: 40%
  - Participation, absences and behaviour: 10%
- After 20% of absences the student’s grade will be lowered according to the number of exceeding absences.
- Students who decide to drop a class after two weeks from the beginning of the course, will get a W.
- At the end of every quarter there is a final exam. During each quarter there are 4 tests.

Office Hours
Students can find their teachers outside the classroom according to their needs. Every teacher is available for tutoring two hours per week.

How to Reach Me
Students can contact their teachers through the Language Department.

Required text
Patrizia Bacci, Giovanni Zambardino, Un tuffo nell’Azzurro 2, Panozzo Editore.
Patrizia Bacci, Quaderno degli esercizi un tuffo nell’Azzurro 2, Panozzo Editore.

Schedule
Every year, in the Advanced Italian Grammar course, the number of school hours can change according to the academic calendar. Each topic needs more or less time to be learnt, and different groups of students learn with a different rhythm. That is why we don’t have fixed dates for each topic.

Topic
- Condizionale Composto (Conditional)
- Indefinite Adjectives and Pronouns
- Relative Pronouns (che, cui)
- Pronoun Chi
- Conjunctive Present and Past
- Indirect Imperative
- Conjunctive Imperfetto and Trapassato
- Trapassato Prossimo

Grammar is placed within a context. The vocabulary learnt during each lesson is the following:
- weather forecast
- Italian expressions referring to the weather and the sky
- popular saying
- environmental disasters
- answers to newspaper articles
- delinquency and how it is dealt with
- EU and the economy
- the origin of first names: do you know the origin of yours?
- Computer and advise on how to get a job
- inventions and inventors
- Italian dialects
- types of letters
- health