Course description

The principal goal of this course is to complete the linguistic and cultural overview of Italian and to give you the competence necessary to comprehend, and produce texts in Italian at the intermediate level. The course will be held entirely in Italian, including grammar explanations, assignments and exam directions. By reading and viewing authentic texts you will complement the language instruction to help in the process of learning Italian; you will also be able to make comparisons with your own culture. You will write different kinds of texts in Italian, including in the electronic format. The general focus of classroom instruction will be to practice the grammatical and vocabulary topics presented in the textbook. The implicit goal of this course is to give you the tools to communicate comfortably in Italian and to understand the different kinds of audio, video and written texts in Italian that you will naturally be exposed to during travel or study in Italy.

Content Preview

Some of the topics that will be expanded in order to develop vocabulary, discussion and writing are changes and problems in society, science and technology, the digital age, cultural wealth, the influence of the media, movies and the arts, the workforce situation and the job search.

Textbook: Immagina with Supersite & Websam, (textbook and online workbook) ed. Vistahigherlearning (available at the bookstore or or at a discount directly from the publisher at www.vhldirect.com)

Note: if you purchase in advance, do not write or activate the code until it’s confirmed you are in fact in the appropriate level during the first week of class

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