

INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN

CIAO E BENVENUTI!! The purpose of this short block is to introduce students to the basics of the Italian language and culture. By the end of the semester, you should be able to conduct short conversations in Italian about everyday topics. Through your knowledge of other romance languages (remember, there is a prerequisite of 1 credit of a romance language to take this course), you will make connections to understand basic vocabulary, grammar and structure of the language. You will learn about Italian culture (particularly food, music and famous people) through videos and class projects.

You will receive a numerical grade for this class. Your grade will be based on class participation (20%), your notebook (10%), projects (20%) and quizzes (50%). Since this is a short block, I will not give many homework assignments. However, you **WILL NEED TO STUDY** outside of class in order to gain proficiency in the language and to succeed on quizzes. If you cannot participate effectively in class activities because studying or homework has not been done, you will lose class participation points.

- ❖ Your **CLASS PARTICIPATION** grade will be a reflection of the work you do during class, which includes paying attention to the teacher, volunteering answers, participating in games and activities and taking notes.
- ❖ Your **NOTEBOOK** will be checked in the middle and at the end of the semester. If you have complete, organized notes, vocabulary lists from class and all handouts, you will receive a 100.
- ❖ Everyone will do 2 paired **PROJECTS** during the semester (one on food and another on a famous Italian or an Italian tourist attraction). There may also be other smaller projects to do that do not require research.
- ❖ There will be a variety of **QUIZZES** during the semester that will check your knowledge of vocabulary and grammar and culture. The quizzes will test your ability to speak, listen, read and write.

I hope to provide you with a fun learning experience and look forward to sharing my first hand knowledge of Italy, its language and people.

ADESSO, PARLIAMO ITALIANO!!