

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

Academic School / Department:	General Education
Programme:	Standalone course not associated with a degree programme
FHEQ Level:	3
Course Title:	Basic Spoken Italian (1 credit)
Course Code:	ITL 3810
Course Leader:	Rosanna Graziani (Rome)
Student Engagement Hours:	40
Lectures:	20
Seminar / Tutorials:	-
Independent / Guided Learning:	20
Semester:	Fall/Spring/Summer
Credits:	4 UK CATS credits 2 ECTS 1 US credit

Course Description:

ROME STUDY CENTRE ONLY. This 10-week course provides students with basic vocabulary and phrases to cope with authentic everyday situations. It is designed for those students who prefer the communicative approach with less emphasis on language structure analysis.

Prerequisites:

None

Aims and Objectives:

With reference to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for Languages of the Council of Europe level A1, this course aims to:

- develop students' interest in the language learning process
- provide students with basic skills to understand the spoken language in simple, everyday contexts
- enable students to acquire the basic vocabulary and structures needed to communicate in simple, everyday contexts

Programme Outcomes:

This is a standalone course not associated with a degree programme

A1 (based on CEFR indicators)

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification.

This is located at the archive maintained by the Academic Registry and found at:

<http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/programme-and-course-specifications/>

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, successful students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the spoken language in simple, everyday contexts
- Demonstrate an ability to use the basic vocabulary and structures needed to communicate in simple, everyday contexts

Indicative Content:

Useful, basic grammar and vocabulary; basic structures

- Greeting and presenting oneself
- Ordering in a restaurant, pizzeria, or bar
- Describing a city, giving directions
- Conversation: travel, activities, sport
- Buying tickets; making a booking

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Language Assessment Norms approved at Academic Board (formerly Learning & Teaching Policy Committee) and located at: <http://www.richmond.ac.uk/admitted-students/>

Teaching Methodology:

Classes are conducted mainly in Italian and take a functional approach to language learning. Students are not expected to understand every word but to attempt to grasp the key points and the overall meaning. Participation and team work are encouraged in class. The instructor not only guides and corrects, but also challenges students to immerse themselves in the linguistic experience. Focus is on oral communication skills both in comprehension and language production.

Bibliography:

See syllabus for complete reading list

