



**FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH, ITALIAN AND SPANISH**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF ITALIAN CULTURE, ITAL 501 L01  
Fall 2010**

**Location: CHD 419 Days: MWF 13:00 – 13:50**

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**OFFICE LOCATION and HOURS :** CHD 319, W 11:00 – 12:00 by appointment  
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**DESCRIPTION**

This course offers an examination of contemporary Italian culture and language (*Magari!*), as well as a close reading of a great Italian canonic text: Dante's *Inferno*.

**OUTCOMES**

Students will develop the capacity to read and write in Italian, as well as their ability to express themselves in Italian. They will also expand their knowledge of Italian culture, reading a canonic text in the original language, and in translation. We will be analyzing in class the most famous passages of Dante's *Inferno*, providing close readings of cantos.

**PREREQUISITES**

Italian 401, 403 and one other half course at the 400 level, or consent of the Department

**DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES**

Attendance and participation 20%  
Assignments (3 at 5% each) 15%  
Written exams (2 at 20% each) 40%  
Final paper 25%  
There will be no final examination.

**GRADING SCALE**

A+ = 100-96; A= 95-91; A- = 90-86; B+ = 85-81; B= 80-76; B- = 75-71; C+ = 70-67; C= 66-62; C- = 61-58; D+ = 57-54; D= 53-50; F = 49-0 .The official grading system (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) will be applied for the calculation of final mark.

**REQUIRED TEXTS (available at UofCalgary Bookstore)**

- 1) A.De Giuli, C.Guastalla, C.M.Naddeo. *Magari! Corso di lingua e cultura italiana di livello intermedio e avanzato*. Alma Edizioni, 2008.
- 2) Dante Alighieri, *The Divine Comedy. I, Inferno*, (bilingual edition), translated and edited by Robin Kirkpatrick, Penguin Books, 2006

**COURSE NOTES**

- The course will consist in class readings and communicative activities: analyses and seminar discussions will be in Italian. Students' active participation in class will be expected and encouraged.
- Assignments: throughout the term students will write 3 short essays of 500/600 words each on topics of their choice among those covered in class.
- Missed tests and missed assignments will be counted as an incomplete and will contribute to the calculation of the final mark.
- Written exams: they will evaluate students' knowledge of the fundamental aspects of Italian culture and language covered in class and the ability to analyze a passage from Dante's *Inferno*
- Final paper: the paper will deal extensively with a theme discussed in class. The topic will be agreed with the instructor. The paper will have a length of 5/8 pages, in Italian.
- The Department's drop-box, located in the foyer area of the third floor in Craigie Hall between blocks D and C, is available for depositing assignments and course work. The material placed in the drop-box will be collected and date-stamped at the beginning and at the end of the working day.

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

1. **Plagiarism** is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. Plagiarism exists when:

- a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);
  - b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;
  - c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or
  - d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.
- While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted."

Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

2. **Cheating** at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.

3. **Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.

4. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

#### **DISABILITIES AND ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. Students with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre should contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Students also required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS**

Craigie Hall: Professional Faculties food court (alternate: Education Block food court)

Education Block and Tower: Scurfield Hall atrium (alternate: Professional Faculties food court)

Kinesiology: north courtyard, MacEwan Student Centre (alternate: University Theatres lobby)

For the complete list of assembly points please consult <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

#### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT**

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it.

Please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

#### **INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

#### **SAFEWALK**

To request a Safewalk escort anywhere on campus, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, please call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help Phones.

Web: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

#### **STUDENT UNION INFORMATION**

Representatives and contact details: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html>

Student Ombudsman: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>

#### **WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**

Writing skills should cross all disciplines. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office (<http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/>) can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.