



Marco Polo, and those of the millions of Italian immigrants who have enriched the cultural life of Canada and numerous other countries. The objectives that will guide us in our journey through Italian culture are: 1) improve your conversation, reading and writing skills in Italian; 2) build your understanding of the wide-ranging contribution that famous and ordinary Italians have made to today's global culture; 3) develop your research abilities on a variety of

topics related to the history and culture of Italy.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course you are expected to be able to:

- understand a number of key aspects of Italian and Italian-Canadian culture in a historical perspective
- research autonomously a variety of topics related to the culture and history of the Italian people
- communicate in spoken and written Italian with enhanced proficiency
- engage with a broad array of text types

Course requirements

Oral presentation: 20%

4 writing assignments: 40%

Final exam: 30%

Participation: 10%



Course Guidelines

The oral presentation (20 minutes) must provide evidence of original research on a topic of your choice to be discussed with, and approved by, the instructor. You are expected to hand in an outline a week before the date of your presentation.

The four writing assignments (at least 2 double-spaced pages each) will be composed in response to questions on topics covered in the course.

The final exam will consist of essay questions and text recognition. N.B.: Presentations by peers are an integral part of the content of the course.

Attendance is mandatory and you are expected to complete all required readings before each class. Missing lectures and failing to comply with reading requirements will negatively impact on the final grade.

Required Texts (available at the University Bookstore)

Marco Mezzadri & Linuccio Pederzani, *Civiltà Punto It* (Perugia: Guerra Edizioni, 2007)

Additional instructional materials will be posted on Owl.

Antirequisite(s):

Pre-or Corequisite(s): Italian 2200 or 2250W/X or permission of the department

Extra Information: 3 hours, 0.5 course.

Note: Taught in Italian.

Please note: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites (or have special permission from your Dean to waive the prerequisite) and that you have not

taken an antirequisite course. If you are not eligible for the course, you may be removed from it at any time, and it will be deleted from your record. In addition, you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions can not be appealed.

Other Academic Matters: [UWO Academic Calendar \(Academic Policies/Regulations\)](#).

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see [Scholastic Offense Policy](#) in the Western Academic Calendar). Plagiarism is the inclusion of someone else's verbatim or paraphrased text in one's own written work without immediate reference. Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against a possible charge of plagiarism. This also applies to work facilitated or written for students by third parties. The University of Western Ontario uses a plagiarism-checking site called Turnitin.com.

Absenteeism:

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

- [Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness](#)
- [Downloadable Student Medical Certificate \(SMC\)](#)

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to [Mental Health@Western](#) <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

University policy regarding missed classes and admission to exams: Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of Registration.

UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>
Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> under the Medical Documentation heading.

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Policies which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Modern Languages and Literatures courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures website at <http://www.uwo.ca/modlang/undergraduate/policies.html>. It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.

