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## **ADVANCED ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

**Virtual classes meet on Saturdays from January 23 to May 7, 2016 (15 Saturdays)**

There will be no class on March 26th

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Class Location: Online course + virtual classes  
Class Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm (PST)

This course is offered by **Fondazione Italia** under the auspices of the **Consulate General of Italy** and in collaboration with **ICoN - Italian Culture on the Net** - a consortium of nineteen Italian universities that offer online courses and degree programs and operates under the auspices of Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We look forward to a productive and fun session. Here's some information about the course, and what you'll need to know before we start:

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is an intermediate-to-pre-advanced level course that is conducted entirely in Italian and geared towards motivated high school students who are planning to take the AP Italian exam in May 2016.

- Students will meet for two hours once a week for fifteen weeks in a virtual classroom together with other students and an ICoN-certified instructor. (We will use [www.gotomeeting.com](http://www.gotomeeting.com).)
- Students will complete the College Board approved ICoN AP® online Italian Language and Culture course under the guidance of the instructor.
- Students will learn to master authentic material, explore the six themes required by the College Board.
- Students will become familiar with the exam structure and take practice tests.
- The instructor will assign and review homework, give direction and suggestions, and provide explanations and ongoing support to the students.

**HOMEWORK - WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS:** Please be aware that I will assign homework weekly. Our lessons will not be effective unless you work on the ICoN online course outside of class. It is recommended that you devote at least 3 hours each week to review the material and complete the assigned homework.

**WORKBOOK – CLASS MATERIAL:** In addition to the College Board approved ICoN AP® Italian online course, we will also use the workbook ***Ace the AP® Italian Language and Culture Exam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition***, published by Edizioni Farinelli. You can purchase the book from Edizioni Farinelli at <http://www.edizionifarinelli.com/>

We will use **Schoology** to post and submit homework assignments, to share any additional course material and to communicate about the course. If you have not used Schoology before, please create a free student account on [www.schoology.com](http://www.schoology.com) before the beginning of the course. We will e-mail you individually the access code to join our class. We will also provide you your unique login to the ICoN course.

**EXAMS:** We will do three complete AP Italian practice tests.

**COURSE COMPLETION AND GRADING:** Upon completion of the course, students can request a certificate of completion including the grade obtained.

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

- 50% Practice tests
- 30% homework
- 20% Class Participation

**HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT:** Please note that the home school Principal/Counselor must grant permission for the course to be listed on the student's transcript, along with credits granted and grades earned. Policies and procedures regarding this vary by high school. We recommend that you contact your school counselor as soon as possible.

According to the University of California A-G Guide, "Earning a satisfactory score on a SAT Subject, AP or IB exam, or a proficiency test administered by a UC campus or other university can demonstrate a student's proficiency in a language other than English. (Please see <http://ucop.edu/agguide/a-g-requirements/e-language/index.html>.)

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY:** Please aim for 100% attendance. We have much material to cover in very little time. If you miss a class, find the assignments and material covered on Schoology and contact me if you have any questions.

**Please log in to class on time. We will start our lesson at 2:00pm sharp!**

**HONOR CODE:** By taking this course you commit to standards of academic integrity and promise that all homework, essays, exams will be your own work and that you will not make solutions available to anyone else unless explicitly permitted by the instructor. You also acknowledge that the ICoN online course is designed in such a way that the course instructor can monitor the students' use of the course, such as units completed, correct answers and number of attempts at getting the right answer, among other usage statistics.

I look forward to getting to know all of you. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or the course coordinator, Elisabetta Engler at [bengler@fondazione-italia.org](mailto:bengler@fondazione-italia.org).

A presto,

*Simona Cavadini Meroni*

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