

## Course Outline

**Code: ITL200**

**Title: In-Country Italian Studies A**

**School:** Creative Industries  
**Teaching Session:** Semester 2  
**Year:** 2019  
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Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

### 1. What is this course about?

#### 1.1 Description

This intensive language and culture course is undertaken either at the Università degli Studi 'Carlo Bo' in Urbino, at Università IULM in Milan, or at Università LIUC in Milan, Italy. As a student of Italian language and culture, you will gain formal instruction alongside intensive first-hand experience in the speech community and the culture of Italy. Class contact time in Italy is the same as on campus at USC, but there are other considerable cultural/intercultural and life experience benefits.

#### 1.2 Field trips, WIL placements or activities required by professional accreditation

Activity	Details
N/A	N/A

### 2. What level is this course?

200 level Developing – Applying broad and/or deep knowledge and skills to new contexts. May require pre-requisites and introductory level knowledge/skills. Normally undertaken in the 2nd or 3rd year of an undergraduate program.

### 3. What is the unit value of this course?

48 units

### 4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

Specific Learning Outcomes	Assessment tasks	Graduate Qualities or Professional Standards mapping
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to:	You will be assessed on the learning outcomes in task/s:	Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to:
Demonstrate advanced (Italian) language skills and cultural knowledge through curriculum immersion at your host institution.	1	Knowledgeable.
Reflect on cultural understandings and insights from daily interactions in	2	Creative and critical thinkers.

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academic and practical situations with a broad variety of Italian people and media.		
Demonstrate ethical, legal and respectful attitude and behaviour in the host country.	3	Ethical.

## 5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

### 5.1 Enrolment restrictions

A quota applies to participation with full USC support. Suitability and adaptability for this challenging course must be attested to by the candidate’s language teaching team at USC.

### 5.2 Pre-requisites

At least 4 USC courses in Italian language or instructor consent required.

### 5.3 Co-requisites

Nil

### 5.4 Anti-requisites

Nil

### 5.5 Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Knowledge of Italian language and culture at level A2 or above (EU framework)

## 6. How am I going to be assessed?

### 6.1 Grading scale

Limited – Pass (PU), Fail (UF). All assessment tasks are required to be passed for successful completion of the course.

### 6.2 Details of early feedback on progress

We will keep in touch with you and your host institution throughout your time in Italy. We also request the host institution to inform us, if any issues arise.

### 6.3 Assessment tasks

<b>Task No.</b>	<b>Assessment Product</b>	<b>Individual or Group</b>	<b>Weighting %</b>	<b>What is the duration / length?</b>	<b>When should I submit?</b>	<b>Where should I submit it?</b>
1	Activity Participation	Individual	N/A	N/A	Week 13	To Supervisor
2	Written Piece	Individual	N/A	N/A	On return from Italy or electronically if	Online Assignment Submission with

					you do an online version	Plagiarism check
3	Code of Conduct - adherence	Individual	N/A	N/A	Throughout the course	To Supervisor

### Assessment 1: Host institution course

<b>Goal:</b>	You will undertake a number of courses or a single course recommended by your host institution as appropriate to achieve the learning outcomes of this course.
<b>Product:</b>	Activity Participation
<b>Format:</b>	Academic format You will attend and complete your chosen related course or courses as prearranged to a pass level. These courses should include a language course and other courses taken in English at the host university.
<b>Criteria:</b>	As required by your Host institution – See also task #3 This is an ungraded task where a pass in the host university course will translate to a pass for this assignment. This Task must be passed to pass the course.

### Assessment Task 2: Reflective Journal

<b>Goal:</b>	This task is designed to enable you to critically reflect on this in-country language and cultural learning experience. You will use a journal format to record and to analyse your experience and findings in the country. It will give you the opportunity to monitor and to give thought your first-hand experience and progress in the country other than the language learning.
<b>Product:</b>	Written Piece
<b>Format:</b>	Academic format Open format appropriate to a reflective journal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to the on-line questions from the coordinator.</li> </ul> *Please check the Blackboard
<b>Criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflection – your first-hand experience;</li> <li>• Analysis – quality of analysis of Italian society, culture and language; and</li> <li>• Response – all questions from the coordinator (On-line)</li> <li>• Communication – format, writing style and presentation</li> </ul>

### Assessment Task 3: Code of Conduct

<b>Goal:</b>	This task enables you to become familiar with the code of conduct for your discipline and work within its guidelines during the in-country study experience.
<b>Product:</b>	Code of Conduct
<b>Format:</b>	Professional/Industry format (conduct expectations) During your in-country study you are required to complete minimal 10 hours per week of learning experience. To be eligible to pass, you are required to complete the internship satisfactorily according to the criteria below. See Blackboard for your discipline specific Code of Conduct.
<b>Criteria:</b>	The academic placement supervisor will evaluate your standard and quality of your work and make an assessment against the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behaviour that is in accordance with the discipline code of conduct</li> <li>• Adherence to the discipline code of conduct</li> <li>• Completion of the required minimum 10 hours per week of learning</li> </ul>

## 7. Directed study hours

The directed study hours listed here are a portion of the workload for this course. A 12 unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

Location:	Directed study hours for location:
Online	In country external agreement

## 8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note that course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site. Please log in as soon as possible.

### 8.1 Prescribed text(s) or course reader

As required by the host institution.

### 8.2 Specific requirements

Preparation for overseas travel is the student's responsibility although assistance will be offered by the course coordinator if required. It is highly recommended that all students register with the Australian government's Smart Traveller website for health and security advice - <http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au>.

## 9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low.

It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the Health and Safety policies and procedures applicable to your host organisation.

It is your responsibility as a student to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers, and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study. It is also your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online Health Safety and Wellbeing training module for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

## 10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

### 10.1 Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text

comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

### 10.2 Assessment: Additional requirements

This course will be graded as Pass in a Limited Grade Course (PU) or Fail in a Limited Grade Course (UF) as per clause 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA) - Institutional Operating Policy of the USC.

In a course eligible to use Limited Grades, all assessment items in that course are marked on a Pass/Fail basis and all assessment tasks are required to be passed for a student to successfully complete the course. Supplementary assessment is not available in courses using Limited Grades.

### 10.3 Assessment: Submission penalties

You must contact your Course Coordinator and provide the required documentation if you require an extension or alternate assessment.

### 10.4 Study help

In the first instance, you should contact your tutor, then the Course Coordinator. Additional assistance is provided to all students through Academic Skills Advisers. To book an appointment or find a drop-in session go to [Student Hub](#).

Contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or [studentcentral@usc.edu.au](mailto:studentcentral@usc.edu.au)

### 10.5 Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website:

<http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

### 10.6 General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **USC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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