

**NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ITA 103 – BASIC SPOKEN ITALIAN I (3 CR.)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Teaches oral communication, and introduces cultural mores and customs to students with no prior instruction in the language.

Lecture - 3 hours per week

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

This is a conversational course for student with no previous Italian. The focus is on communication skills, practical vocabulary, and cultural patterns. There are brief, simplified explanations of the structure of the language.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES

None

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

understand simple spoken Italian within the limited context,
carry on a simple conversation with correct pronunciation,
read the Italian the student has already learned to comprehend and speak,
be aware of cultural patterns, including social patterns of behavior and current events.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED

The student will learn practical vocabulary in contextual communication patterns. The structure of the language will be explained in simplified terms in the context of the spoken skills developed.

Topics and situations to be covered may include:

Personal Identification
Health and Welfare
House and Home Education
Services Travel
Family Life Earning a Living
Community/Neighborhood Shopping
Physical environment Meal-taking/Food/Drink
Public and Private Services

EXTRA TOPICS (optional)

Occupational or technical vocabulary where appropriate for a particular group of students (i.e., law enforcement).