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Third year Italian
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Required Materials:
•  In viaggio. Moving towards fluency in Italian available at the PSU bookstore. The package includes the Textbook, Workbook Manual/ Lab Manual Part A and B. This textbook will be used for 2 terms.

Optional Materials:  Adorni e Primorak, English Grammar for students of Italian
Online dictionary : www.garzantilinguistica.it
A good medium sized English-Italian dictionary.

What to expect in this course:
• Starting from the first day of class we will be focusing on and recycling seven communicative functions: describing and comparing, expressing opinions, narrating in the past, talking about likes and dislikes, hypothesizing, talking about the future.
• Assuming that you have studies most or all of the grammar points in the previous Italian courses, the goal of this course is to review these grammar points as a support for expressing the seven communicative functions.
• Participation in many, mostly oral guided activities which will improve your speaking ability in both accuracy and fluency.
• You will learn vocabulary words in associated groupings. Your active vocabulary should increase by 250-300 words by the end of the course. You will also learn to make and use index cards, called schede. A scheda shows a group of nine words (three nouns, three verbs and three adjectives) that you can use as you express yourself on various topics.

Calendar:
During Fall term we will be covering the Preliminary Chapter and Chapter 1-3. There will be a Mid term (Oct 03), a Final Exam (the last day of class, Dec 01) and a Final Project (Dec 05, at 8am).

Course Evaluation
Grading will be done as follows;

There will be a midterm and a final test. This will account for 30% of the grade.
The required written homework will account for 30% of the grade. I will check the assigned work in your workbook on exam day. If it is complete and all done is worth 30%, if it is mostly done 20%, if it is partially completed 10%, if it is poorly done 05%,
Attendance and classroom participation will account for 20% of the grade. Two excused absences are allowed over the term- more will reduce your grade.

During finals week, you will give a presentation (final project). This will accounts for 20% of your grade.

[This syllabus is representative of the course content and is subject to change.]