



INFORMATION FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN CHALLENGING ITALIAN 1

(for placement in Italian 2)

Test Format: Multiple choice and two written paragraphs

A student wishing to challenge level 1 Italian must take a placement test to demonstrate ability to express herself using the studied elements of the first-year class. Any student taking the challenge exam is expected to write two full paragraphs that include proper usage of both the present and past (*passato prossimo*) tenses as well as mastery of the following first year elements:

- Present tense conjugation of regular *-are, -ere, and -ire verbs* (as mentioned above)
- Proficiency of present tense irregular verbs: *essere, avere, fare, stare, dare, andare, venire, dire*
- Subject verb agreement
- Use and agreement of descriptive adjectives
- Numbers 1-100
- Definite and indefinite articles
- Possessive adjectives
- Simple and articulated prepositions
- Correct usage of formality: *Lei vs. tu*

Students must demonstrate mastery of the following vocabulary topics in order to successfully challenge Italian 1:

- Use of courtesy and professional titles and customary greetings
- Classroom vocabulary and vocabulary *Materia d'Insegnamento*
- Idiomatic expressions with the verb *avere*
- *La città* (city vocabulary)
- Usage of "*C'è*" and "*Ci sono*" in sentence construction
- Days of the week and basic expressions of time
- Interrogatives: *come, che (cosa), chi, dove, quando, quale/i, quanto, quanti/e, perché*
- Idiomatic expressions with *fare*
- Telling time

In addition to the above elements students will need to have basic knowledge of geography and how it plays an integral part of the many cultural observances, traditions and identities of Italy.