

Course Syllabus

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Department of French and Italian, University of Colorado Boulder

SPRING SEMESTER 2025

Monday, January 13 - Thursday, May 1

ITALIAN 2130: Readings in Italian: Sustainability, 3 Credit Hours

Meets : T & TH 12:30 PM - 01:45 PM in DUAN G1B35

Final exam: MAY 3rd 01:30 PM - 04:00 PM

[DUAN G1B35 \(https://www.colorado.edu/campusmap/map.html?bldg=DUAN\)](https://www.colorado.edu/campusmap/map.html?bldg=DUAN)

Prerequisite or corequisite: Ital 2120 with a grade of C- or better

Professor: Olga Vasile, Woodbury 401

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Office hours: **W 12:15 am-2:00 pm** and **by appointment** (Zoom option by appointment)

Please e-mail Professor Vasile for an appointment.

Course description:

This course is designed specifically to improve a student's ability to:

- Understand and analyze out loud a variety of texts on the topic of sustainability in Italian (articles, short stories, novel excerpts, interviews, web pages, videos, films and presentations) thus improving interpretative skills in Italian.
- share with classmates thoughts and opinions related to the texts analyzed thus practicing and improving communicative abilities and critical thinking in Italian;
- present in the oral and written form on specific topics related to sustainability;
- acquire a broad understanding of sustainability issues by taking Italy as a case study.
- Explore sustainability projects and ideas in specific sectors of Italian culture: literature, fashion, food, cities and landscapes (mare, campagna, boschi italiani)

Students will learn new vocabulary and will practice grammatical structures acquired in previous semesters, of which they are expected to have already a good grasp.

Textbook and class content:

Our base textbook will be

Rossella Köhler, *Possiamo Cambiare il mondo*, Mondadori 2021 (2 copies of the book will be on reserve) but you should buy your own copy.

Additional readings will be available on Canvas and online.

Class work will include readings and comprehension and discussion of texts, oral presentations and written assignments.

Students will need to produce and submit their own "Sustainability portfolio" which will include a short bio, a "critical" vocabulary list, summaries, reactions to classroom discussions/presentations, and two projects (presentation/end of term project).

Grade:

The final grade will be tallied as follows:

- **Attendance and Participation (25%):** (**preparation**, homework and contribution to class discussion in class and online).
- **Oral Presentations (15%)** (schedule will vary, sign-up sheet will be made available on Course homepage)
- **Tests:** (20%) (2 tests. Thursday February 20, Thursday April 10. Please mark your calendar!)
- **Final project:** (15 %)
- **Written Final exam:** (10%) Time and location TBA
- **Portfolio 15%** (Your profile, Sustainability glossary/vocabulary, 3 summaries, 2 critical reactions, 2 presentation/final project, list of references if not included in other work etc.)

Instructions on how to prepare for these assessments will be provided on Canvas/Modules.

Grading scale:

A	93 -100	B-	80 - 82	D+	68 - 69
A-	90 - 92	C+	77 - 79	D	66 - 67
B+	87 - 89	C	73 - 76	D-	65
B	83 - 86	C-	70 - 72	F	64 & below

Participation:

This means you should come to class **having read the assigned material, having completed the comprehension questions or other homework assigned, and being ready to engage in thoughtful conversations in Italian, to the best of your ability.** We will have many ways to interact, and all of them depend on having read the assigned materials. It is your responsibility to show me that you are ready and have thought carefully about the readings at hand. Your classmates

and teacher deserve your full attention. Working on other devices during class time will result in deduction from your participation grade.

Attention: Any student who comes to more than three class periods without having read and/or prepared the lesson will receive a 0 for participation.

Attendance:

Attendance is an essential part of this class. It is probably the most important element in the language-learning process, and information will often be given in class that is not contained in the readings, or in the Canvas resources. Each student is allowed a maximum of **2 absences** per semester. After 2 absences, points are deducted from your final grade. For every absence after the 2 permitted, your final grade is lowered 2%.

Every two times you are ten minutes late to class or leave ten minutes early from class also constitutes as one absence. ***Cell phone or other device use during class constitutes an absence***

Excused absences :

1. **Students' participation in an activity organized by a department or program of the University of Colorado.** Students must present a letter from that Department or Program explaining the absence; this letter must be submitted to the Italian instructor at least one week prior to the date of the absence.
2. **Religious obligations.** Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, Students must notify the instructor **in writing** of anticipated conflicts during the first two weeks of the semester. See the [campus policy regarding religious observances \(http://www.colorado.edu/policies/observance-religious-holidays-and-absences-classes-andor-exams\)](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/observance-religious-holidays-and-absences-classes-andor-exams) for full details.
3. **A medical condition which prohibits you from attending class.**

Support :

The Italian Department is invested in your success in this class. Here are some resources that will be utilized to help you succeed:

Course Alert: <https://www.colorado.edu/office-undergraduate-education/faculty-staff/course-alerts> (<https://www.colorado.edu/office-undergraduate-education/faculty-staff/course-alerts>) (excessive absences, low performance, missing assignments)

Student Support Case management: <https://www.colorado.edu/support/sscm> (<https://www.colorado.edu/support/sscm>) (academic and personal issues)

Basic Needs: <https://www.colorado.edu/support/basicneeds> (<https://www.colorado.edu/support/basicneeds>) (food, housing, and other resources)

Class courtesy:

It is quite obvious to your instructor if you are on your cellphone or other devices **off-task**.

Laptops, iPads and phones are permitted in class for class use only. Use of these devices for anything other than the class will be considered an absence.

Students should not plan to EAT in class unless they have a medical reason to do so. In this case, they will submit a letter of documentation to the instructor. There will also be no GUM chewing in class. It hinders one's ability to speak and is a distraction to other students.

Class preparation:

Students are expected to be prepared at the beginning of class for that day's assignment. It is imperative that you come to class with all readings and assignments ready, not only for your benefit but for the benefit of others.

E-mail:

Please note the following policies regarding the use of e-mail in this course:

1. Students should check their CU e-mail account every day and **MUST** use that account to contact the instructor. E-mails written from a personal account may be ignored or filtered as SPAM.
2. Instructors will answer e-mails from students within 24 hours of receiving them M-F and within 48 hours on weekends.

E-mails sent after 5:00 p.m. will be answered the following weekday.

ALTEC: The Anderson Language Technology Center (ALTEC) is open for the semester. They have many valuable resources for language learning as well as workshops, so please visit their website at www.colorado.edu/center/altec or walk into the HIVE (CASE E380).

Fall and Spring hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 am-6:00pm; It is a great place to meet your classmates for group work before and after class especially this semester since class is in the CASE building.

Instagram: Follow us on Instagram! [italianatcuboulder](https://www.instagram.com/italianatcuboulder) Learn an Italian "word of the day" and get updates and announcements.

Facebook: Like us on Facebook! <http://facebook.com/CUBoulderItalian> 
(<http://facebook.com/CUBoulderItalian>)

Events, announcements, photos, and interactive activities are frequently posted on our Facebook page.

Deadlines:

Please pay close attention to all deadlines. a. Wednesday, **January 29** is the deadline to drop a course and not receive a W on your transcript. b. Friday, **March 21st** is the deadline to drop a course on MyCUinfo and receive a W on your transcript. It is also the deadline to change your grade to pass/fail. C

Unexplained disappearance from the class will result in the grade of F.

Tutors: A list of department approved tutors is on our website.

<https://www.colorado.edu/center/altec/resources/students/language-tutoring-undergraduate-students> (<https://www.colorado.edu/center/altec/resources/students/language-tutoring-undergraduate-students>)

Students working with a tutor may not submit, for a grade, work that has been checked, corrected, or written by a tutor. Use tutors for help with exercises and test preparation and to understand errors and corrections on compositions and tests. Failure to use tutor help correctly will result in the dismissal of the tutor from the list approved by the Department of French and Italian.

Computer help and AI: Assignments done by a computer translator, or AI software are immediately obvious to the instructor and **will not be considered for a grade**. Please use technology resources appropriately. Use of computer translation or copying sentences from Italian websites without "quotation marks" and source references is a violation of the honor code.

Honor Code:

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the Honor Code. Violations of the policy may include: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to the Honor Code (honor@colorado.edu); 303-492-5550). Students who are found responsible for violating the academic integrity policy will be subject to nonacademic sanctions from the Honor Code as well as academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found at the Honor Code Office website.

Major or Minor:

If students would like information about the Italian Major or Minor, they should consult the Department website www.colorado.edu/FRIT. To meet with the Italian Advisor, schedule an appointment on <https://advising.colorado.edu>.

Preferred Student Names and Pronouns:

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information doesn't always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name.

Accommodations:

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu (<mailto:dsinfo@colorado.edu>). If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see [Temporary Injuries guidelines](#) [Links to an external site.](#) [↗ \(http://www.alumniconnections.com/links/link.cgi?l=6681985&h=132368&e=UCBI-20150813152414\)](http://www.alumniconnections.com/links/link.cgi?l=6681985&h=132368&e=UCBI-20150813152414) under the Quick Links at the [Disability Services website](#) [Links to an external site.](#) [↗ \(http://www.alumniconnections.com/links/link.cgi?l=6681986&h=132368&e=UCBI-20150813152414\)](http://www.alumniconnections.com/links/link.cgi?l=6681986&h=132368&e=UCBI-20150813152414) and discuss your needs with your professor.

No accommodations, including absences, can be considered retroactively. You must provide documentation of special needs at the beginning of the semester.

Disabilities services mandates that letters for exam accommodations are provided at least one week prior to the exam.

A student who is repeating the course for any reason is asked to notify the instructor.

Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment and/or Related Retaliation:

The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is committed to fostering a positive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. CU Boulder will not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct (including sexual assault, exploitation, harassment, dating or domestic violence, and stalking), discrimination, and harassment by members of our community. Individuals who believe they have been subject to misconduct or retaliatory actions for reporting a concern should contact the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) at 303-492-2127 or cureport@colorado.edu. Information about the OIEC, university policies, [anonymous reporting](#) [Links to an external site.](#) [↗ \(https://cuboulder.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PnqVK4kkIJZnf\)](https://cuboulder.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PnqVK4kkIJZnf), and the campus resources can be found on the [OIEC website](#) (<http://www.colorado.edu/institutionalequity>).

Please know that faculty and instructors have a responsibility to inform OIEC when made aware of incidents of sexual misconduct, discrimination, harassment and/or related retaliation, to ensure that individuals impacted receive information about options for reporting and support resources.














Mental Health and Wellness:














The University of Colorado Boulder is committed to the well-being of all students. If you are struggling with personal stressors, mental health or substance use concerns that are impacting academic or daily life, please contact [Counseling and Psychiatric Services \(CAPS\)](https://www.colorado.edu/counseling) (<https://www.colorado.edu/counseling>) located in C4C or call (303) 492-2277, 24/7. Free and unlimited telehealth is also available through [Academic Live Care](https://www.colorado.edu/health/academiclivecare) (<https://www.colorado.edu/health/academiclivecare>). The [Academic Live Care](https://www.colorado.edu/health/academiclivecare) (<https://www.colorado.edu/health/academiclivecare>) site also provides information about additional wellness services on campus that are available to students.














Course Summary:

Date	Details	Due
Mon Jan 13, 2025	 Mi presento (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200080)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Jan 14, 2025	 Programma 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200091)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Jan 16, 2025	 Sondaggio iniziale (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200109)	due by 3:59pm
Tue Jan 21, 2025	 Alcune espressioni iniziali (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200051)	due by 12:30pm
	 Cosa sono gli OSS or SDGs YouTube clips (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200072)	due by 12:30pm
Tue Jan 28, 2025	 Alcune espressioni (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200044)	due by 12:30pm
	 SDG 8 e 13 youtube clip (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200107)	due by 12:30pm
Thu Jan 30, 2025	 Giorgia Pagliuca su Instagram (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200043)	due by 12:30pm
Mon Feb 3, 2025	 Programma 2 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200093)	due by 11:59pm

Date	Details	Due
Tue Feb 4, 2025	 VISITA IN BIBLIOTECA NORLIN E260B https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=888636&include_contexts=course_113527	12am
	 Compiti Quanto sei ecosostenibile? https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200062	due by 12:30pm
Thu Feb 6, 2025	 Compiti La lucertola https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=867800&include_contexts=course_113527	12am
	 BIBLIOGRAFIA https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2309314	due by 11:59pm
Tue Feb 11, 2025	 Compiti Bruno Arpaia https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200066	due by 12:30pm
	 Organizzazione per un mondo solidale (OEW) https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200042	due by 11:59pm
Thu Feb 13, 2025	 Come prepararsi all'esame 1 https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=867801&include_contexts=course_113527	12am
	 Compiti https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=924398&include_contexts=course_113527	12am
Tue Feb 18, 2025	 Compiti settimana della Puzzola https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=867799&include_contexts=course_113527	12am
	 Ripasso Esame 1 https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2279733	due by 12:30pm
Thu Feb 20, 2025	 Esame 1 https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200074	due by 12:30pm
Mon Feb 24, 2025	 Programma 3 https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200094	due by 11:59pm

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Thu Feb 27, 2025	 Compiti: Bologna (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200056)	due by 12:30pm
Thu Feb 27, 2025	 Compiti: Città Green in Italia (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200060)	due by 12:30pm
Mon Mar 3, 2025	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200067) (1 student)	due by 12:30pm
Mon Mar 3, 2025	 Programma 4 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200096)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 4, 2025	 Compiti per oggi Leonia di Calvino (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200068)	due by 12:30pm
Thu Mar 6, 2025	 BUFFSCREATE IN CTL / CASE E-390 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=902030&include_contexts=course_113527)	12am
Thu Mar 6, 2025	 Porfolio demonstration with Amanda McAndrews in CASE E390 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/calendar?event_id=867802&include_contexts=course_113527)	12am
Fri Mar 7, 2025	 Compiti Leggere La Lumaca (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200100)	due by 12:30pm
Fri Mar 7, 2025	 A&P 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200047)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Mar 13, 2025	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200083) (1 student)	due by 12:30pm
Mon Mar 17, 2025	 Porfolios links (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200083)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Mar 17, 2025	 Programma 4 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2280308)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Mar 18, 2025	 Compiti WWF manifesto-Italia	due by 12:30pm

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	(https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200111)	
	 Green Heroes (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200041)	due by 12:30pm
	 GREEN HEROES Bring your computer to class (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200058)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 1, 2025	 Compiti Marina Spatafora (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200070)	due by 12:30pm
Thu Apr 3, 2025	 PROGETTO FINALE WORKSHOP (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200082)	due by 3:30pm
	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200083) (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
	 Ripasso Esame 2 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200102)	due by 12:30am
Tue Apr 8, 2025	 Come prepararsi all'Esame 2	to do: 11:59am
	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200083) (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
	 Esame 2 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200076)	due by 12:30pm
	 Compiti (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200063)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 15, 2025	 Argomento del progetto finale (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200053)	due by 11:59pm
	 Programma delle ultime due settimane (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200098)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Apr 17, 2025	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200083) (1 student)	due by 12:30pm

Date	Details	Due
	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200087) (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Apr 20, 2025	 Preparazione esame finale	to do: 11:59pm
Tue Apr 22, 2025	 Programma 5 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2280325)	due by 11:59pm
Thu Apr 24, 2025	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200087) (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Apr 28, 2025	 Portfolio (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200085)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Apr 29, 2025	 Progetto finale (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200089)	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 1, 2025	 A&P 2 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200049)	due by 11:59pm
	 Article for the final exam (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200055)	due by 11:59pm
Sat May 3, 2025	 FINAL EXAM (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2340526)	due by 1:30pm
Mon May 5, 2025	 FINAL EXAM TBA (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200078)	due by 10:30am
	 Presentazione 1 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200087)	
	 Presentazione 2 (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2206785)	
	 Roll Call Attendance (https://canvas.colorado.edu/courses/113527/assignments/2200104)	