

# Spring 2021



## ITAL 175

**Accelerated Italian  
for Speakers of  
Spanish  
and Other  
Romance  
Languages**

**Section #: 34422R**

**Tuesdays, Thursdays: 4:00-5:50pm**

**ONLINE**

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**Units: 4.0**

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**Location: ONLINE**

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**Prerequisite: 1 from (SPAN 220 or FREN 220 or PORT 220)**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Welcome to Accelerated Italian for Speakers of Spanish and Other Romance Languages at USC! This accelerated course is designed for native, heritage and/or proficient speakers of Spanish and other Romance Languages. The purpose of this course is to provide you with a sound basis for communicating effectively in Italian. The course invites you to reflect upon the fundamental features of your own languages and culture while diving into Italian. You will critically examine linguistic features in Italian that are present in the language in which you are proficient while being exposed to reading and listening activities to help you accelerate your acquisition of Italian. After the successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to register for ITAL 220 (the third semester of Italian).

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

This course will prepare you to perform the following tasks:

- Introduce and talk about yourself, other people such as family and friends and your immediate environment (e.g., hobbies, likes/dislikes, your daily routine, your home and campus);
- Begin and maintain conversations;

- Report basic information about your activities in the present and in the immediate past;
- Create with the language to describe your past self, activities and experiences, such as childhood memories, vacations, special events, etc.;
- Ask and respond to questions in complete sentences to maintain conversations and carry out language tasks in a culturally appropriate manner, give commands and order food;
- Write compositions of up to two pages on controlled topics such as self, friends and family, routine and housing, etc.), employing complete sentences and strings of connected sentences;
- Listen to selected, level-appropriate dialogues and short descriptions, restate the main point, and identify the main facts;
- Identify the text type, extract information from shorter to longer texts--such as menus, ads, web pages, forms, biographies, interviews, and cultural information--and react or reply to this information;
- Identify and discuss aspects of Italian life, such as family, university, meals, traveling, school, festivals and key products of certain regions in Italy;

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL**

For Italian 175 you will need to purchase access to Percorsi 2020 through LingroLearning and six fifteen-minute online conversations on TalkAbroad.

a. PERCORSI 2020 (Authors: Francesca ITALIANO and Irene MARCHEGIANI)

Students should purchase access to Percorsi 2020 through LingroLearning. Subscriptions are available directly at [lingrolearning.com](http://lingrolearning.com). You will receive information on Blackboard and during the lesson on how to enroll in the proper section.

You will need the following course ID to register:

b. TALKABROAD

You will receive information on Blackboard and during the lesson on how to register for six fifteen-minute online conversations on TalkAbroad.