



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH, ITALIAN AND SPANISH
ITALIAN 305.01 (Introduction to Textual Analysis)
Fall 2015

ITALIAN SHORT STORIES
Location: CHC 309 Days: MWF: 10:00-10:50
Lecture 1 W 12:00-12:50 IN CHC309
Tutorial 1 W: 12:00-12:50 IN CHC 309

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DESCRIPTION

Development of critical thinking and communicative skills through the analysis of selected literary and non-literary texts.

Objectives: students will learn about Italian culture and major literary movements, with a focus on the short story, as well as about novelists writing in Italian today: they will develop the capacity to analyze short stories in Italian. Creative writing will be encouraged and exercises of translation and composition will be assigned. Discussion in class will be important to develop critical thinking and communication.

Prerequisites: Italian 301 or consent of the Department.

DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES

Attendance and class participation 15%
Assignments (3 at 5% each) 15%
Written exams (2 at 20% each) 40%
Final paper 30%

GRADING SCALE

A+ = 100-96 A = 95-91 A- = 90-86 B+ = 85-81 B = 80-76 B- = 75-71
C+ = 70-67 C = 66- 62 C- = 61-58 D+ = 57-54 D = 53-50 F = 49%

The official grading system (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) will be applied for the calculation of the final mark.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Italo Calvino, *Marcavaldo* (any edition) (available at the UofCalgary Bookstore)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND MATERIALS

The same textbook of Italian grammar and syntax used in previous classes (Cummings – Frenquellucci – Pastorino - Viazmenski, *Immagina L'italiano senza confini*, Vista Higher Learning, 2011)

Any good Italian-English, English-Italian dictionary

COURSE NOTES

The course will consist in reading assignments and conversation, writing and communicative activities: seminar discussions with the instructor and among students will be in Italian.

Assignments: throughout the term students will write 3 short stories of 500/600 words each on topics of their choice among those covered in class.

Written exams: they will evaluate students' knowledge of Italian culture, and/or write a short story or composition. There will be no final examination.

Final paper: the paper will deal extensively with a theme discussed in class. The topic will be agreed with the instructor. The paper will have a length of 5/8 pages, in Italian.

- Late assignments and missed tests policy:

Missed tests and missed assignments will be counted as 0 and will contribute to the calculation of the final mark.

- Electronic submission of assignments: assignments will be submitted in paper copy to the teacher and in email to fcadel@ucalgary.ca by due deadline.

- The Department's drop-box, located in the foyer area of the third floor in Craigie Hall between blocks D and C, is available for depositing assignments and course work. The material placed in the drop-box will be collected and date-stamped at the beginning and at the end of the working day.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

1. **Plagiarism** is a serious offence, the penalty for which is an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. Plagiarism exists when:

a) the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);

b) parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;

c) the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source, and/or

d) a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted."

Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

2. **Cheating** at tests or examinations includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct such as speaking to other candidates or communicating with them under any circumstances whatsoever; bringing into the examination room any textbook, notebook, memorandum, other written material or mechanical or electronic device not authorized by the examiner; writing an examination or part of it, or consulting any person or materials outside the confines of the examination room without permission to do so, or leaving answer papers exposed to view, or persistent attempts to read other students' examination papers.

3. **Other academic misconduct** includes, but is not limited to, tampering or attempts to tamper with examination scripts, class work, grades and/or class records; failure to abide by directions by an instructor regarding the individuality of work handed in; the acquisition, attempted acquisition, possession, and/or distribution of examination materials or information not authorized by the instructor; the impersonation of another student in an examination or other class assignment; the falsification or fabrication of clinical or laboratory reports; the non-authorized tape recording of lectures.

4. Any student who voluntarily and consciously aids another student in the commission of one of these offences is also guilty of academic misconduct.

DISABILITIES AND ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. Students with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Student Accessibility Services should contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Students also required to discuss their needs with the instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION ASSEMBLY POINTS

Craigie Hall: Professional Faculties food court (alternate: Education Block food court)

Education Block and Tower: Scurfield Hall atrium (alternate: Professional Faculties food court)
Kinesiology: north courtyard, MacEwan Student Centre (alternate: University Theatres lobby)
For the complete list of assembly points please consult
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING AND STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

Graded assignments will be retained by the Department for three months and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Final examinations will be kept for one calendar year and subsequently sent for confidential shredding. Said material is exclusively available to the student and to the department staff requiring to examine it.

Please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy> for complete information on the disclosure of personal records.

INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Devices such as laptops, palmtops and smartbooks are allowed provided that they are used exclusively for instructional purposes and do not cause disruption to the instructor and to fellow students. Cellular telephones, blackberries and other mobile communication tools are not permitted and must be switched off.

SAFEWALK

To request a Safewalk escort anywhere on campus, 24 hours a day and seven days a week, please call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help Phones.

Web: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk>

STUDENT UNION INFORMATION

Representatives and contact details: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/SLC>

Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds/role>

Wellness Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/>

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Writing skills should cross all disciplines. Students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their courses and, where appropriate, instructors can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office (<http://www.efwr.ucalgary.ca/>) can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

DETAILED SYLLABUS

SEPTEMBER

9 W FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.

11 F **Introduction to the course**

14 M Italo Calvino *Marcovaldo ovvero Le stagioni in città* 1. Funghi in città

16 W 2. La villeggiatura in panchina

18 F 3. Il piccione comunale

21 M 4. La città smarrita nella neve

23 W 5. La cura delle vespe

25 F 6. Un sabato di sole, sabbia e sonno

28 M **general review**

30 W (first graded assignment is due today)

OCTOBER

2 F 7. La pietanziera

5 M 8. Il bosco sull'autostrada

7 W 9. L'aria buona

9 F 10. Un viaggio con le mucche

12 M Thanksgiving Day. No classes. University closed

14 W **from 11 to 12 WordFest event: meet the Italian author Giuseppe Catozzella**

16 F **General Review**

19 M **Midterm (first written exam)**

21 W 11. Il coniglio velenoso

23 F 12. La fermata sbagliata

26 M 13. Dov'è più azzurro il fiume

28 W 14. Luna e Gnac

30 F **General Review**

NOVEMBER

2 M (second graded assignment is due today)

4 W 15. La pioggia e le foglie

F 6 16. Marcovaldo al supermarket

9 M 17. Fumo, vento e bolle di sapone

11 W-15 S: Reading Days. No classes. University open.

16 M 18. La città tutta per lui

18 W 19. Il giardino dei gatti ostinati

20 F **General Review**

23 M **Second written exam**

25 W 20. I figli di Babbo Natale

27 F **General Review**

30 M (third graded assignment is due today)

DECEMBER

2 W Conclusions and oral presentations

4 F Conclusions and oral presentations

7 M LAST DAY OF CLASSES