

2. Proficiency and knowledge of basic grammatical structures and terminologies
3. Basic proficiency in reading and writing the language
4. Knowledge of significant cultural practices and historical events from the Italian-speaking world
5. Ability to use technology for e-mail and research of selected topics in Italian
6. Ability to use the Supersite for oral and written practice of Italian

Required Materials:

1) Cozzarelli, Julia. *Sentieri*, 2nd edition, Vista Higher Learning, 2016 with *Sentieri* Supersite (vhlcentral.com) and with the Student Activities Manual/WebSAM. (Be sure to get the best deal by purchasing through our [Elon-specific web site](#).)

2) Severgnini, Beppe. *Ciao, America! An Italian Discovers the U.S.* Trans. Giles Watson. New York: Broadway Books, 1995. Print.

Grade Distribution

Participation and Attendance (15%); Homework (15%); Compositions (15%); Quizzes/*Prove* (10%); Unit Exams (25%); Oral Exams (10%); Reflection Journal (5%); Final Presentation (5%)

Participation and Attendance (15%) will be evaluated by several criteria: **1) Preparation:** do you bring all materials to class every day; read/study all assigned pages before coming to class? **2) Language:** do you always make the effort to speak Italian in the classroom, regardless of accuracy? **3) Participation:** do you volunteer often and participate fully in a mature and thoughtful manner? **4) Group work:** do you work well in groups and pairs—speak in Italian and stay on task? **5) Attitude:** do you have a positive attitude in class and are you supportive of classmates and respectful of the language learning process? **Nota bene:** As a part of this grade, you must attend at least one conversation hour this semester.

Homework (15%) will be assigned from the online Activities Manual/WebSAM. There are two kinds of homework: preparatory (5%) and review (10%). Preparatory homework encourages you to look ahead at the coming week's topics. Preparatory homework is typically due each Sunday by 11.59pm. Review homework lets you practice the material we've already discussed in class during the week. Review should be done on a daily basis, but has a deadline of Saturday at 11.59pm.

There will be four in-class **Compositions (15%)**. The instructions for each composition are on the Supersite. You are allowed to bring in an outline for each composition and use your book while writing it. The outline **cannot** contain: 1) complete sentences 2) conjugated Italian verbs 3) any English. The outline should be used as a way to gather your thoughts and ideas in preparation for the in-class writing process. It in no way should be a pre-written portion of the composition itself. Bring notebook paper to class the day of a composition and write legibly, and double- or triple-spaced. Each first draft composition will be marked with correction symbols, given a grade out of 50 and must be corrected within one week of getting the first draft back. The second draft must be typed with **corrections** made **BOLD** and underlined. You should turn in a printed copy along with your original in class. Then, you should upload the corrected draft on the Supersite. If all corrections are correctly addressed, you can get 50 more points for a final grade out of 100. If you do not turn in corrections, you receive the original score over 100.

Quizzes/*Prove* (10%) are situated halfway through each unit and give you the chance to check your progress with the material of a single "lezione." These quizzes can be found on the supersite and should be completed at home. They are considered open-note and open-book.

You will have 4 **Unit Exams (25%)** including a cumulative final (exam 4). Dates and material to be covered can be found in the course program below. You will complete the exams in class on your computers, so, be sure to *bring your laptop in class for each exam*.

You will complete three **Oral Exams (10%)** using the “Partner Chat” function of the WebSAM. You may choose your own partners and complete the exams whenever you like. Oral Exam 1 is due on September 30th; Oral Exam 2 is due on October 31st; and Oral Exam 3 is due on November 30th.

You will complete and upload to the Supersite four **Reflection Journal (5%)** entries based on your reading of Severgnini’s *Ciao America!* and our in-class discussions of Italian language and culture. Journal entries must be between 250 and 500 words, in English, double-spaced. Use the Reflection Journal Template, found on the Supersite to structure your entries.

The **Final Presentation (5%)** will be a group video presentation based on a cultural theme. A prompt will be provided to you by your instructor.

Grade Weights

A	100-93%	B	86.9-83%	C	76.9-73%	D	66.9-63%
A-	92.9-90%	B-	82.9-80%	C-	72.9-70%	D-	62.9-60%
B+	89.9-87%	C+	79.9-77%	D+	69.9-67%	F	59.9-0%

Elon defines grades as follows: A = distinguished work; B = above-average work;
C = satisfactory work; D = below-average work; F = failure

Course and University Policies:

Attendance: Three penalty-free absences are allowed. Each absence beyond the limit will result in your final course grade being lowered by 3 points per absence (e.g. from 90 to 87 for one excessive absence). *Excessive absences caused by serious health problems will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.*

Participants in official Elon special programs, including intervarsity athletics, music and theatre, should consult the policy in footnote one.² In addition, late arrivals, early departures, and extended classroom exits (5+ minutes), and inappropriate use of technology (texting, browsing the web, etc.) will also count against your Attendance Grade. Three (3) of any of the above will equal one (1) absence.

Special Accommodations Students requiring accommodations should make an appointment with me to discuss their needs no later than the second day of class. This will ensure that appropriate measures can be taken to assist you in a timely manner. Special accommodations include, but are not limited to, religious practices, sports matches, and disabilities. In addition, if you are a student with a documented disability who will require accommodations in this course, please register with Disabilities Services in the Duke Building, Room 108 (278-6500), for assistance in developing a plan to address your academic needs.

² **Special policy for participants in Elon-sponsored events, including intervarsity athletics, music and theatre, which require frequent absence from class:** 1) Participants in intervarsity athletics and other sponsored activities must provide a copy of the travel schedule at the beginning of the term. Students are expected to be in class on a travel day if the class meets before the scheduled departure time. 2) Other activities (training, practice, physical therapy, rehearsals, etc.) must NOT be scheduled during class time. 3) For any absence, students are responsible for making up tests at a time that is convenient for the professor and for turning in any assigned work in a timely manner (preferably before departure). 4) Students are expected to make up for their lack of class participation during travel days by being extra-prepared and especially active during the days when they are present. **In supporting religious diversity, Elon has a policy and procedures for students who wish to observe religious holidays that are in conflict with the academic calendar, allowing students an excused absence.** Students who wish to observe a holiday during the semester must complete the online Religious Observance Notification Form (RONF), available at the following website within the first two weeks of the semester. http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/religious_life/ReligiousHolidays.xhtml

The Writing Center is available to help you improve the style and content of your writing in Italian. Please talk with me or consult the Center if you need help: <https://elon.mywconline.com/>.

The Elon Honor Code pledge calls for a commitment to Elon’s shared values of Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility. To be clear about what constitutes violations of these values, students should be familiar with the Judicial Affairs policies in the student handbook, including violations outlined [here](#). Students with questions about the specific interpretation of these values and violations as they relate to this course should contact this instructor immediately. Violations in academic-related areas will be documented in an incident report to be maintained in the Office of Student Conduct, and may result in a lowering of the course grade and/or failure of the course with an Honor Code F. Violations specifically covered by academic honor code policies include: plagiarism, cheating, lying, stealing and the facilitation of another’s dishonesty. Multiple violations can result in temporary suspension from the university.

Every member of Elon University has the right to live and learn in an atmosphere of trust and support. Responsibility for maintaining these values in our community rests with each individual member. Values that promote this atmosphere include:

HONESTY: Be truthful in your academic work and in your relationships. **INTEGRITY:** Be trustworthy, fair and ethical. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Be accountable for your actions and your learning. **RESPECT:** Be civil. Value the dignity of each person. Honor the physical and intellectual property of others.

Elon University’s Statement on Plagiarism is as follows: Definition - Presenting the work or ideas of another as one's own (i.e. without proper acknowledgment of the source). The sole exception to the requirement of acknowledging sources is when the ideas or information are common knowledge. Any student must be thoroughly familiar with methods for documenting the use of another person's sentences, arguments or ideas. See <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/handbook/violations/plagiarism.xhtml> for details on the scope of plagiarism as well as sanctions.

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Daily Program:

Data <i>(date)</i>	Capitolo <i>(chapter)</i>	Argomenti <i>(topics)</i>	Pagine <i>(page #s)</i>	Scadenze <i>(deadlines)</i>
1. 26 agosto (m)	1a	Contesti: Come va?; introduzione al corso	1-4	
2. 28 agosto (v)	1a	Fotoromanzo; nomi e articoli	6-7;10-11	
3. 31 agosto (l)	1a	Numeri; c’è/ci sono	12-13	
4. 2 settembre (m)	1a	Ricapitolazione; Prova 1	1-15	Prova 1
5. 4 settembre (v)	1b	Contesti: alla facoltà; fotoromanzo	16-21	
6. 7 settembre (l)	1b	Cultura; il verbo “essere”	22-5	
7. 9 settembre (m)	1b	Gli aggettivi; Tema 1	26-7	Tema 1
8. 11 settembre (v)	1b	Il tempo del giorno	28-29	
9. 14 settembre (l)	1a, 1b	Ricapitolazione	1-36	<i>Ciao America Capitolo 1</i>

10. 16 settembre (m)	1a, 1b	Esame 1	1-36	Esame 1
11. 18 settembre (v)	2a	Contesti: il tempo libero; fotoromanzo	39-43	
12. 21 settembre (l)	2a	Verbi in -are; cultura	44-9	
13. 23 settembre (m)	2a	Verbi irregolari in “-are”; zapping	50-3	
14. 25 settembre (v)	2a	Verbi irregolari in “-are”; Tema 2	50-3	Tema 2
27 settembre (d)		Reflection Journal 1 (turn in on Supersite)		Reflection Journal 1
15. 28 settembre (l)	2a	Ricapitolazione; Prova 2	39-53	Prova 2
16. 30 settembre (m)	2b	Contesti: il tempo; fotoromanzo	54-59	
17. 2 ottobre (v)	2b	Cultura; il verbo “avere”	60-3	
18. 5 ottobre (l)	2b	I verbi in “-ere” e “piacere”	64-5	
19. 7 ottobre (m)	2b	Il verbo “piacere”; Tema 3	65	Tema 3
20. 9 ottobre (v)	2b	Numeri oltre a 100	66-67	
12 ottobre (l)		La pausa autunnale (Fall Break)		Fall Break
21. 14 ottobre (m)	2a, 2b	Ricapitolazione	68-69	<i>Ciao America Capitolo 2</i>
22. 16 ottobre (v)	2a, 2b	Esame 2		Esame 2
23. 19 ottobre (l)	3a	Contesti: la famiglia; fotoromanzo	77-83	
24. 21 ottobre (m)	3a	I possessivi	86-7	
25. 23 ottobre (v)	3a	I possessivi	85-7	
25 ottobre (d)		Reflection Journal 2 (turn in on Supersite)		Reflection Journal 2
26. 26 ottobre (l)	3a	Le preposizioni	88-9	
27. 28 ottobre (m)	3a	Verbi regolari in “-ire”	90-91	
28. 30 ottobre (v)	3a	Ricapitolazione; Prova 3	77-91	Prova 3
29. 2 novembre (l)	3b	Contesti: come sono?; fotoromanzo	94-99	
30. 4 novembre (m)	3b	Aggettivi	101-03	
31. 6 novembre (v)	3b	Interrogativi; tema 4	104;108	Tema 4
32. 9 novembre (l)	3b	Dimostrativi	105; 110	
33. 11 novembre (m)	3a, 3b	Ricapitolazione	106-107	<i>Ciao America Capitolo 3</i>
34. 13 novembre (v)	3a, 3b	Esame 3	77-105	Esame 3
35. 16 novembre (l)	4a	Contesti: la tecnologia; fotoromanzo	116-21	
36. 18 novembre (m)	4a	“Dovere, potere, volere”	122-125	

37. 20 novembre (v)	4a	“Dire, uscire, venire”; zapping	126-29	
21 novembre (s)		Reflection Journal 3		Reflection Journal 3
<i>23-27 novembre</i>		<i>La festa del ringraziamento</i> (Thanksgiving Break)		Thanksgiving Break
39. 30 novembre (l)		Ricapitolazione; Prova 4		Prova 4
40. 2 dicembre (m)		Ricapitolazione		
41. 4 dicembre (v)		Ricapitolazione		Reflection Journal 4
Esame finale/Esame 5	ITL 121 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE - FALL 2015: Section A: Monday 7 December – 8:30am to 11:30am Section B: Friday 11 December – 1:00pm to 4:00pm Section C: Thursday 10 December – 8:30am to 11:30am Section D: Wednesday 09 December – 8:30am to 11:30am Section E: Tuesday 08 December – 1:00pm to 4:00pm			

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PURCHASING A SUPERSITE CODE

This class requires technology access. This access allows you to complete and submit assignments and tests; access all media and study tools; receive announcements; and communicate with your instructor.

Shop smart: only buy books that include the required Supersite code!

You will spend more if you purchase the textbook and code separately. New textbooks purchased at the bookstore will include this code. Most books that are sold online or used DO NOT include the access code. Always check that what you are buying includes the code.

For value-priced packages, and free shipping, visit <https://www.vhlcentral.com/store/319605>

SETTING UP YOUR ACCOUNT

Returning Students

If you have an existing Supersite account for any Vista Higher Learning textbook, complete these steps:

- Go to vhlcentral.com
- Log in using your existing account information.
- Choose one of these options:

Already have access to the Supersite for this course? Enroll in the course by clicking the "Enroll in a course" link. Then complete "Step 5 - Select a Course/Class" below.

OR

Don't yet have access to the Supersite for this course? Redeem your new Supersite code by clicking the "Redeem a code" link. Then complete "Step 3 - Activate Code" below.

New Students

If you are **new** to Vista Higher Learning, complete these steps:

Step 1 - Go to vhlcentral.com

Step 2 - Choose one of these options:

- **Did you buy your code at the online Store?** If you created a student account on the store, use the same login information. If you can see your course book on the home page after logging in, go to "Step 5 -Select a Course/Class." If no book appears, go to "Step 3 - Activate Code."
- OR
- **Create an Account**
 - In the "Login Information" section of the account creation page, enter a username of your choice.
 - Enter the email address you would like to associate with your account.
 - Enter and confirm a password of your choice.
 - In the "Personal Profile" section, enter your first and last name as you wish them to appear in your Instructor's roster.
 - Select the year of your birth from the drop down list.
 - Enter a student ID (optional).
 - In the "Security Information" section, provide the answer to a secret question, which may later be used to help you access your account if you forget your password.
 - After you enter all of the information, click "create an account."
 - Click "agree." (Before your account is created, you must agree to the terms and conditions of use policy.)

Step 3 - Activate Code

- On the code activation screen, enter your Supersite code.
- Click "activate code" to continue.
- Look for a message at the top of the screen confirming that the code was successfully redeemed.

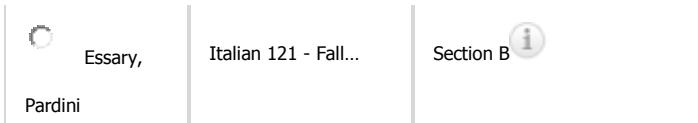
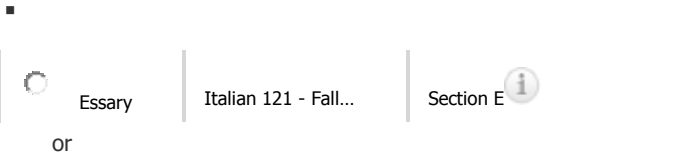
Step 4 - Select a School

- Locate your school by typing your school's name, Elon University. To narrow the search results, add the city and state, Elon, NC , (include the country, if outside of the USA.) in which your school is located.
- Click "find." If the terms you entered did not result in a successful search, follow the on-screen tips to revise your search.

- Select your school from the list by clicking on its name.
- Click "select school" to add the school to your account.
- Look for a message at the top of the screen confirming you successfully added the school.

Step 5 - Select a Course/Class

- From the list of available classes at your school for your textbook's Supersite, look for Instructor "Essary," "Pardini," or "Cerami" and the course "Italian 121 - Fall 2015" taught between 08/23/2015 and 12/14/2015. Your instructor's name might be listed after "Essary, ..."; this is normal. It might look something like this:



or

- Click the radio button for the course section your section. If more than one class is listed for your instructor, click the information icons in the class listings until you locate the section.
- Click **Save**. You should see a confirmation that you successfully enrolled in your instructor's course.