

ITALIAN 4R COURSE GUIDELINES & CONTRACT

Italian 4R is an intermediate course for the student who has successfully completed two years of high school Italian. The goals of this course are:

- to develop audio-lingual skills on a more advanced level in the target language
- to further develop reading comprehension skills by means of cultural readings, short stories, poetry, excerpts from novels, newspaper/magazine articles
- to develop the students' writing skills by means of comprehension writing after each topic covered
- to explore the use of technology in a foreign language class room

Course requirements- Your grade will be calculated according to the following criteria:

Projects /Oral Presentations – 35%

Exams /Quizzes / Essays – 45%

Class work / Participation: 10%

Homework – 10%

* Class work / Participation – In order to achieve maximum success in this class, students need to be organized, attentive and thorough. Each day, the students will have an opportunity to participate in class discussions, and throughout the year, work in cooperative learning groups. Lack of cooperation and loss of points is indicated by ***not being prepared with required course materials, arriving late to class, as well as not following directions.***

* Exams / Quizzes – In cases of absences all missed work and assessments must be made up upon the students' return to school. ***ALL TESTS/QUIZZES MUST BE MADE UP WITHIN 3 DAYS OF YOUR RETURN.*** *If the exam or quiz was announced when you were in class, you are expected to take the test/quiz only on the scheduled day. Different arrangements will be made on an individual basis.*

* Essays – you will be required to write frequently for this course. All essays must be written on computer and double spaced to allow room for comments. Each composition must be at least 200 words or more depending on the given assignment. (12font).

*Homework – Assignments must be completed on time in order to receive credit. Assignments will not be accepted late. Exceptions to this rule will be addressed on an individual basis and the final decision will be at the discretion of the teacher.

*Plagiarism – All work turned in for this class must be done by you. While you may receive help with words or short phrases, copying texts from other sources or using electronic translators to convert to Italian are considered cheating. Anyone engaging in such activities will not receive credit for the work in question and the parent/guardian will be notified.

I will be available to ALL students to clarify and reinforce any material that is presented in class. Please take advantage of my help; however, I suggest **not** waiting until right before an exam.

Extra help day/time: Mondays, after school room 106.

Parent/Guardian: Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason regarding your child. I may be reached via

e-mail: brunettil@gcufsd.net

These contracts will be kept on file by the teacher. Please sign acknowledging that you have read the course guidelines for Italian 4R and are aware of the responsibilities for this course. Return to me by Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Thank you!