This course is aimed at improving oral and written proficiency through group discussions and oral presentations in class and weekly compositions and grammar review exercises at home. Students work on linguistic structures in context through close readings of short, modern and contemporary literary texts included in the course textbook. Participants expand vocabulary and enhance conversational skills while discussing cultural changes in today’s Italy, with particular attention to human relationships. Audiovisual materials (songs, film-clips, etc.) will regularly complement class activities. ITA 101 is required for the Italian Major/Minor and will be conducted in Italian.

Prerequisite: Italian 9 or consent of instructor (mheyercaput@ucdavis.edu)