# UNIT & ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW – SEMESTER 1, 2018

**FACULTY:** LANGUAGES  
**SUBJECT:** ITALIAN 121  
**SEMESTER:** 1  
**YEAR:** 2018

## TERM 1

**Themes:** Family and Community  
- Leisure, Recreation and Human Creativity

**Topic:** The Italian: Who are they?  
- History, people, events, cultural values and beliefs

Students will engage in a range of learning experiences across the four macroskills, which will progressively develop their receptive and productive skills. This unit will also integrate language functions and grammar with cultural understandings. The focus of this unit will be on:

- **Italian festivals and celebrations**  
  - Traditional/religious festivals and popular celebrations  
  - Easter and Christmas celebrations and the influence of consumerism on these festivities

- **Italian History: people and events**  
  - History of Italy from the Etruscans to the unification of Italy: the key to comprehend Italian identity, pride and culture  
  - Cultural/regional diversity in Italy  
  - Origins and evolution of the Italian language  
  - Revival of dialects in Italy today

**ASSESSMENT TASK**  
**DUE DATE**  
- **Writing Exam**  
  Students will produce a written text in Italian wherein they demonstrate the ability to express a range of information, ideas and opinions, and use a variety of grammatical structures and vocabulary. The situation and task of the writing exam is unseen however it will be on a topic studied in class.  
  - **Week beginning 5 March**

- **Reading Exam**  
  Students will read a variety of Italian text types on topics studied in class and answer comprehension questions in English.  
  - **Week beginning 19 March**

## MID-SEMESTER BREAK

## TERM 2

**Themes:** Social Issues  
**Topic:** Modern Italian Society

Students will engage in a range of learning experiences across the four macroskills, which will progressively develop their receptive and productive skills. This unit will also integrate language functions and grammar with cultural understandings. The focus of this unit will be on:

- **The Italian family**  
  - Transformation of the Italian family unit  
  - The concept of “family” for Italians, its effect on parent-child relationships and on society

- **Gender roles**  
  - Role of women (past and present) within the family and Italian society

- **Immigration and discrimination**  
  - Internal migration of Italians from southern to northern Italy and reasons for this movement  
  - Gli Extracomunitari: migration to Italy and problems of integration in Italian society

**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**  
In cases of student absence on the due date for an assessment task, the college assessment policy will be followed (see the Student Diary for details).

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