

# Italian Major

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## About

Our current economic and social realities require a dynamic education. Italian Studies provides students with the analytic and creative thinking skills to engage a multimedia world of fraught complexities and exciting opportunities. Students develop advanced fluency in Italian and are exposed to all aspects of Italian culture—literature, visual art, film, music, etc. They gain perspective by studying one of the world’s most influential cultures, which is at the crossroads of the world’s eastern and western hemispheres.

**Program:** Italian  
**Type:** Bachelor of Arts

## PRIMARY MAJOR (122 Credits)

### Required Major Courses (31 credits)

The Italian Studies Program is designed to make students fluent in Italian, to expose them to Italian culture in all its aspects (literature, visual arts, design, history, cinema), to broaden their intellectual horizon, and to introduce them to the professional world. Italian offers a flexible major or minor, which can be easily combined with majors in psychology, communications, humanities, economics, business, nursing, law and politics.

#### *Program Notes:*

- Students may transfer 2 courses (6 cr) taken abroad toward the major.
- Students have the option of taking two courses taught in English - a maximum of 2 classes with the subject ITA and attribute TENG.
  - 1 may be offered in another department if student presents rationale (scheduling conflicts, special interest, etc.); approval of director required prior to registration.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
	Advanced Language and Contemporary-modern Italy	3
	Pre-20th Century Culture	3
	Non-literary Media including business, beauty, cinema, design, mental health, fashion, music, theatre, visual history of Italy	3
	Italian Electives	18
ITA 3971	Directed Research in Italian	1
	Italian Capstone Seminar	3

## Core Curriculum Requirements (44 credits)

Course	Title	Credits
ACS 1000	Ancients	3
ACS 1001	Moderns	3
THL 1000	Faith, Reason, and Culture	3
PHI 1000	Knowledge, Reality, Self	3
ETH 2050	The Good Life:Eth & Cont Prob	3
	Mathematics or Statistics (1 course)	3
	Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)	8
	Literature and Writing Seminar (1 course)	3
	History (1 course)	3
	Social Sciences (2 courses)	6
	Fine Arts (1 course)	3
	Upper-Level Theology (1 course)	3
	Language Requirement	
	Diversity Requirement (2 courses)	

## Free Elective Requirement (47 credits)

Students with an Italian Studies primary major have forty-seven (47) required free elective credits.

## Degree Credit Summary

- **Major Credits:** 31 credits
- **Core Credits:** 44 credits
- **Free Electives Credits:** 47 credits
- **Total Required Credits:** 122 Credits

*Note: The above credit totals are based on the minimum number of required credits in each degree area. The minimum number of required credits in each area listed above must be met. Credits taken beyond the required minimum for one area may not be applied to another area.*

## SECONDARY MAJOR

Students who declare Italian Studies as a **secondary major** must complete the Required Major Courses to achieve this major. Students are able to count any eligible course taken in their primary major, the core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives toward these requirements.

## Category Descriptions

### Advanced Language and Contemporary-modern Italy

Credits: 3

Selection one course in ITA 1130:1999 (3 cr).

## Pre-20th Century Culture

Credits: 3

Select one course in ITA 2000:2999 or any course with the ITAC attribute worth at least 3 credits (3 cr).

## Non-literary Media including business, beauty, cinema, design, mental health, fashion, music, theatre, visual history of Italy

Credits: 3

Select one ITA course with the ITAM attribute worth at least 3 credits (3 cr).

## Italian Electives

Credits: 18

6 Courses in ITA 1111:9999 or any course with the ITA attribute worth 3 or more credits (18 cr).

## Italian Capstone Seminar

Credits: 3

Select one course in ITA 3000:3999 except ITA 3412 (3 cr).

## Natural Science (2 courses with laboratory)

Credits: 8

Non-science majors meet the Core Curriculum Natural Science requirement by taking two semesters of Mendel Science Experience (MSE), thematically-based lecture/laboratory courses designed for non-science majors; or two semesters of lecture/laboratory courses designed for science majors.

Science (AST, BIO, BIOC, CHM, CBN, CSC, ENV, MAT, PHY - B.S. only, PSY - B.S. only) majors meet the science requirement through the regular program of study in their major.