

School of Arts and Sciences

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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A major in Italian Language and Literature gives students at the University of Pittsburgh the opportunity to study in detail a foreign language and to acquire an education in a literary and cultural tradition central to the humanities. Studying Italian Language and Literature prepares students for graduate study in law and international affairs, advanced work in the humanities, and careers in business, governmental service and opportunities to study abroad. Students can also combine a major in Italian Language and Literature with a second major in a field such as political science, history, biology, or economics. Students who choose to study grammar, linguistics, rhetoric, literature and film of Italy will acquire an invaluable technical resource and in-depth knowledge of a diverse and foundational intellectual tradition. For more information on a major in Italian Languages and Literatures, please visit our website.

Italian Undergraduate Curriculum

Students majoring in Italian Language and Literature may choose courses from three areas: language, literature, and civilization. Some students prefer to concentrate in one or two of these areas, but most students find that a combination of courses from all three areas is essential for a balanced program. Students should also consult with their advisor to select appropriate courses in other departments that complement this department's offerings.

Requirements for Italian Major

After one year of college instruction in the language, students may enroll in Italian 0003 (Intermediate Italian 1) for credit toward the major. An Italian major consists of at least 33 credits above elementary Italian, and must include the following courses:

- ITAL 0003 Intermediate Italian 1/ITAL 0004 Intermediate Italian 2
These courses cover two semesters and have a double objective. They provide both study of the Italian language at the intermediate level and a thorough introduction to the culture of 20th century Italy.
- ITAL 0055 Italian Conversation and Culture
The course offers students the opportunity to improve their ability to converse in Italian. Discussions will center on topics of general interest, such as cultural affairs, modern life, film and sport.
- ITAL 0060/ITAL 0061 Introduction to Literary Italian or ITAL 1041 Italian Theatrical Workshop (W):
This course, one of three possible fifth-semester courses in the Italian program curriculum, gives students the opportunity to review advanced structures, as well as develop both the quality and quantity of their Italian in all four language skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing.
- ITAL 0080 Italian Cultural Heritage 1
Medieval and Renaissance Italy have had a profound effect on Western culture. In this course, you will study the literature, art, and social and political life of those periods.
- ITAL 0081 Italian Cultural Heritage 2
During this course, you will read (in English) various literary works to examine how the authors described the society and culture in which they lived and worked from the Renaissance to our own times.
- Five 1000-level courses; at least three of these upper-level courses must be taken from the following list:

ITAL 1030 Advanced Composition
ITAL 1031 Italian Phonetics
ITAL 1041 Italian Theatrical Workshop
ITAL 1060 Special Topics
ITAL 1061 Dante 1



ITAL 1062 Dante 2
ITAL 1063 Petrarch & Boccaccio
ITAL 1064 Novel
ITAL 1065 Lyric Poetry
ITAL 1066 Epic Poetry
ITAL 1067 Italian Theater
ITAL 1068 Italian Novella
ITAL 1070 Literature & Politics

** Two courses in the 1070 or 1080 series or 1059 Topics in 20th Century Italian Literature (courses taught in English) may be counted toward the major if the student completes a specified part of the work in Italian.*

For more information about the Italian major, contact:

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Requirements for Departmental Honors in Italian Languages and Literature

To earn departmental honors, students must major in Italian Language and Literature, demonstrate superior performance in departmental courses, and be enrolled in 1000-level Italian courses preferably no later than the first term of the junior year. Selection of honors candidates takes place only during the second term of the junior year. During the senior year, two appropriate sequential courses are chosen in consultation with the major advisor, and a research paper must be completed. You also must defend the paper before a faculty committee. Honors are determined by the quality of the paper and defense as well as the cumulative grades in all departmental courses counting toward the major.

Related Area

School of Arts and Sciences (A&S) requires 12 credits in a related area that may be chosen from the humanities and social sciences. The areas of foreign languages, linguistics, English, history, philosophy, and history of art and architecture are especially recommended for Italian majors.

Language Study

Reading competency in at least one other language is recommended for students planning to go on to graduate school in Italian.

For more information about other majors or programs, contact:

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Special Programs and Opportunities

Italian Club

The aims of this student organization include enhancing the study of the Italian language and literature through the representation of cultural programs, serving as a forum for the interests of students enrolled in courses offered by the Italian department and extending to those interested in Italian and Italo-American heritage in the community. Activities include a carnival festival, the annual Italian Club banquet, an International Christmas Fest, Italian TV night, speakers and International Bowling night. The club is also involved in a highly successful conversation meeting at various sites off Pitt's campus.

Tucci-Cornetti Lecture Series

Through a bequest from an Italian family, the Italian program sponsors an annual lecture series and other cultural events in Italian Studies at the University. Past lecturers have included Elissa Weaver, Peter Bondanella and Aldo Scaglione.

Study Abroad

Studying abroad is an exciting way to add an international perspective to your undergraduate education and strengthen your credentials as a graduate. Since only a small percentage of American students have studied abroad, this experience distinguishes you when you enter the job market or pursue graduate study. The experience allows you to broaden your personal experience and gain an appreciation of other cultures while earning credits toward your degree. Scholarships are available and financial aid is applicable.

Both departments sponsor summer programs in Italy. Those programs are:

Pitt in Italy

This study abroad program is also a summer program, taking you to Syracuse (Sicily), Italy. You can enroll in seven credits from the following courses: Culture of Syracuse, Italian Conversation and several level-appropriate Italian language courses. Students must have completed two semesters of Italian language study in order to participate. Included in the program are several walking tours of Syracuse, cultural events/visits, gallery visits, a music or theater performance, and various social events.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs allow students to complete a concentrated area of study in addition to their major. They consist of eighteen to twenty-four credits of coursework and in many cases can be used to fulfill the "related area" requirement of the A&S degree. Certificate programs in Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Russian and East European Studies, and West European Studies are offered through the **University Center for International Studies (UCIS)** and are designated by the U.S. Department of Education as among the best of their kind for research, teaching, and public service. Other UCIS certificate programs include Africana, European Union, and Global Studies. Certificate programs are also available in American Sign Language, Children's Literature, Conceptual Foundations of Medicine, Film Studies, Geographic Information Systems, German Language, Historic Preservation, History and Philosophy of Science, International Engineering Studies, Jewish Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Professional and Public Writing, Structural Engineering for Architectural Studies majors, Photonics, Professional Translation, and Women's Studies.

