Italian Guide 2022-2023
Italy at your doorstep!

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Welcome to the UO's Italian Studies Program

The Italian Studies Program is housed in the Department of Romance Languages. Here you will find information on our BA degree, fall term course descriptions, faculty profiles, information about majoring and minoring in Italian, extra-curricular activities, contact information and more.

ABOUT US

- BA in Italian with specialization in either Language & Literature (in Italian) or Italian Studies (in English and Italian)
- Award-winning teachers and advisors
- One of the largest Italian programs in the West Coast
- Many study/internship abroad programs in Italy
- World-renowned scholars in Italian literature, cinema, and culture
- Courses ranging from Roman Antiquity and the Middle Ages to contemporary Italian fashion, food studies, and cinema.

Looking for information on Italian Studies? Please visit the program site at https://italian.uoregon.edu/undergraduates or contact Claudia Ventura vencla@uoregon.edu

*It counts toward the major and minor when readings and projects are done in Italian; make early arrangements with the teacher.
** Four credits count toward the minor and major of Italian; talk with your Italian Studies advisor before enrolling and check each program https://geo.uoregon.edu/programs/italy

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*Professor Harinder Khalsa teaching ITAL 104*
Minor and Major in Italian

Italian is the voice of one of the most influential Western cultural traditions. Italy is the world’s 7th-largest export economy, so Italian is increasingly important in business. Italian prepares you to engage with the current politics of migration in multi-ethnic Europe. An Italian minor offers an interdisciplinary exploration of modern Italian culture through literature, cinema, translation studies, the arts, fashion, tourism, Mediterranean cuisine, and much more. You may choose from many interdisciplinary programs to study or intern in Italy—leading to a wide variety of professional pathways with an emphasis on intercultural communication awareness.

Top 5 reasons to study Italian

1. Explore Italian legacies in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences
2. Understand social and cultural diversity in Italy, the Mediterranean basin, Africa, and the Americas
3. Become a cross-cultural, informed, global citizen
4. Study or intern abroad in Italy for both your minor and/or major
5. Prepare yourself for a wide variety of careers and studies, including the green economy

Where can you go?

Italian provides students with a foundation for employment in:
- Business in the US and abroad
- Education: K–12, colleges and universities
- Museums and archives
- Print and broadcast media
- Food industry
- Fashion and design
- Visual arts, film, theatre
- Non-governmental and intragovernmental agencies (e.g., the United Nations)

What will you learn?

A minor in Italian can give you expertise in:
- Oral and written communication
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Language tutoring and translating
- Grant writing and advocacy
- Understanding geopolitical issues
- Analyzing historical trends
- Intra-/Inter-cultural relations
- Critical awareness of aspects of diversity and inclusivity

Courses you will need for the minor

You will need 28 credits to complete this minor:

A. 24 graded credits, 301 or above, taught in the language*; twelve (12) must be taken with UO faculty (in-residence or study abroad/away)

B. 4 graded credits from ITAL 150, 151, 152, 153, 203, 252, 301 or above

* RL 407 or other approved upper-division courses may be counted towards the minor if reading and written work is carried out in the language of focus.
Courses you will need for the major

You have two options for organizing the 48 courses required for a major of Italian: concentrations in Italian Studies or Language and Culture.

**Italian Studies**

If you are interested in exploring different aspects of Italian society and culture, you should opt for this concentration. You may choose courses taught in English for up to half (24 of 48) of your major credits! Italian Studies works best with a second major in another discipline, and is ideal for Study Abroad (in Rome, Siena, etc) as many of the courses taken there will be applicable to professional disciplines such as Food Industry, Arts, Media and Communications, Humanities, Architecture, and much more!

**Language & Culture**

If you are interested in a highly immersive Italian language experience, you should choose this concentration. The majority of this coursework will be done in Italian (40 of 48 credits). You will work closely with exceptional Italian faculty within the Department of Romance Languages, and will develop high-level skills in critical thinking and in the Italian language through constant written and oral expression. This concentration is also optimal for students interested in semester and year-long study.

### Advanced Language and Culture

**12 credits of 300-level advanced Italian language and culture**
- ITAL 301, 303, 305, 320, 307
- or 300-level language courses taken abroad

### Literature & Cinema

**8 credits of 300-level Italian literature OR cinema courses**
- ITAL 317, 318, 341, etc (excluding 320)
- or equivalent course taken abroad

**12 credits of 300-level Italian literature OR cinema courses**
- ITAL 317, 318, 341, etc (excluding 320)
- or equivalent course taken abroad

### Expertise

**16 credits IN RESIDENCE on the Eugene campus, in RL or other department**
- At least 1 course (4 credits) taught in Italian
- 2 courses (8 credits) must be at the 400 level or RL 407 (if coursework is completed in target language)

**12 credits IN RESIDENCE on the Eugene campus, in RL department**
- 2 ITAL courses (8 credits) must be at the 400-level or RL 407 (if coursework is completed in target language)

### Electives

**12 credits of elective courses in Italian literature, linguistics, film, grammar, culture, art history, history, political science, food studies, classics, geography, etc.**
- May be taken in other UO departments or abroad
- Maximum of 2 lower-division courses (8 credits) may be used

**12 credits of elective courses in Italian literature, linguistics, film, grammar, culture, art history, music, etc.**
- Can include ITAL 150, 152, 252, 341
- Maximum of 2 lower-division courses may be used
Beginning fall 2022, the Italian program offers financial support to all Italian and RL majors and minors who fulfill the requirements listed below. Applications will be available on the Romance Languages Scholarships web page. Stay tuned!

**Italian Major Scholarship - $2,000**
This scholarship provides financial assistance for undergraduate Italian majors enrolled in the UO and meet all requirements to be a student in good standing. Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) and earned at least 20-course credits toward the Italian major.

**Italian Minor Scholarship - $1,000**
This scholarship provides financial assistance for undergraduate Italian minors enrolled in the UO and meet all requirements to be a student in good standing. Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) and earned at least 16-course credits toward the Italian minor.

**RL Major with Italian Concentration as a First Language Scholarship - $1,800**
This scholarship provides financial assistance for undergraduate Romance Languages majors with Italian as a first language enrolled in the UO and meet all requirements to be a student in good standing. Candidates shall have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) and earned at least 16-course credits toward the RL major.

**RL Major with Italian Concentration as a Second Language Scholarship - $500**
This scholarship provides financial assistance for undergraduate Romance Languages majors with Italian as a first language enrolled in the UO and meet all requirements to be a student in good standing. Candidates shall have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (B) and earned at least 8-course credits toward the RL major.

You may also apply to other RL scholarships such as Emmanuel Hatzantonis Scholarship, Leona Kail Scholarship and more. Please, check the Romance Languages Scholarships web page.
Course Offerings
Fall 2022