



Italian Studies Major and Italian Minor

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A major in Italian Studies promotes the cross-discipline exploration of a variety of areas relating to Italian and Italian American culture: language, literature, theatre, cinema, art and architecture, music, history, social and immigration history, politics and political theory. The University is committed to international study, and students are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous opportunities to study abroad that are available to them. Students can combine a major in Italian Studies with a second major in a field such as political science, history, anthropology, history of art and architecture, music, English, business, linguistics or another foreign language. For more information on available majors and minors, and on the [Department of French and Italian Languages and Literatures](#), please visit our Web site.

Required courses for the Italian Studies major

After one term of college instruction in the Italian language (ITAL 0101 Italian Language and Culture 1 or the equivalent as determined by the results of a placement test administered within the Department of French and Italian), students may enroll in ITAL 0102 for credit toward the major.

The Italian Studies major requires the completion of 36 credits beyond ITAL 0101, distributed as follows.

Core courses

ITAL 0081 Made in Italy
ITAL 0102 Italian Language and Culture 2
ITAL 0103 Italian Language and Culture 3
ITAL 0113 Modern and Contemporary Culture
ITAL 0115 Performing Italian
ITAL 0117 Italies

Note: Because ITAL 0081 is taught in English and has no prerequisites, it is recommended that students interested in majoring in Italian take those courses as early in their studies as possible.

Other required coursework

Five courses, at least three of which must be 1000-level courses, and at least two of which must be courses offered by the Italian program. The remaining courses can be selected from an approved list of other departments' offerings.

Italian Studies majors are encouraged to continue their study of the Italian language to the greatest extent possible.

One-credit Capstone Experience

Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete one 1000-level writing-intensive (W) course taught in Italian. ITAL 1032, ITAL 1041, ITAL 1065, ITAL 1080, and ITAL 1083 meet this requirement.

Grade requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in departmental courses is required for graduation.

Satisfactory/No Credit option

No core courses that count toward the Italian Studies major or Italian minor may be taken on the satisfactory/no credit (S/NC) basis. One other course may be taken on the S/NC basis. Students deciding to pursue an Italian Studies major or Italian minor after taking a course on the S/NC basis should consult with the major advisor.

Honors major requirements

Students majoring in Italian Language and Literature may earn the Honors designation by fulfilling the following criteria.

1. Have an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in courses required for the major; and
2. Select one of the following options:
 - Completion of a 25-30 page research paper in Italian, developed in consultation with a faculty advisor and approved by a second faculty member. Work on this project would take place over three terms.
 - Participation in the advanced track of the Pitt-in-Florence program or in the six-week advanced Italian summer Panther Program abroad and completion of ITAL 1905 Internship in Italian or ITAL 1909 Undergraduate Research in Italian, for at least 2 credits.
 - Completion of an additional 1000-level undergraduate or graduate level seminar and ITAL 1905 Internship in Italian or ITAL 1909 Undergraduate Research in Italian, for at least 2 credits.

Language study

Reading competency in at least one other foreign language is recommended for those students planning to do graduate study in Italian.

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Study abroad

Students are strongly encouraged to add an international dimension to their undergraduate education by studying abroad. By participating in a study abroad program, students can earn credits toward the major as well as general education requirements. Please contact Lorraine Denman in the Italian program for guidance in choosing the most appropriate program. Students should choose a study abroad program, keeping in mind their specific program of study and other factors such as location, cost, level of immersion, and internship opportunities.

For a list of study abroad programs approved by the University of Pittsburgh, visit the Study Abroad Office Web site at www.Abroad.Pitt.edu/Programs/Europe.html#Italy.

Checklist for the Italian Studies major

Core courses

_____ ITAL 0101 (does not count toward major)
_____ ITAL 0102
_____ ITAL 0103
_____ ITAL 0113
_____ ITAL 0115
_____ ITAL 0117
_____ ITAL 0081

One writing-intensive course, taught in Italian

_____ ITAL 1_____ (1000-level course)

Other required coursework

_____ 1_____ (any 1000-level ITAL or approved list course)
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_____ _____ (any level ITAL or approved list course)
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Note: Two of these five courses must be ITAL-designated.

Capstone course, at least one credit

_____ ITAL _____

Checklist for the Italian minor

Any combination of five ITAL courses. Each course must be at least three credits and must be taught on the Pittsburgh campus or through a Pitt in Italy program.

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Students minoring in Italian are encouraged to study the target language to the greatest extent allowed by their plan.

Note: Students must apply for any official minor they will complete or have completed at the time they apply for graduation.