

Italian Studies Major and Italian Minorwww.frenchanditalian.pitt.edu

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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 study abroad opportunities 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 year of college instruction in the Italian language (ITAL 0001 and ITAL 0002, or the equivalent as determined by the results of a placement test administered within the Department of French and Italian), Italian majors may enroll in ITAL 0003 for credit toward the major.

The Italian studies major requires the completion of 33 credits beyond elementary Italian language, distributed as follows.

Core courses

ITAL 0003 Intermediate Italian 1
ITAL 0004 Intermediate Italian 2
ITAL 0055 Italian Conversation and Culture
ITAL 0060 Literary Italian 1 **or** ITAL 0061 Literary Italian 2

One of the following

ITAL 0080 Italian Cultural Heritage 1
ITAL 0081 Italian Cultural Heritage 2

Note: Because ITAL 0080 and ITAL 0081 have no prerequisites and are taught in English, it is recommended that students interested in majoring in Italian take those courses as early in their studies as possible.

One writing-intensive (W) course taught in Italian**Six electives, which can be taught either in Italian or English**

At least three of these electives must be 1000-level courses, and at least two of them 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.

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

Satisfactory/No Credit option: Courses taken on an S/NC basis may not be applied toward the Italian major or minor. Students deciding to pursue an Italian major or minor after selecting this option for a departmental course should consult with the departmental advisor.

Writing (W) requirement: Students must complete one writing-intensive (W) course taught in Italian. ITAL 0061 and ITAL 1041 are always offered as W courses.

Related area: A minimum of 12 credits is required in any one Arts and Sciences department chosen in consultation with the major advisor or in a cluster of courses approved by your advisor. The completion of an official Arts and Sciences minor or an Arts and Sciences or UCIS certificate also satisfies this requirement.

Honors major requirements: Students majoring in Italian Studies 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;
2. Submit a portfolio consisting of their best output (from both core culture courses and upper-level courses) and a 10-page formal summary and evaluation of the outcomes of their interdisciplinary Italian studies. Work on this project would take place over two terms; and
3. Select one of the following options:
 - a. Participation in the advanced track of the Pitt-in-Florence program or in the six-week advanced Italian summer Panther Program abroad
 - b. Completion of 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 Francesca Savoia 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 0001 (does not count toward major)
- _____ ITAL 0002 (does not count toward major)
- _____ ITAL 0003
- _____ ITAL 0004
- _____ ITAL 0055
- _____ ITAL 0060 or ITAL 0061

One of the following

- _____ ITAL 0080
- _____ ITAL 0081

One writing-intensive course taught in Italian

_____ ITAL _____

Elective courses

Three 1000-level courses

- _____ ITAL 1_____ (1000-level in the Italian program)
- _____ ITAL 1_____ (1000-level in the Italian program)
- _____ 1_____ (1000-level from the approved list)

Three other courses from Italian offerings or the approved list

Checklist for the Italian minor

Any combination of five courses from the following list

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| ITAL 0001 | ITAL 0080 |
| ITAL 0002 | ITAL 0081 |
| ITAL 0003 | ITAL 0087 |
| ITAL 0004 | ITAL 0088 |
| ITAL 0055 | ITAL 1030 - ITAL 1069 |
| ITAL 0060 or 0061 (W) | ITAL 1070 - ITAL 1092 |

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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.