

Italian

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<http://slc.umd.edu/italian/undergraduate>

Key Features of an Italian Major

- Study and explore the language of art, of music, and of poetry.
- Enhance your opportunities for getting certain types of jobs, especially the ones with an international focus.
- Acquire the skills to work in or with Italy, a wealthy, modern industrialized nation now playing an active role in a new United Europe.
- Choose to focus in one of two Italian Language areas: Italian Language, Culture, and Literature, or Italian International Business.
- Combine this major with a second major such as international business, criminal justice, government and politics, journalism, sociology, or psychology.

Career Options and Salaries with an Italian Major

As the world gets “smaller,” the need for people with language skills grows. Many people who major or double-major in a second language find careers as interpreters, translators or educators specializing in language. Interpreters and translators are needed in many different fields, including healthcare, law, tourism, international business, education, etc. Various branches of the Federal Government also employ those with language skills.

- In May 2015, teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels earned a median annual income of \$54,550 - \$57,200.
- In May 2015, salaried interpreters and translators had a median salary of \$44,190.
- In May 2015, postsecondary foreign language and literature teachers earned a mean annual wage of \$72,470.
- Language specialists working for the Federal Government earned an average of \$79, 865 annually, as of May 2008

**All information on salaries and career options taken from Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 ed., <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/>.*

Additional information on salaries and careers can be found through the University Career Center & The President’s Promise: [Languages](#)

Advising

If you are considering a major in Italian, you can easily meet with the advisor in the Department of Italian to answer any questions you may have.

- Stefania Amodeo is the Advisor for the Italian Majors.
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Declaring an Italian Major

- *Italian is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!*

When you declare your major in Italian, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU), which houses the Department of Italian and French. There are two levels in your process of declaring and later advising: the department (Italian and French) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your CORE or GenEd requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

Before declaring an Italian major, you should familiarize yourself with the requirements and the focus areas within the major for undergraduates. You may do this by browsing the departmental website (<http://sllc.umd.edu/italian/undergraduate>). Once you have decided that an Italian major is right for you, take the following steps:

- 1) Meet with the Undergraduate Advisor. You may set up an appointment by calling the number listed above. During this meeting, you will create a 4-Year Plan and an Italian Advising Worksheet.
- 2) Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Test](#) (FLPT must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students' majors will not be changed until they have an FLPT score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.
- 3) You will then submit a "College of Arts & Humanities Change of Major Form." This is presented to the ARHU Office of Student Affairs, along with your 4-Year Plan, in 1120 Francis Scott Key Hall (301-405-2108). You will either meet with an advisor then or make an appointment for a later meeting. **Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four-Year Plan worksheet.**
- 4) As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor, with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.

Four Year Plan (GenEd)

Italian Studies - Four Year Academic Plan

Year 1	Fall	Spring
Benchmark 1 Requirements		
ITAL 122 or 203	ENGL 101 (AW)*	Natural Sciences (NS)**
<i>Must be completed by the end of two semesters</i>	Math (MA)*	Analytic Reasoning (AR)
	History/Social Sciences (HS)**	Humanities (HU)**
	ITAL 103 or 121	ITAL 203 or ITAL 122 (satisfies Global
	UNIV 101	Engagement)
	<i>*Must attempt by 30 cr.</i>	Elective 1xx-4xx
Year 2		
Benchmark 2 Requirements		
ITAL 204	Humanities (HU)**	Oral Communication (OC)
ITAL 207	ITAL 204	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #1**
ITAL 211	ITAL 211	ITAL 207
ITAL 311	Elective 1xx-4xx	ITAL 311
<i>Must be completed by the end of four semesters</i>	Elective 1xx-4xx	Elective 1xx-4xx
Year 3		
Benchmark 3 Requirements		
ITAL 301	Natural Science Lab (NL)**	History/Social Sciences (HS)**
ITAL 401	ITAL 251 or 261	ITAL 351 or 361
<i>Must be completed by the end of six semesters</i>	ITAL 301	ITAL 401
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
Year 4		
	Professional Writing (PW)	ITAL 4xx /ITAL478x
	Scholarship in Practice (SP) #2	ITAL 4xx /ITAL478x
	ITAL 352 or ITAL 362	Elective 3xx-4xx
	ITAL 4xx /ITAL478x	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Elective 3xx-4xx	Elective 3xx-4xx
	Total Credits for Degree: 120; 45 credits must be 3xx-4xx	
<i>Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.</i>		
<i>**All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.</i>		

Four Year Plan (CORE)

ITAL: B.A. in Italian Studies

YEAR 1

Semester 1

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. HA)
ENGL101 (A/H/U/S or X)
UNIV100 or 101
CORE (e.g. SH or SB)

MAJOR

ITAL103 or 121

Semester 2

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Lab - LL or PL)
CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)
MATH 110/111/113/115/140/220/STAT 100
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR

ITAL 203 or ITAL 122 (also CORE HO)

1st YEAR Benchmarks:

MAJOR: ITAL122 or 203

YEAR 2

Semester 3

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS/MS)
CORE (e.g. Diversity)
CORE (e.g. SH or second SB)

MAJOR

ITAL 204 (also CORE HO)
ITAL 211 (also CORE HO)

Semester 4

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE (e.g. Non lab Science - LS/PS)
CORE (e.g. HL)
Elective (1xx-4xx)

MAJOR

ITAL 207
ITAL 311

2nd YEAR Benchmarks:

CORE: Seven (7) of nine (9) Distributive Studies courses

MAJOR: ITAL 204, 211, 301 & 311

YEAR 3

Semester 5

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

Professional Writing (ENGL390/391/392/393/394/395/398)
Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (3xx-4xx)

MAJOR

ITAL 251 or 261
ITAL 301

Semester 6

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE Advanced Studies (#1)
Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (3xx-4xx)

MAJOR

ITAL 351 or 361
ITAL 401

3rd YEAR Benchmarks:

MAJOR: Five (5) courses in major

YEAR 4

Semester 7

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

CORE Advanced Studies (#2)
Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (3xx-4xx)

MAJOR

ITAL 352 or 362
ITAL 4xx/478x

Semester 8

CORE/ARHU/ELECTIVES

Elective (1xx-4xx)
Elective (3xx-4xx)
Elective (3xx-4xx)

MAJOR

ITAL 4xx/478x
ITAL 4xx/478x

Q & A

Is there a Minor in Italian?

Yes. The minor in “Italian Language and Culture” is an official recognition that a student has reached a certain level of proficiency in the target language. The minor will serve as a validation to potential employers of the student’s proficiency in Italian.

For more information, please see the website: <http://sllc.umd.edu/italian/undergraduate/minor>

Additional questions can be answered by the Italian and Romance Languages Advisor. Stefania Amodeo is the advisor for Italian and Romance Language minors; her email address is zena@umd.edu.

Is it possible to double major in Italian?

Yes. Here is what the French and Italian Department explains:

“A student may wish to fulfill the major requirements in two chosen fields. The courses of the other Major will fulfill the French Supporting Courses requirements. One year before graduation, the student applying for double major must fill out a special form declaring his or her intention, recorded by the Arts and Humanities Student Affairs Office, and approved and signed by his or her advisors from both Major departments.”

What if I am interested in specializing in more than one romance language? Is there a way to do this besides doing a double major?

Yes. Please see information on the “Romance Languages Program,” which is offered jointly by the Department of French and Italian and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese:

<http://sllc.umd.edu/roml>

What if I want to study abroad?

Through the University System of Maryland (USM), the Italian Program offers students the opportunity to study in Italy at the American University of Rome (AUR). Courses taken through the University of Maryland Study Abroad Program may be applied toward the major in consultation with the Italian Advisor. For further information and application contact the Campus Study Abroad Office:

<http://www.international.umd.edu/studyabroad>