

## *Italian Language and Literature Major and Italian Minor*

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A major in Italian 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, literature, and culture prepares students for graduate study in law and international affairs, advanced work in the humanities, and careers in business, governmental service, and teaching. 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 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. Students who choose to study the linguistic, literary, cinematographic, and cultural traditions of Italy will acquire an invaluable technical resource and an in-depth knowledge of a diverse and foundational intellectual tradition. 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 Language and Literature 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 language and literature major requires the completion of 33 credits beyond elementary Italian language, distributed as follows.

#### **Core course**

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  
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**

**Five electives**, at least three of which must be 1000-level courses taught in Italian (in the ITAL 1030-1069 sequence) and no more than two courses taught in English (0087, 0088, any course of the 1070-1092 series).

**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 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:
  - a. 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.
  - b. 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.
  - c. 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 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](http://www.abroad.pitt.edu/programs/europe.html#italy).

### **Checklist for the Italian Language and Literature 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 0080
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 0081

#### **One writing-intensive (W) course taught in Italian**

\_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Elective courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in ITAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in ITAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in ITAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in ITAL or ENG)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level in ITAL or ENG)

#### **Elective courses**

Three 1000-level courses

- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level taught in Italian program)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL 1\_\_\_\_\_ (1000-level taught in Italian program)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_ (any of the ITAL 1030-1068 series)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_ (ITAL 0087, ITAL 0088, or any of the ITAL 1070-1092 series)

### **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 |

- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ ITAL \_\_\_\_\_

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.