

Minor in Italian Studies

Why study Italian?

Italian is spoken by over 65 million people. Italian is the international language of cooking, fashion, theater, the visual arts, dance and architecture. Thousands of US companies do business with Italy. In an increasingly mobile and interconnected planet, the study of language, literature and culture has never been more crucial for our students' success. It provides students with a competitive edge in an increasingly internationalized workplace; for example, four out of five new jobs in the US are created as a result of foreign trade. Above all, learning a second language enables a greater understanding of other cultures while enhancing your own.

Requirements for the Minor in Italian

The department offers minors in both French and Italian. Consult an advisor in the appropriate language.

Minor in Italian

18 credit hours are required, as follows:

Prerequisite Knowledge: (0)

ITAL 240	Intermediate Italian II	
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or equivalent placement

Composition and Conversation (3)

Satisfied by:

ITAL 300	Composition and Conversation	3
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Advanced Composition and Conversation (3)

Satisfied by:

ITAL 315	Advanced Composition and Conversation	3
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Elective Courses: (Four) (12)

Students choose four courses from among the courses already approved for the BA Option in Italian, one of which must be an Italian Literature course.

ITAL 301	Introduction to Italian Literature and Textual Analysis ¹	
ITAL 336	Italy and the Italians	
ITAL 405	Italian Literature in Translation: _____	
ITAL 410	19th and 20th Century Short Stories	
ITAL 420	19th and 20th Century Poetry	
ITAL 430	Dante's Masterpiece	
ITAL 440	Italian Renaissance and Early Modern Literature	
ITAL 450	Studies in Italian Cinema	
ITAL 465	19th and 20th Century Novels I	
ITAL 466	19th and 20th Century Novels II	
ITAL 480	Studies in Italian Literature: _____	
ITAL 502	Dante's Divine Comedy I	
ITAL 503	Dante's Divine Comedy II	
ITAL 495	Directed Readings in Italian ¹	
ITAL 695	Graduate Directed Readings in Italian ¹	

One approved 3-credit course offered by another department or program and with significant content related to Italian culture (300-500 level) may be counted toward the Italian minor.

¹ Italian Literature Course

Summer Language Institute in Paris

The department conducts a 6-week summer institute in Paris focusing on French language and culture. Students take courses in intermediate and advanced French language at L'Etoile, a private language institute in the center of Paris. Before the stay in Paris, students spend 10 days to 2 weeks touring regions such as Normandy, Brittany, and the château country along the Loire River. Some scholarship aid is available. Consult the department (<http://www.frenchitalian.ku.edu>) or the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>) for information.

Summer Program in Florence, Italy

The department conducts a 4- or 8-week summer program for elementary, intermediate, or advanced students of Italian. Students take courses in language and culture at an institute where all instructors are native speakers. Students live with Italian families and usually have weekends free to travel. Consult the department (<http://www.frenchitalian.ku.edu>) or the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>) for information.

Semester and Year Programs in France

A semester program is available in cooperation with CIDEF, the language institute of the Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers. Consult the department (<http://www.frenchitalian.ku.edu>) or the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>) for information.

Year-long programs at French institutions are available through the International Student Exchange Program. Consult the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>).

Semester Program in Rome, Italy

The department conducts a semester program in Rome for elementary, intermediate, or advanced students. Students take courses in Italian language and culture in a private language institute. All instructors are native speakers, and students live in shared apartments with other students at the institute. Consult the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>) for information.

Semester Program in Florence, Italy

The department conducts a semester program in Florence for elementary, intermediate, or advanced students. Students take courses in Italian language and culture in a private language institute. All instructors are native speakers, and students live with Italian families. Consult the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>) for information.