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.

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18 credit hours are required, as follows:

Prerequisite Knowledge: (0)

ITAL 240 Intermediate Italian II
or equivalent placement

Composition and Conversation (3)
Satisfied by:
ITAL 300 Composition and Conversation 3

Advanced Composition and Conversation (3)
Satisfied by:
ITAL 315 Advanced Composition and Conversation 3

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
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
ITAL 695 Graduate Directed Readings in Italian

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.

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’Étoile, 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.