The Department of French and Italian offers a Bachelor of Arts in Italian and a minor. The B.A. degree is one of the smallest majors at USC! It requires only 24 total units beyond the basic language courses (ITAL I-IV). Most minors require 24 units. The Italian minor only requires 16 units beyond the basic language courses.

To satisfy diverse student needs, the department also offers courses on Italian literature and culture with readings and class work in English. Courses are kept small to allow for maximum interaction between students and professors. The study of Italian involves the mastery of the language and its literary expressions - fictional, non-fictional, dramatic and poetic, as well as the study of social, cultural and political institutions within the context of intellectual history.

The Department of French and Italian offers courses taught in Italian in interrelated subject areas: literature may be studied chronologically, set against its historical and intellectual background; other courses approach texts generically, emphasizing the development of the various literary forms of expression. There is parallel course work in literary criticism (theoretical and applied), and studies in Italian culture and society: gender studies, women writers, current events, and cinema.

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**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:**

Basic Language Course (4-16 units): Italian 224 (ITAL IV)

CORE Course (4 units): Italian 320

FIVE Upper Division Courses (20 units) chosen from: ITAL 345, 350g, 352, 360, 380, 381, 382g, 392, 393, 401, 402, 403, 440, 461, 490x, 499

**MINOR REQUIREMENTS:**

Basic Language Course (4-16 units): Italian 224 (ITAL IV)

CORE Course (4 units): Italian 320

THREE Upper-Division Courses (12 units) chosen from: 345, 350g, 352, 360, 380, 381, 382g, 392, 393, 401, 402, 403, 440, 461, 490x, 499

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:**

- Only two courses may be in English for the major; Only one course may be in English for the minor.
- At least two of the five upper division courses for the major must be at the 400-level.
- At least one of the three upper division courses for the minor must be at the 400-level.
- A maximum of three courses may be completed outside of the department (courses must be about Italy).
- Up to 12-units that are taken in Florence and Milan are eligible for degree credit (check with advisor).
- At least four (4) courses must be unique to the minor (MINORS ONLY).
- Courses must be taken for letter grades (excludes CR/NC courses taken thru USC Overseas Programs).
- Up to 4 units of upper-division transfer credit may be counted towards the major in Italian, with departmental approval.
-The Department at its discretion may substitute no more than 25 percent of the required upper-division units defined in the catalogue for a given major program. Substitution of courses with the same departmental prefix is exempted from this limit.

-Lower division courses cannot be substituted for upper division course requirements. (USC Catalogue).

**DOUBLE MAJOR**

An increasing number of undergraduates are making their academic plans early, enabling them to combine the study of Italian with another discipline in the form of a double major. Italian can be combined with other areas of study as, for example, business, international relations, political science, and the sciences. The double major prepares students for careers where foreign language skills and cultural sensitivity are essential. The double major also provides excellent preparation for graduate work and professional schools.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

We offer departmental programs which consist of: The Italian Honor Society, The Italian Club, The Italian Movie club, and Tavola Italiana, the weekly casual conversation session.

**HONORS IN ITALIAN**

The B.A. in Italian with honors is available to students who have an overall G.P.A. of 3.0 and a G.P.A. of at least 3.5 in courses counted for major credit. To fulfill the requirements of the Honors Program, students must complete three 400-level courses and write an Honors Thesis of 25-30 pages (6,250-7,500), in Italian, in conjunction with a 400-level course on a subject agreed upon with the course instructor. Students will have up to two semesters to complete the thesis. The Honors Thesis will be read by the course instructor and by the director of the Honors Program.

**STUDY ABROAD**

Students are encouraged to study abroad either in the fall, spring, or summer terms.

Fall and spring semesters: Students can choose between Florence and Milan which are offered by the Office of Overseas Studies, [http://dornsife.usc.edu/overseas-studies/](http://dornsife.usc.edu/overseas-studies/). Many courses that are taken in university approved programs are applicable towards the major or minor in Italian.

**Summer semester:** The Department of French and Italian offers students the opportunity to study Italian while living in one of the most exciting cities in the world, Rome. No previous knowledge of Italian is required. Students take one intensive Italian language class and have the option of enrolling in Italian 499, a two-unit class that will explore the many layers of Rome. Excursions to nearby cities, visits to local museums and sites, and many cultural and social events are planned and included in the cost of tuition. Students live with an Italian family.

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