

Italian Studies BA

Overview

Apart from being the number one study abroad destination among university students, Italy's importance in the corporate world and its complimentary pairing with humanities studies make Italian the fourth most studied foreign language in the United States.

Temple University students have two options for taking a degree in Italian, offered through the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures: a traditional Bachelor of Arts in Italian that focuses on learning Italian language through the advanced level, or a **Bachelor of Arts in Italian Studies** that focuses on learning Italian language through the intermediate level and includes more major electives in Italian culture but taught in English or Italian. Both majors are interdisciplinary programs of study that, in addition to being built on requirements of language proficiency and core knowledge of Italian literary history, places strong emphasis on cultural, global and national identity studies. An additional learning goal for students of Italian is to demonstrate understanding and appreciation of cultural perspectives and practices in the Italian-speaking world. The program's methodology is based on a communicative approach coupled with technology-based student engagement practice to enhance the students' language retention, level of competency, and proficiency, as well as to provide a window into Italian culture. The transferable communication and critical thinking skills acquired by the program prove invaluable to employers of liberal arts graduates.

Students who major in Italian Studies are seeking a combination of the language acquisition skills developed through the intermediate level Italian along with their interest in Italian culture and history. Many courses are offered that are related to Italian culture, but the courses are conducted in English and wouldn't normally fulfill the requirements of the traditional Italian major. Courses in Classical Culture, Art History and History may be combined with the Italian language courses for this major.

Campus Location: Main

Program Code: LA-ITLS-BA

Distinction in Major

To be considered for Distinction in Major in Italian Studies, students must:

- Complete the requirements for the concentration in Italian with a GPA of at least 3.50;
- Have an overall GPA of at least 3.25;
- Be recommended to the chair of the department by the Italian faculty advisor.

Study Abroad

Students declaring a major in Italian Studies are encouraged to study abroad. Temple has its own campus in Rome, Italy, which offers courses in a variety of fields, including language, art, art history, architecture and international business. Students interested in studying in Italy should discuss their plans with the Italian faculty advisor as early as possible.

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Learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in Italian Studies.

These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2024-2025. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2024 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are ITAL 3096, and either ITAL 2096 or ITAL 4096.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
 - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
 - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
 - **Distribution Requirement for Humanities majors:** Six upper level credits must be earned in the Social Science, Science, and/or interdisciplinary subject areas. Select from the following CLA departments and programs: Africology & African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity and Human Behavior, Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Geography and Urban Studies, Global Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Liberal Arts, Neuroscience (CLA), Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in all CLA/CST coursework, and in the major department.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
 - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements**
 - The requirements of the Italian major exceed the minimum requirements of the College of Liberal Arts; no additional coursework is required.
 - **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
 - The third level of language is numbered 1003 in French, Spanish, and Portuguese and numbered 2001 in all other foreign language subjects.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to take the third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
 - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

General Electives are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements (30 credits)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ITAL 2001	Intermediate Italian I	3
ITAL 2002	Intermediate Italian II	3
ITAL 2096 or ITAL 4096	Composition I: Italian Composition and Conversation	3
ITAL 3096	Composition II: Advanced Writing Skills	3
Italian Electives (Italian language of Instruction) 2000+		6
Italian Electives (English or Italian language of instruction) 2000+		6

Related Electives (with faculty advisor approval) 6

Total Credit Hours 30

Note: Students who place out of ITAL 2001 must take an additional elective. Students who place out of ITAL 2002 must take two additional electives.

Suggested Academic Plan

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL [GW]	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	
ITAL 1001	Italian Language I	4
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ}		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	
ITAL 1002	Italian Language II	4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	
ITAL 2001	Intermediate Italian I	3
CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		2
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
ITAL 2002	Intermediate Italian II	3
Italian 2000+ Course (In Italian)		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Electives		5
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
Credit Hours		17
Year 3		
Fall		
Italian 2000+ Course (In Italian)		3
Italian 2000+ Course (May be taught in English; offered by the Italian Department)		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Select one of the following:		3

ITAL 2096	Composition I: Italian Composition and Conversation [WI]	
ITAL 4096		
Italian 2000+ Course (May be taught in English; offered by the Italian Department)		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
ITAL 3096	Composition II: Advanced Writing Skills [WI]	3
Italian-Related Elective (Must be pre-approved by Faculty Advisor)		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Electives		6
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
Italian-Related Elective (Must be pre-approved by Faculty Advisor)		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
0800-4999 Electives in Any School or College		6
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123