STUDY ABROAD

Students in the Italian program can participate in a summer program at the historic University of Bologna—one of Europe's oldest universities. The program includes courses in Italian language and culture, cultural activities in Bologna, and excursions to Florence, Venice, Ravenna, Parma, Ferrara, and an overnight stay in Rome. Its central location in Emilia-Romagna makes it an ideal base for exploring Italy's artistic and cultural heritage.

Students can also study in Florence during the semester or summer at Palazzi – Florence University of the Arts (FUA), a consortium of academic institutions in the city center. Courses are offered in English across disciplines like art, business, fashion, hospitality, culinary arts, digital media, health sciences, and Italian studies. Participants earn 12–15 credit hours and take at least one Italian language or service-learning course. Internship and volunteer opportunities are also available. All credits are fully transferable through the University of Memphis. Scholarships are available.

ADD A MAJOR/MINOR

Italian is offered as a concentration within the World Languages & Literatures major and as a Minor in Italian or Italian Studies.
If you would like to declare Italian as a concentration or add an Italian minor and you are a major in the College of Arts & Sciences (or wish to change your major to the College), please visit Scates 107 or email casgraduation@memphis.edu to declare a second major in World Languages & Literatures with a concentration in Italian or to add an Italian minor.
Please include:

- Your name
- Your UUID
- The major or minor you wish to declare

If your major is in another college, please contact your college's advising office to declare a minor.

PAID HUMANITIES INTERNSHIPS MELLON FOUNDATION GRANT

Through generous support from the Mellon Foundation, majors in the humanities—including World Languages & Literatures—have access to paid internship opportunities with local nonprofit and community-based organizations. The internships allow students to apply their language skills, cultural knowledge, and critical thinking in real-world settings while gaining professional experience. The program is designed to support career exploration, civic engagement, and meaningful community impact—ensuring that students can pursue experiential learning without financial barriers.

Since the program's inception in spring 2025, over 40 world languages majors have received a semester-long internship through the Mellon program. Students of Italian are able to use Mellon funding to support an internship with the American Association for Italian Studies (AAIS). They may also pursue international opportunities, including paid English Teaching Assistantships in Lombard schools and paid summer programs in Italy through Voluntaritaly and the Dante Alighieri Society (funded by Italy).

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Tavola Italiana, Opera, and more: Practice speaking Italian with your professor and special Italian guests, and attend a variety of cultural events together.

The Italian Film Festival: This event has been held each spring semester for over ten years and has been made possible by the support of the University of Memphis, Italian Film Festival USA, and the Memphis Chapter of the Italian American organization UNICO.

Check our website, Facebook, and Instagram for schedule & location of our events and activities:
memphis.edu/wll/italian/activities

Facebook: facebook.com/Italianprogrammemphis
Instagram: #umemphisitalian/

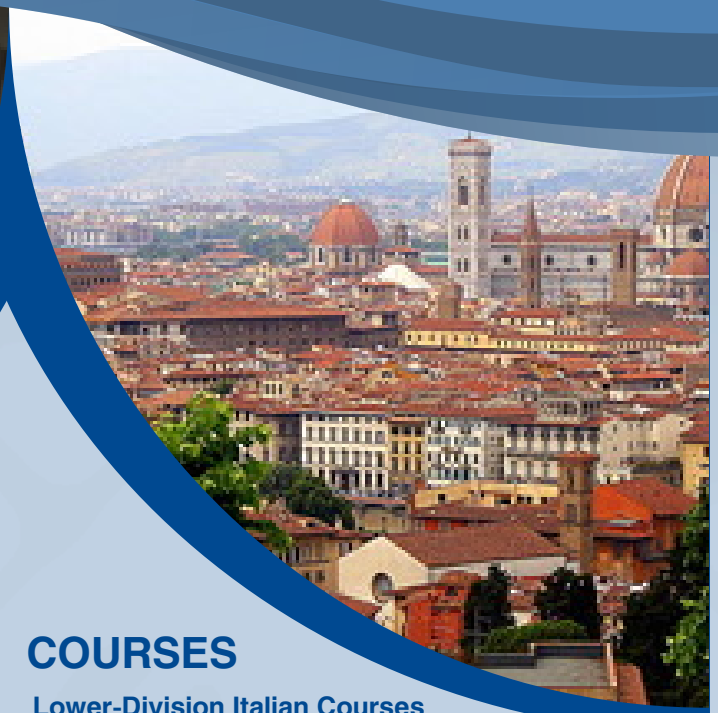


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WHY STUDY ITALIAN?

- Italian is spoken by over 85 million people worldwide. Whether you're drawn to Italy's rich cultural history, want to study Renaissance art or opera, or dream of exploring Italy's cuisine, fashion, and global industries, studying Italian opens the door to meaningful global connections.
- Studying Italian opens opportunities in fields such as Government, International NGOs & Business, Communications, Teaching, Science & Tech, Culinary & Fine Arts, Fashion, Design, Tourism, & Hospitality.
- Italy has shaped Western culture from Dante and Michelangelo to De Sica and Calvino. According to UNESCO, over 60% of the world's art treasures are in Italy. Italy is a G7 economy, a NATO ally, and a top U.S. trade partner. Over 7,500 U.S. companies do business with Italy, and 1,000+ have offices there.

COURSES

Lower-Division Italian Courses

- ITAL 1010: Elementary Italian I
- ITAL 1020: Elementary Italian II
- ITAL 2010: Intermediate Italian I
- ITAL 2020: Intermediate Italian II

Upper-Division Italian Courses

- ITAL 3301: Conversation & Composition I
- ITAL 3302: Conversation & Composition II
- ITAL 3311: Adv. Conversation & Composition
- ITAL 3312: Adv. Conversation & Composition II
- ITAL 3411: Introduction to Italian Literature
- ITAL 4441: Dante
- ITAL 4780: Individual Studies in Italian
- ITAL 4791: Business Italian
- ITAL 4791–99: Special Topics in Italian
- ITAL 4800: Internship in Italian Studies
- ITAL 3900: Italian Culture & Society (Study Abroad)
- ITAL 7690: Research in Italian Studies (Graduate)
- UNHP 1100: Food Culture & Italian Identity (Hon.)

Upper-Division Italian Courses Taught in English

- ITAL 3500: Italian Legacies
- WDLL 4441: Dante
- WDLL 4442: Italian Cinema from 1945 to Present

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

General Education (41 hours)
Complete university-wide Gen Ed requirements.

College & BA Requirements (6–9 hours)
Additional coursework as required by the College of Arts & Sciences. If you have prior academic or lived experience with Italian, contact us at cgaudenz@memphis.edu for testing options.

Major Requirements (24–33 hours)
Choose one of the following concentrations:

- Single Language (Italian only): 24 upper-division hours
- Two Languages: 27 upper-division hours (min. 9 hours per language)
- Three Languages: 33 upper-division hours (min. 12 hours in two languages + coursework in third)
- Electives as needed to reach 120 total credit hours.

Minor in Italian (18 hours)
For the Minor in Italian, students must take ITAL 1020, 2010, 2020 as well as 3 upper-division courses (9 hours).

Minor in Italian Studies (18 hours)
For the Minor in Italian Studies, students must take:

- Core: 9 hours of ITAL-prefix courses
- Electives: 9 hours from approved list of courses in English with an Italian component

QUESTIONS?

Email Dr. Cosetta Gaudenzi at
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