What is the Italian Major?

Italy is one of the crucial sites in the history and development of Western Culture. The study of Italian is essential in many areas of advanced humanity studies, such as Medieval and Renaissance literature, Art History, Music and Architecture. Over 60 million people speak Italian outside Italy, and in the new globalization of the workplace, a knowledge of Italian can be advantageous, in a broad range of careers, such as international politics, journalism, teaching and communications.

Courses offered to students cover a variety of interesting topics from Medieval Literature to Spaghetti Westerns. The Italian Major is more than just learning a language. It is about living and learning a culture that will last a lifetime.

The University of Tennessee Italian Faculty


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MAJOR Program

You can major in Italian choosing between a concentration in either Language/Literature or Language and World Business (L&WB). The distribution of courses for each of the concentrations are outlined below.

Language/Literature Concentration

The Italian Major with a Language/Literature concentration requires that you take a minimum of 30 hours in Italian courses numbered 311 and above. Since the section is small, all prospective majors are able to design their program in direct consultation with Dr. Di Maria or Dr. Brizio-Skov. You must discuss your intention to major or minor in Italian with our professors. However, to give you an idea of some courses that you may be required to take for an Italian major, please note the following list:

311-312  History of Italian Literature
314  Highlights of Italian Civilization
341 - 342  Intermediate Grammar, Composition and Conversation

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Language and World Business Concentration

Required Courses:
199  Italian Language and World Business
341-342  Intermediate Grammar, Composition and Conversation
401  Dante and Medieval Literature
402  Petrarch and Boccaccio
414  Italian Cultural Studies
421  Special Topics in Italian Literature and Cinema (May be repeated. Maximum of

Choose at least nine hours of literature courses, numbered 400 or above. The Language and World Business Concentration requires 30 Italian course hours in the Italian portion of the concentration.

Choose at least 3 hours from the category below to satisfy the foreign experience requirement:
409  Internship
491  Foreign Study

MINOR Program

The Italian Minor consists of 18 hours in courses numbered 311 and above. As with the Major in Language/Literature, you must consult with the section advisor.

Language Resource Center (LRC): Italian Collection

The LRC is located in HSS 205C-207 and is open Monday through Friday. It includes 48-station Sony 4500 audiolab, a 25-station Macintosh computer lab with AppleShare and a Web Server. It receives satellite programming through VolVision including programs from RAI International (the international broadcasting arm of the Italian state programming) on channel 35. The LRC has software for learning Italian, which can be used in the computer lab. We welcome all students to use this valuable resource. For more information you can visit LRC online at http://web.utk.edu/~mfll/LRC/default.html

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