

# ITALIAN STUDIES, MINOR

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## Goals

The peninsula and islands that today make up Italy have always been the scene and source for a variety of histories and cultures. Beyond Italy itself, large Italian communities may be found from Argentina to Australia, and of course in Canada and the United States. Consequently, Italian studies is a dynamic field that encompasses everything from painting and poetry in 14th century Italy to the literature and culture of contemporary Italian Americans. Moreover, in our increasingly global society, Italian studies can be a valuable complement to major programs in business, hospitality and tourism, English, fine arts, political science, and, of course, another foreign language. The minor in Italian studies offers the chance to explore many facets of Italian language, literature and culture. Students in the program gain a deeper understanding of Italy and its influence, past and present.

## Program

The Italian studies minor comprises six courses taken from various departments (modern languages, English, history, fine arts). Two courses in the Italian language are required, while the others are chosen from a list of electives. Every student in the program is strongly encouraged to take advantage of a summer or semester studying abroad in Italy.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ITA 101	Elem Conversational Italian I	3
ITA 102	Elementary Italian II	3
<b>Electives</b>		
ITA 200	Italian Culture	3
ENG 401	Dante	3
HIS 303	The Renaissance	3
FAA 232	Renaissance Art & Cult	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>18</b>

Students may enhance their education in Italian studies with several resources on and off campus. These include the recently refurbished foreign language lab with its multimedia resources for language study, as well as study-abroad opportunities in Rome or other parts of Italy. Students may also explore the possibility of getting some credit toward their minor through an internship, co-op or service project in the local Italian-American community.