INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Italian Studies major is an interdisciplinary program, with courses on Italian language, literature, history, cultural studies, film, and folklore offered in both Italian and English. Students will also discover courses in other departments and programs that have significant Italian content in them, including history of art, music, comparative literature, film studies, anthropology, political science, history, and Medieval studies.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Immerse yourself in Italian language and culture through study abroad.
• Take free weekly peer tutoring sessions in Italian language.
• Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
• Apply for the Gian-Paolo Biasin Memorial Travel Prize to fund post-graduate studies in Italy.
• After graduation, consider teaching in Italy with the SITE Internship program.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

• Already have an intended major but interested in Italian Studies? Consider adding an Italian Studies double major or minor.
• If you have a strong interest in Italian Studies but do not yet know the language, we offer a range of upper and lower division courses in English that fulfill L&S breadth requirements, and Reading and Composition (R&C) courses.
• Always wanted to learn Italian, but couldn’t fit it into your schedule? Check out summer study opportunities in Trieste, Venice, and Florence, and academic year programs in Bologna, Milan, and Rome.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
ITALIAN STUDIES
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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

FIRST YEAR
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10 (Compass Courses).
- Take the Italian language placement exam or enroll in ITALIAN 1 or 1R.

SECOND YEAR
- Complete lower division requirements in elementary and intermediate Italian language and declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.
- Participate in the annual Bocciardi Undergraduate Conference.

THIRD YEAR
- Focus on upper division requirements in language, culture, and electives.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask your major advisor about the Italian Studies honors program.

FOURTH YEAR
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any "bucket list" courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.

Explore your major
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Connect and build community
- Get 1:1 mentoring with L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.
- Take advantage of Italian’s tutoring program.
- Join a student organization like the Italian Society at Berkeley.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Start attending Italian Studies events such as guest lectures and student performances.

Discover your passions
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty in their research through URAP.

Engage locally and globally
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.

Reflect and plan your future
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers
- Associate, Morrison & Foerster Business Platform Agent, Accenture Clinical Svcs. Coordinator, UCLA Consultant, Capgemini
- Culinary Producer, Viceland
- English Teaching Asst., SITE Program Site Coordinator, AmeriCorps

Graduate Programs
- Applied Math, PhD
- Art History, PhD
- Comparative Literature, PhD
- Educational Leadership, EdD
- Historical Musicology, PhD
- International Business, Masters
- Italian Studies, PhD

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.