Many students arrive at Ohio State with a desire to learn languages, and many already have background in one or more Romance languages (Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian) or Latin. This major is designed for students who are interested developing skills in three languages, Romance languages or Latin, and want to interact with ease in multiple cultures. In addition, Romance studies majors have time in their schedule to complete a second major or one or two minors.

Pursuing Romance Studies at Ohio State

Students are not required to have a background in a foreign language before starting this degree, but it is recommended.

Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Romance studies within the College of Arts and Sciences. In order to test out of language and accelerate the time to degree, students should take a placement test if they have taken a Romance language in high school or have language skills from living in a country in which a Romance language is spoken. Students may take a placement test in a Romance language if they are proficient in another. For example, a fluent Spanish speaker may choose to take the placement test for Italian in order to test out of one or more elementary-level courses.

The following is a brief summary of the requirements for the Romance studies major:

- Total 38–45 credits
- Choose one primary field, one secondary field, one tertiary field, each in a different language.
- Choose a track in language/linguistics or literature/culture in the primary field (depending on course offerings).
- Take one required course taught in English in the junior or senior year.
- Study abroad for 9 credits in the primary field (except Latin). Six of these credits may also count for General Education requirements. Students who select Latin as their primary language are required to study abroad to satisfy the program requirements in the secondary language.

Requirements for Romance Studies

The requirements for each field are outlined below:

Primary field (8 courses, 24 credits; 15 credits at Ohio State, 9 credits abroad)

- Five courses (15 credits) beyond the 2000-level.*
  (Latin: Seven courses at or beyond the 2000-level).
- Three courses (9 credits) of summer study abroad in the primary field to be taken after the 2000-level has been completed at Ohio State. The courses must be content courses, usually at the 3000 level or above. (Students who select Latin as their primary language do not study abroad in the primary field but rather in the secondary field. See below.)

*Specific course requirements vary by department

Secondary field (9 credits)

- Three courses beyond the 2000-level
  (Latin: Students study abroad to satisfy their secondary field requirement.

Tertiary field (5–12 credits)

- Basic language proficiency, which depends on the options offered and the level into which a student tests.
- 1101–1103 with a maximum number of credits: 12
- Minimum of 5 credits of accelerated courses

Required course (3 credits)

All students are required to take Italian/French/Spanish/Clas-
cics 5051: Latin and the Romance Languages. The goal of this course is to give students the opportunity to examine how the Romance languages are related and how they differ, thus bringing the work they have done in all languages together. The prerequisite for the course is one year of a Romance language; no knowledge of linguistics is expected.

Students who are interested in Romance studies should contact the undergraduate advisor in the department of the primary language as soon as possible in order to organize course work.

For more information, check these websites:

Romance Studies:
frt.osu.edu/undergraduate/major/romance-studies

Arts and Sciences: artsandsciences.osu.edu

Ohio State: osu.edu

Admissions: undergrad.osu.edu

Multicultural Center: multiculturalcenter.osu.edu

First Year Experience: fye.osu.edu
Co-Curricular Opportunities
Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and practice language skills outside of the classroom. Students can participate in the activities of the language clubs, such as Oi Brasil!, Club Hispano, French Club and Italian Club and converse with other language students and instructors at conversation tables such as Café +, Tavola Italiana/Caffè Forte, and the Teaching and Learning Center in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. Students are also encouraged to attend presentations by faculty and visiting scholars.

Honors & Scholars Programs
Ohio State offers the Honors and Scholars programs to create an environment of intellectual support and stimulation within a close-knit community of high-ability undergraduate students. Through these programs, students have access to smaller classes, undergraduate research opportunities, close working relationships with faculty, priority scheduling and unique housing options. Honors and scholars programs represent great opportunities to be part of a smaller community within a large university. Learn more about the Honors and Scholars program at [honors-scholars.osu.edu](http://honors-scholars.osu.edu).

Career Prospects in Romance Studies
Multilingualism is a valued asset on the job market. Foreign language abilities are applicable in a variety of settings in the United States and abroad. The mastery of one or more languages allows students to consider careers in government, business, banking and finance, journalism, print and electronic media, foreign correspondence, the trade and tourism industries, and education. Students are encouraged to attend the annual Career Night organized by the Center for Languages, Literatures and Cultures ([cllc.osu.edu](http://cllc.osu.edu)) in order to learn about careers in the foreign languages.

Curriculum Sample
This is a sample list of classes a student will take to pursue a degree in Romance Studies. Since university students need more than a specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete General Education (GE) requirements. GE requirements allow students to develop the fundamental skills essential to collegiate success across major programs. Course work options satisfying GE requirements often come from a variety of academic areas of study allowing students to tailor their GE courses toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Romance Studies and assumes that a student tests into the second semester of the primary and secondary fields and has an additional major. Consult an advisor for details about the many possible configurations of the course of study.

Primary field: French; literature/culture track
Secondary field: Spanish
Tertiary field: Italian

Freshmen Year:
- French: 8
- GE courses: 18
- Math: 3–5
- Historical Study: 3
**Total hours**: 33–35

Sophomore Year:
- French 2000-level: 3
- French 3000-level: 6
- Spanish: 8
- GE courses: 9–11
- Major course: 3
**Total hours**: 29–31

Summer study abroad:
- 3 content courses at the 3000-level or above: 9
- GE courses: 6

Junior Year:
- French 5000-level: 6
- Spanish 2000-level (pass SLRPE): 3
- Spanish 3000-level: 6
- Major courses: 12
- GE courses: 3–5
**Total hours**: 30–32

Senior Year:
- French 5000-level: 3
- Italian 5101: 5
- Spanish 4000-level: 3
- Major courses: 15
- It/Fr/Sp/Itg 5051: 3
**Total hours**: 29

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