The Italian language is spoken by more than 70 million people residing all over the world. In this hemisphere there are more than 10 million descendants of immigrants from Italy living in countries from Canada to Argentina, with the United States second only to Italy itself in number of Italian-speaking residents. In addition to studying the grammatical aspects of Italian, students learn about the culture, history and literature of Italy, a country that for over two thousand years has been at the center of the artistic and cultural history of the western world.

Class time is devoted to developing all four language skills—speaking, listening, reading and writing—as well as a strong background in Italian culture. These skills are developed through the use of movies, videos, songs, magazines, the internet, texts and online language practice. As students progress in the major and develop their language skills, they may choose from a variety of intermediate- and advanced-level linguistics, culture, literature and history courses. Students are encouraged to study abroad.

**Pursuing Italian at Ohio State**
All freshman applicants are considered within a competitive admission process; find admissions criteria at [go.osu.edu/admissions](go.osu.edu/admissions).

Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Italian within the College of Arts and Sciences. Interested students should contact the undergraduate advisor from the Department of French and Italian and in Arts and Sciences Advising.

**Italian Requirements**
A major in Italian consists of no fewer than 30 hours of Italian courses. All courses are organized around academic subject matter (culture, literature, film, linguistics and media). The study of grammar and development of the four language skills are incorporated into the courses. This does not mean that the explicit study of language is secondary, but rather that it is examined as it emerges through discussions, readings, etc.

Core courses include Italian 1101 through 1103 (or Italian 5101). These courses do not apply toward the major.

Additional electives and General Education requirements totaling 121 hours are required by the College of the Arts and Sciences for graduation.

Success in Italian requires a commitment to daily preparation and a willingness on the part of the student to use the opportunities provided in class to speak the language. In addition, students should begin considering and planning for a study abroad program as soon as they have decided to major in Italian. Students interested in studying abroad during their junior or senior year can get specific information about various programs from the Italian study abroad advisor in the Department of French and Italian.

**Co-Curricular Opportunities**
Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom. These range from conversation tables and the Italian Club to a variety of study abroad programs in Italy. In the summer, students may study for two months in Lecce, located in the “heel” of the peninsula. Italian majors are encouraged to study at the full-immersion service-learning program in Siena, Tuscany. During the academic year it is possible to study in Lecce or in Siena. For students who would like to take course work in English in Italy, the Office of International Affairs has information about programs offered during the academic year. Contact the Italian study abroad advisor about transferring course credits.

**Honors & Scholars Opportunities**
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 at [honors-scholars.osu.edu](honors-scholars.osu.edu).

**Career Prospects in Italian**
Italian is applicable in a variety of settings in the United States and abroad. Mastery of Italian allows students to consider careers in such fields as education, government, international trade (in fashions, machinery, wine and foodstuffs, for example), banking, print or electronic media, scientific and medical research, or tourism. Many employers are eager to hire graduates who are fluent in Italian because their businesses involve Italian speakers.

Careers in which Italian is the primary emphasis include teaching Italian at all levels, interpreting and translating for government and for private and public organizations, and a variety of positions in the travel and tourism industry at home or abroad such as flight attendant, travel agent or tour guide. Careers in which proficiency in Italian is a good secondary tool include

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For more information, check these websites:

- Italian: [frit.osu.edu](frit.osu.edu)
- Arts and Sciences: [artsandsciences.osu.edu](artsandsciences.osu.edu)
- Ohio State: [osu.edu](osu.edu)
- Admissions: [undergrad.osu.edu](undergrad.osu.edu)
- Multicultural Center: [multiculturalcenter.osu.edu](multiculturalcenter.osu.edu)
- First Year Experience: [fye.osu.edu](fye.osu.edu)
Curriculum Sample
This is the sample list of classes a student may take to pursue a degree in Italian and graduate with an additional major. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete General Education (GE) requirements. Because GE courses come from a variety of academic areas of study, this course work helps students develop fundamental skills essential to collegiate success and allows them to tailor these courses toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Italian. Students will work with a departmental undergraduate advisor to construct the schedule that fits their goals. For details on specific options, visit frit.osu.edu.

Freshman Year:
- Survey 1
- Freshman Seminar 1
- Italian I 4
- Italian II 4
- Mafia Movies 3
- GE courses 20
  **Total hours** 33

Sophomore Year:
- Italian III 4
- Contemporary Italian Society 3
- Second major courses 9
- GE courses 14
  **Total hours** 30

Junior Year:
- Styles and Stylistics 3
- The Sounds of Italian 3
- Post-unification Italy 3
- Italian Cinema 3
- Latin and the Romance Languages 3
- Second major courses 6
- GE courses 6
- Elective courses 6
  **Total hours** 33

Senior Year:
- Italian Culture Through the Ages 3
- Italian Theater Workshop 3
- Italian Identities 3
- Second major courses 15
- GE courses 3
- Elective courses 3
  **Total hours** 30

Revised January 2014. Information subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on the Italian program, please visit frit.osu.edu.

Career Counseling and Job Placement
Students can explore career options by utilizing Career Connection as well as the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office. Providing complimentary services, Career Connection focuses on helping students establish a career direction, while the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office assists students with finding internships—experiences that are essential to testing out the suitability of career fields they are considering. Located in 48 Townshend Hall, the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office also assists seniors and recent graduates with finding entry-level career employment. More information about both offices is found at asccareerservices.osu.edu and careerconnection.osu.edu.

More About Italian
The Italian program at Ohio State has an innovative, content-based curriculum in which students learn the Italian language while exploring Italian culture, history, film, literature, geography and linguistics. The faculty is dedicated to preparing students in such a way that they graduate from our program with a strong language background as well as an extensive understanding of the Italian people and their country. Our department is unique in that we create a community in which students work closely with faculty and interact often with other students interested in Italian studies. Learn more about the Italian program at frit.osu.edu.

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