Degree Programs in Italian Studies

Summary of Requirements: Major in Italian Studies

- ITAL 20400
- ITAL 23410
- Eight upper-level courses in or related to Italian
  - Up to two of the eight may be courses in advanced Italian language beyond ITAL 20400
  - Up to three of the eight may be courses on Italian cultural topics taken outside of the department with approval from the Italian undergraduate adviser
  - BA paper (if the student wishes to qualify for honors)*

Total Units: 1000

*Students writing a BA honors paper may include ITAL 29900 BA Paper Preparation: Italian or ITAL 29901 Academic Research and Writing as one of their upper-level courses. To qualify for honors in the major, students must have an overall GPA of 3.25 or higher and an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the major.

Summary of Requirements: Minor in Italian Studies

- ITAL 20400
- ITAL 23410
- Four upper-level Italian courses
  - Up to two of these may be courses in advanced Italian language beyond ITAL 20400
  - Up to two may be courses on Italian cultural topics taken outside of the department with approval from the Italian undergraduate adviser

Total Units: 600

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Faculty Spotlight

Professor Rocco Rubini’s scholarship investigates the evolution of Italian humanism (in literature, theatre, and thought) from the Renaissance to the 20th century, reclaiming transhistorical continuities between early and later phases of the Italian intellectual tradition - both within Italy and in wider European and American contexts of reception. He teaches and studies Petrarch, Machiavelli, Renaissance playwrights and theater practitioners (commedia dell’arte), Goldoni, Vico, De Sanctis, and Gramsci, among others, to rethink the distinctive contribution of Italian letters to the making and unmaking of our ongoing “modernity.”

About UChicago Italian

Take Italian! You will develop the knowledge and critical skills necessary to understand and engage with a variety of aspects of Italian culture and society. Our classes are small, so you will receive privileged attention from instructors, enhancing the quality of your learning. After two years of Italian, you can go study at the oldest university in Western World, Bologna!

The classes are all extremely well structured and have a great balance of formal language study and studying Italian society and culture. Every day when I walk into an Italian class, I know what to expect, and I always come out feeling better about my skills than I did before. All the faculty do a wonderful job of structuring the curriculums and creating a welcoming environment in class where I feel completely comfortable expressing my ideas and being able to make mistakes.

Annika Lundsgaard
RLL Major in Multiple Languages
Class of 2024

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Italian after College

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Photo Above: “Belvedere from Mount Pellegrino”
Kavinya Sarma, Italian Minor, Class of 2023
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