ITALIAN STUDIES MAJOR

Requirements

The Italian studies major is an individualized interdisciplinary major consisting of 10 courses numbered ITAL 1501 INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN I and higher. All Italian studies major will develop an individual course of study with concentration on a particular target area or track in close consultation with the assigned departmental Italian studies major adviser.

The Italian studies major will normally include:

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<td>ITAL 2001</td>
<td>ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE</td>
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<td>or ITAL 2561</td>
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<td>Eight additional courses</td>
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Students who place out of ITAL 1501, ITAL 1502, or ITAL 2001 will replace them with upper-level elective courses. Courses numbered lower than ITAL 1501 will not count toward the major.

In close consultation with an Italian studies major adviser, students design an individualized course of study, which may include up to three courses taught in English or offered by other departments and programs on topics relevant to Italian culture and history. Sample areas of study may include:

- Italy and the Arts
- Italy, Film, and Media Studies
- Italy, Europe, and the Mediterranean
- Italy and the Italian American Experience/Italy and the Italian Diaspora

Students who wish to take courses outside of the department must provide their Italian studies major adviser with a copy of the course syllabus for approval before registering for the course. They will also be required to keep a portfolio of all of their work, and make a final oral or written presentation during the spring of their senior year, in which they demonstrate their independent work in the target field.

A maximum of three courses taken abroad for one semester and a maximum of four courses taken abroad for one year may apply to the Italian studies major. These courses must be approved by the Italian studies major adviser prior to studying abroad.

Honors in Italian studies will be awarded to students who have a GPA in the major of 3.67 or higher, and who complete an outstanding senior thesis under the direction of an Italian faculty member. Students should consult their Italian studies major adviser for advice and guidelines on this option early in their junior year.

Availability

The major in Italian studies is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies may major in Italian studies only if their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.