

# ITALIAN STUDIES MAJOR

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## Overview

The Italian studies major is an individualized, interdisciplinary major. Students achieve an advanced proficiency in the language in all four fundamental skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing—while developing their analytical and critical abilities. Students explore Italian literature, culture, and history in the Mediterranean, European, or global contexts, from a broad range of disciplinary and critical perspectives in the humanities and the social sciences. In close consultation with an Italian mentor, they design their course of study, which may include courses taught in English or offered by other departments and programs, on topics relevant to the understanding of Italian culture and its relation to world cultures, histories, economics, and politics.