

ITALIAN

College of Liberal Arts

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Career Possibilities

Customs Inspector • Immigration Officer • Importer/Exporter • Foreign Service Officer • International Marketing Representative • Travel Guide • Social Worker • Linguist • Foreign Correspondent • Community Organization Worker • Lawyer • Librarian • International Student Advisor • Educator • Peace Corps Worker • Interpreter • Translator • CIA/FBI Agent (Some of these, and other careers, require additional education or experience. For more information, see www.careers.csulb.edu.)

Introduction

The Italian Program exists thanks to an agreement between the Italian American community in the area and CSULB. This collaboration led to the establishment of the program itself as well as the Center for Italian Studies, named in honor of Mr. George L. Graziadio. The Center offers scholarships to study in Italy and regularly organizes workshops on Italian teaching. Its program of events is often shaped in collaboration with Italian and Italian American institutions and organizations in the area.

Bachelor of Arts in Italian Studies (120 units)

This program offers two concentrations: Italian Language and Culture and Interdisciplinary Italian Studies. Regular consultation with advisor is highly recommended.

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad through the CSU International Programs or semester-long options in Rome and Venice. In addition, there are program internship opportunities at Italian and Italian-American institutions in the area.

Once students have met the first- and second-year general language requirements, in the third year they take a common set of core courses in the target language. In the fourth year they choose between the two concentrations: students intending to earn the teaching credential select Italian Language and Culture; students interested in a more interdisciplinary approach select Interdisciplinary Italian Studies. Both tracks share a common core.

Requirements

Lower Division:

Competency in the Italian Language (16 units lower division Italian). Take all of the following:

ITAL 101A Fundamentals of Italian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

ITAL 101B Fundamentals of Italian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: ITAL 101A or two years of high school Italian or equivalent. Any Foundation course.

ITAL 201A Intermediate of Italian (4)

Prerequisite: ITAL 101B or three years of high school Italian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

ITAL 201B Intermediate of Italian (4)

Prerequisite: ITAL 201A or four years of high school Italian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course

Some of these courses may be waived for students who have completed sufficient high-school Italian or have proved intermediate-level proficiency. Native speakers of Italian may not enroll in ITAL 101A,B or 201 A,B.

Upper Division (minimum 33 units):

Basic Core (24 units):

ITAL 310 Introduction to Analysis of Italian Literature (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

ITAL 312A Advanced Italian I (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

ITAL 312B Advanced Italian II (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

ITAL 314 Advanced Conversation (3)

Prerequisite: ITAL 214 or consent of the instructor.

ITAL 335 Survey of Italian Literature I: Middle Ages-Eighteenth Century (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

ITAL 336 Survey of Italian Literature I: Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

ITAL 340 Italian Civilization (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

ITAL 482 The Building of the Italian Nation (3)

Prerequisites: ITAL 310, 335, 336 or consent of instructor.

Concentration I - Italian Language and Culture

Electives (9 units): ITAL 411, 414*, 433, 454, 462, 473, 476, 478, 482, 490, 494, 499.

Two years of a second foreign language.

* Candidates who intend to teach Italian language are required to take ITAL 414.

Concentration II - Interdisciplinary Italian Studies

Electives (9 units): AH 423, 424; C/LT 330A**, 330B**, 422I, 430, 432, 449**; HIST 332; ITAL 411, 414, 454, 462, 473, 476, 478, 482, 490, 494, 499; MUS 436**; RGR 314I, 315I, 346I, 400I.

**Accepted only when syllabi include a good amount of Italian content.

Electives and Other Courses

Close work with the advisor will enable majors to design a comprehensive study plan for their entire CSULB experience and for life-long learning. General Education courses and electives should be chosen to coordinate with the major.

Single Subject Teaching Credential in Italian

Completion of Concentration I (Language and Culture) of the Italian major meets the subject matter competence requirement for the Single Subject Teaching Credential in Italian. Prospective students should consult the undergraduate Italian Advisor and the Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Credential Program Advisor early to plan their program.

In addition to meeting the subject matter competence requirement for the Teaching Credential, prospective teachers of Italian are also required to complete 45 units of professional preparation in the Single Subject Credential Program, including student teaching. Students may begin the professional preparation courses as early as the junior year. With careful planning, it is possible to complete all of the credential program courses, except for student teaching, as an undergraduate. Courses may also be completed as a post-baccalaureate student. Refer to the Single Subject Teacher Education section of this catalog or the website (www.ced.csulb.edu/single-subject) for a description of professional preparation requirements, courses, and application procedures.

Requirements

Same as the BA in Italian, Concentration I (Italian Language and Culture).

Minor in Italian

This minor can be taken in conjunction with any other major. The minor in Italian is open to any non-Italian major.

Requirements

Minimum of 18 upper division units.

Take all of the following courses:

ITAL 312A Advanced Italian I (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

ITAL 312B Advanced Italian II (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

ITAL 314 Advanced Conversation (3)

Prerequisite: ITAL 214 or consent of the instructor.

Take 9 units chosen from the following courses:

ITAL 310, 335, 336, 340, 345, 411, 414, 454, 462, 476, 478, 482, 490, 494, 499.

Italian Courses (ITAL)

LOWER DIVISION

100A. Fundamentals of Italian for Spanish Speakers (4)

Prerequisites: Two semesters of college Spanish or 3 years of high school Spanish; or be native or heritage speaker of Spanish.

Introductory course on the fundamental skills of speaking, reading, writing and comprehending Italian with an emphasis on the structural similarities between Italian and Spanish.

Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Italian. Not open for credit to students with credit in ITAL 101A or 102A.

100B. Fundamentals of Italian for Spanish Speakers (4)

Prerequisites: ITAL 100A; or ITAL 101A with 2 semesters of college Spanish or 3 years of high school Spanish; or be a heritage or native speaker of Spanish.

Introductory course on the fundamental skills of speaking, reading, writing and comprehending Italian with an emphasis on the structural similarities between Italian and Spanish.

Not open to heritage or native speakers of Italian. Not open for credit to students with credit in ITAL 101B or ITAL 102B.

101A. Fundamentals of Italian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

Introduction to fundamental skills of speaking, oral comprehension, reading, and writing. For those who are beginning the study of Italian or who have had one year of high school Italian.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Italian. Course fee may be required.

101B. Fundamentals of Italian (4)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: ITAL 101A or two years of high school Italian or equivalent. Any Foundation course.

Fundamental skills of speaking, oral comprehension, reading and writing.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Italian. Course fee may be required.

200. Intermediate Italian for Spanish Speakers (6)

Prerequisites: ITAL 100B or ITAL 101B, or ITAL 100B or 3 years of high school Italian and 2 years of college Spanish or be a native or heritage Spanish speaker.

Two semesters of intermediate Italian are covered in one semester in this intensive hybrid (blended) course designed for students who are either native or heritage speakers of Spanish or have at least intermediate- to advanced-level proficiency in Spanish (see prerequisites).

Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Italian. Not open to students with credit in ITAL 201A or ITAL 201B.

201A. Intermediate Italian (4)

Prerequisite: ITAL 101B or three years of high school Italian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

Continued development of speaking, oral comprehension, reading, and writing skills.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Italian. Course fee may be required.

201B. Intermediate Italian (4)

Prerequisite: ITAL 201A or four years of high school Italian or equivalent. Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any Foundation course.

Continued development in speaking, oral comprehension, reading, and writing skills.

For non-native speakers only. Not open to heritage speakers or native speakers of Italian. Course fee may be required.

214. Intermediate Conversation (3)

Prerequisite: ITAL 101B. Prerequisite/Corequisite: ITAL 201A or 201B.

Designed to develop basic conversational skills and to prepare for more advanced work in ITAL 314.

UPPER DIVISION

General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper division course except upper division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

310. Introduction to Analysis of Italian Literature (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

Imparts literary terminology and the study of the primary genres in Italian literature through an analysis of exemplary texts. A brief overview of methodologies will also be introduced, i.e., structuralism, sociological, gender studies, formalism and deconstruction.

312A. Advanced Italian I (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

Review of grammatical principles with regular exercises and composition work for the development of increased mastery of the written language.

312B. Advanced Italian II (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or equivalent.

Review of grammatical principles with regular exercises and composition work for development of increased mastery of written language.

314. Advanced Conversation (3)

Prerequisite: ITAL 214 or consent of the instructor.

Continuation of ITAL 214. More advanced use of spoken Italian to establish strong basis for correct and fluent proficiency in oral idiom.

335. Survey of Italian Literature I: Middle Ages– Eighteenth Century (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Introductory study of the most important Italian literary works, authors, and movements of Italian literature from the Middle Ages to the Eighteenth Century.

336. Survey of Italian Literature II: Nineteenth Century to Present (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Introductory study of the most important Italian literary works, authors, and movements of Italian literature of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.

340. Italian Civilization (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Multidisciplinary study of Italian culture from unification (1861) to present, special emphasis on last thirty years. Crucial historical moments analyzed for social and cultural impact on Italian customs, and ways of thinking. Taught in Italian.

345. Italian American Culture (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Addresses issues of migration, cultural conflict, and ethnic identity formation in the context of the Italian American experience. Interdisciplinary in nature, the syllabus embraces such topics as labor exploitation, discrimination, women's roles, interethnic relations, religion, food, family, etc.

Not open for credit to students with credit in ITAL 440.

411. Advanced Syntax, Grammar, and Stylistics (3)

Prerequisite: ITAL 312B.

Provides an in depth study of Italian syntax in order to improve skills for written Italian. Vocabulary development and analysis and imitation of writing styles and forms will be emphasized.

414. History of the Italian Language (3)

Prerequisite: ITAL 312B.

Examines the main developments in the transformation from Latin to Italian, and the debates on what constitutes the Italian language (*questione della lingua*) 1200 – present, including the contributions of Dante Alighieri, Machiavelli, Alessandro Manzoni, the Italian diaspora and recent immigration.

433. Italian Literature as Historical Memory (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Select texts of Italian literature are analyzed as sources for the understanding of Italian history and culture 1300-1800.

Letter grade only A-F).

454. Italian Cinema (3)

Prerequisite: Senior standing or consent of instructor.

Overview of main movements and directors in the history of Italian cinema. Socio-political and aesthetic analysis will be adopted in reading films from the post-war period to the present.

Letter grade only (A-F). Same course as FEA 454. Not open for credit to students with credit in FEA 454. (2 hrs sem, 2 hrs activity)

462. Italian Women Writers (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Studies roles of women writers within history of Italian literature from Middle Ages through Renaissance to contemporary literature.

Letter grade only (A-F). Not open for credit to students with credit in ITAL 424.

473. Masterpieces of Italian Renaissance Literature (3)

Prerequisites: ITAL 310, 335, 336 or consent of instructor.

Readings in Italian Quattrocento and Cinquecento thought to explore the revolution toward the "new learning" and the valorization of human ability, worldly matters, and secular culture.

Letter grade only (A-F).

476. The Modern Italian Short Story (3)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Selected Italian short stories of the 19th and 20th Centuries are analyzed as sources for the understanding of Italian history, culture, anthropology and politics.

Letter grade only (A-F).

478. The Italian Novelistic Tradition (3)

Prerequisites: ITAL 335 and 336 or consent of instructor.

Historical overview of the Italian novelistic tradition with in-depth study of representative Italian novels.

Letter grade only (A-F).

482. The Building of the Italian Nation (3)

Prerequisites: ITAL 310, 335, 336 or consent of instructor.

Explores the literature, the ideas and the cultural artifacts that promoted the creation and building of Italian nation from the Middle Ages to the present.

Letter grade only (A-F).

490. Selected Topics in Italian (3)

Prerequisite: Upper division standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Study of a particular topic or aspect of Italian literature, language or culture.

May be repeated to a maximum of 12 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*. Course fee required if topic is offered abroad.

494. Internship in Italian (1-3)

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and department chair.

Field work in Italian, supplemented by readings and tutorials under the direction of a faculty member. Internships, small group discussion/teaching, and other assignments directed by a supervising faculty member.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. No more than 3 units may be applied to the major in Italian.

499. Directed Studies (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor and department chair.

Independent study under the supervision of a faculty member.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units.

GRADUATE LEVEL

533./433. Italian Literature as Historical Memory (3)

Prerequisites: Graduate standing in Italian or consent of instructor.

Select texts of Italian literature are analyzed as sources for the understanding of Italian history and culture 1300-1800.

Letter grade only (A-F).

578./478. The Italian Novelistic Tradition (3)

Prerequisites: ITAL 335 and 336 or consent of instructor.

Historical overview of the Italian novelistic tradition with in-depth study of representative Italian novels.

Letter grade only (A-F).