INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Italian Studies major is an interdisciplinary program, with courses on Italian language, literature, history, cultural studies, film, and folklore offered in both Italian and English. Students will also discover courses in other departments and programs that have significant Italian content in them, including history of art, music, comparative literature, film studies, anthropology, political science, history, and Medieval studies.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Immerse yourself in Italian language and culture through study abroad.
• Take free weekly peer tutoring sessions in Italian language.
• Apply for a FLAS award to support your language study.
• Apply for the Gian-Paolo Biasin Memorial Travel Prize to fund post-graduate studies in Italy.
• After graduation, consider teaching in Italy with the SITE Internship program.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

• Already have an intended major but interested in Italian Studies? Consider adding an Italian Studies double major or minor.
• If you have a strong interest in Italian Studies but do not yet know the language, we offer a range of upper and lower division courses in English that fulfill L&S breadth requirements, and Reading and Composition (R&C) courses.
• Always wanted to learn Italian, but couldn’t fit it into your schedule? Check out summer study opportunities in Trieste, Venice, and Florence, and academic year programs in Bologna, Milan, and Rome.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit italian.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can drop in to 6303A Dwinelle Hall to speak with an advisor or email questions to issaug@berkeley.edu.

Advising Drop-In Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5pm

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Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

ITALIAN STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts

Studying Italian...has not only enriched my academic career at Cal but also shaped me to be someone who dares to get outside of my comfort zone.

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– Class of 2019 Graduate
ITALIAN STUDIES
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EXPLORATION

FIRST YEAR
- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
- Review major and college requirements.
- Enroll in L&S 1 and HUM 10 (Compass Courses).
- Take the Italian language placement exam or enroll in ITALIAN 1, W1 or 1R.

SECOND YEAR
- Complete lower division requirements in elementary and intermediate Italian language and declare the major.
- Review the major guidelines for study abroad.

CONNECT

FIRST YEAR
- Get 1-on-1 mentoring with L&S Mentors Program.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Explore the Berkeley Language Center.
- Take advantage of Italy's peer tutors and practice your Italian at Tavola Italiana.

SECOND YEAR
- Join a student organization like the Italian Society at Berkeley.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Start attending Italian Studies events such as guest lectures and student performances.

DISCOVER

FIRST YEAR
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.

SECOND YEAR
- Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.
- Build your research skills in HUM W101: Research Bootcamp.

ENGAGE

FIRST YEAR
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

SECOND YEAR
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program.
- Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.

REFLECT

FIRST YEAR
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
- Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail.
- Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

SECOND YEAR
- Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

Design Your Journey

FOURTH YEAR
- Experience life at another UC or college on a student exchange program.
- Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Home your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
- Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.
- Apply for the Gian-Paolo Biasin Memorial Travel Prize to fund post-grad study in Italy.
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WHAT CAN I DO

Jobs and employers
- Associate, Morrison & Foerster
- Clinical Svs. Coordinator, UCLA
- Consultant, Capgemini
- Culinary Producer, Viceland
- English Teaching Asst., SITE Program
- Site Coordinator, AmeriCorps

Graduate programs
- Art History, PhD
- Comparative Literature, PhD
- Educational Leadership, EdD
- Historical Musicology, PhD
- International Business, Masters
- Italian Studies, PhD

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.