Italian Language and Culture Studies, Minor

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The Italian Language and Culture Studies minor provides students with a practical and marketable command of the Italian language, as well as a cultural understanding, both important tools in today’s global world. Proficiency in Italian language and culture equips students for jobs, which can be found in education, international business and international law. The modern nation of Italy plays a significant role in European finance, culture, and politics; thus, students in pre-professional as well as academic programs are attracted to this minor. Italian culture enjoys great prestige in view of its historical contributions to the fine arts, architecture, literature, political theory, and cinema, and many students regard Italy as an attractive destination for foreign study abroad and travel.

Italian Language and Culture Studies

The minor in Italian Language and Culture Studies consists of five required courses (16 cr. hrs.) and one elective course (3 cr. hrs.) for a total of 19 cr. hrs. Students who place into ITAL 2001 Intermediate Italian 1 are required to substitute a second elective for ITAL 1002 Elementary Italian 2 for a total of 18 cr. hrs.

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<td>Elementary Italian 2 (or elective course, if placed into ITAL 2001) 1</td>
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<td>ITAL 2001</td>
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<td>ITAL 3200</td>
<td>Italian Culture and Civilization</td>
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<td>ITAL 3210</td>
<td>Sicilian Mafia and Antimafia Representations and Literature and Film</td>
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**Elective - Choose one course from the following:**

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<td>CLAS 3000</td>
<td>Greek and Roman Epic Poetry</td>
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<td>Imagining the Middle Ages</td>
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<td>The Renaissance</td>
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<td>War and Religion in Early Modern Europe, 1500-1650</td>
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<td>ITAL 3100</td>
<td>Advanced Italian Composition and Conversation</td>
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<td>ITAL 4931</td>
<td>Topics in Italian Language, Culture and Literature</td>
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<td>PHIL 3620</td>
<td>Medieval Philosophy</td>
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<td>POSC 4501</td>
<td>European Politics</td>
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**Total Credit Hours:** 18-19

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Students who place into ITAL 2001 Intermediate Italian 1 by way of a placement exam are required to complete two electives.

**Notes:**

- ITAL 1001 Elementary Italian 1 does not count toward the minor.
- LLAC 4931 Topics in Foreign Language, Culture and Literature may be used to fulfill an elective requirement depending on the relevance of the topic and only with the permission of the program director.

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