

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.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
ITAL 1002	Elementary Italian 2 (or elective course, if placed into ITAL 2001) ¹	3-4
ITAL 2001	Intermediate Italian 1	3
ITAL 2002	Intermediate Italian 2	3
ITAL 3200	Italian Culture and Civilization	3
ITAL 3210	Sicilian Mafia and Antimafia Representations and Literature and Film	3
Elective - Choose one course from the following: ¹		
CLAS 3000	Greek and Roman Epic Poetry	
CLAS 3205	Roman Civilization and Art	
HIST 1201	History of Western Art 1	
HIST 1202	History of Western Art 2	
HIST 3201	Ancient Greece and Rome	
HIST 3210	Imagining the Middle Ages	
HIST 3220	The Renaissance	
HIST 3225	War and Religion in Early Modern Europe, 1500-1650	
HIST 4212	The Crusades	
ITAL 3001	Italian Composition and Conversation	
ITAL 3100	Advanced Italian Composition and Conversation	
ITAL 4931	Topics in Italian Language, Culture and Literature	
PHIL 3620	Medieval Philosophy	
POSC 4501	European Politics	

Total Credit Hours: 18-19

¹ 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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