What about a major in…?
Italian Studies

What is Italian Studies?
The Italian Studies undergraduate program examines Italian literature and culture. Italy was
unified as a nation only in 1870, but from the 12th to the 19th century distinct linguistic,
literary, and cultural expressions developed in numerous regional centers including Rome,
Naples, Florence, Venice, and Milan. Department offerings emphasize both the development of
literary expression in Italian and in dialects from the medieval through the Early Modern
periods, and the emergence of Italian nationhood and identity from the Risorgimento through
Fascist and Postwar eras, as these events are represented in various expressive means, including
writing, film, visual arts, and music.

What are the major requirements?
Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select “Undergraduate majors.”

How do I declare an Italian Studies major?
You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.
1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to
   learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon an Italian Studies major, meet with the director of undergraduate
   studies in Italian to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form or plan to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about
   your new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Italian Studies?

Skills
Italian studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.
These skills include:
• Verbal and written communication skills
• Strong cultural knowledge and understanding
• Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
• Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
• Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment
Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:
• Business—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting, international business
• Education—teaching, research, student affairs
• Government—public information, campaigns, policy, elected official
• Social services—social work, therapy, ESL instruction
• Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management

For more information:
About the Italian Studies major:
Undergraduate Advising
260 Folwell Hall
(612) 624-4308
http://frit.umn.edu

About CLA requirements,
graduation, and other
information about majors:
CLA Languages and
Mathematics Student
Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
http://langmath.class.umn.edu

or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.
Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships,
and community learning
opportunities in this major
and others:
Career and Community
Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
ccc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with
honors:
CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu
• Law—litigation, advocacy, lobbying

Today’s workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

**Remember!**
You have not declared a major until you have:
• completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
• filed a copy with the major department,
• and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don’t forget: keep a copy for yourself!