

What is French and Italian Studies?

The French and Italian Studies major allows students interested in both cultures and languages to pursue a combined major. Students study specific works in each national literature while also exploring the interrelations and cross-cultural exchanges that have contributed to Italian and French literature and culture. This comparative perspective introduces students to a broad range of issues and cultural practices.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select “Undergraduate majors.”

How do I declare a French and 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 a French and Italian Studies major, meet with the French and Italian Director of Undergraduate Studies to complete a Major Program form depending on the major. Please bring a (unofficial) transcript to this meeting.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in French and Italian Studies?

Skills

French and 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
- Law—litigation, advocacy, lobbying

For more information:

About the French and 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://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
<http://cclc.umn.edu/>
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
<http://cla.umn.edu/honors/>
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

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!