

## 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](http://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](http://www.cclc.umn.edu)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@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](http://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!**