



Program Description

The Italian program offers its students a strong foundation in Italian language, literature, and civilization. Students who concentrate on Italian studies may teach in secondary schools, be admitted to graduate school, work in translating and interpreting firms, or work at the national or international level for Italian firms or American firms dealing with Italy. Statistics show that Sacramento State graduates are in graduate programs, are teaching Italian, or are working in international programs, using their preparation from the Sacramento State Italian program.

Special Features

- A very active Italian Club serves as a link between the students and the large Italian community in Northern California.
- Students may enroll for a junior year abroad with the CSU International Program in Florence, for which they may receive units toward graduation.
- By enrolling in fieldwork courses, students can tutor or teach in local parochial schools.
- Students interested in further advanced study in Italian language and culture may design a Special Major in Italian by consulting program faculty and spending one year undergoing intensive language study in Italy. Policies relating to the special major are discussed in this catalog. See index.

Requirements • Minor

Total units required for Minor: 12

Courses in parentheses are prerequisites.

Specific course requirements are:

- (3) ITAL 102 Italian Advanced Conversation (ITAL 002B or instructor permission)
- (3) ITAL 103 Advanced Grammar and Composition (ITAL 002B or equivalent)
- (3) Select one of the following:
 - ITAL 110* Introduction to Italian Literature I - Dante's the Divine Comedy
 - ITAL 111* Introduction to Italian Literature II
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 - ITAL 110* Introduction to Italian Literature I - Dante's the Divine Comedy
 - ITAL 111* Introduction to Italian Literature II
 - ITAL 196 Experimental Offerings

* Upper division status and instructor permission is a prerequisite for this course

Additional Information

- **Placement in Italian Courses:** Students should consult an advisor in Italian regarding the level at which to begin college Italian, as well as the choice and sequence of courses to take. Students who studied Italian in high school must take a placement test. Arrangement for the placement test should be made with an advisor in Italian.
- **Transfers:** Students from other colleges must have their pattern of courses assessed by a Department advisor and complete at least one upper division Italian course in residence before the Department can approve a program.
- **Credit by Exam:** A maximum of 16 units in foreign language studies may be challenged, only 12 of which may be in Italian.
- **Junior Year in Italy:** Students planning to apply for admission to the overseas program should consult the Italian advisor and the Sacramento State Office of Global Education, Lassen Hall 2304, (916) 278-6686, for information.

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Lower Division Courses

ITAL 001A. Elementary Italian. Focuses on the development of the four basic skills (understanding, speaking, reading, writing) through the presentation of many cultural components (two per week) which illustrate the Italian “modus vivendi:” social issues, family, food, sports, etc. 4 units. (CAN ITAL 002)

ITAL 001B. Elementary Italian. Continuation of ITAL 001A with greater emphasis on reading, writing. Addition of one reader which contains more cultural material (geography, political issues, government, fashion, etc.). **Prerequisite:** ITAL 001A or instructor permission. 4 units. (CAN ITAL 004)

ITAL 002A. Intermediate Italian. Intermediate course in the Italian language with emphasis on speaking, reading and writing ability; review of grammar; discussions and compositions in Italian. Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. **Prerequisite:** One year college Italian or suitable score on placement exam. 4 units. (CAN ITAL 008)

ITAL 002B. Intermediate Italian. Continuation of ITAL 002A. Meets the Foreign Language Graduation Proficiency Requirement. **Prerequisite:** ITAL 002A or suitable score on placement exam. 4 units. (CAN ITAL 010)

Upper Division Courses

ITAL 102. Italian Advanced Conversation. Designed to develop oral fluency through free discussion on prepared topics, and supervised practice to develop audio-lingual skills at the advanced level. Course conducted in Italian. May be taken for credit twice. **Prerequisite:** ITAL 002B or instructor permission. 3 units.

ITAL 103. Advanced Grammar and Composition. Study of grammar and style and their application in oral and written exercises, in translations and in compositions. **Prerequisite:** ITAL 002B or equivalent. 3 units.

ITAL 104A. Introduction to Italian Cinema I. Italian Cinema from the 1940’s to its Golden Period in the 1960’s through the 1970’s. Films will be viewed in their cultural, aesthetic and/or historical context. Readings and guiding questionnaires will help students develop appropriate viewing skills. Films will be shown in Italian with English subtitles. 3 units.

ITAL 104B. Introduction to Italian Cinema II. Focuses on Italian Cinema from the 1980’s and the 1990’s. The “New Generation” of Italian Directors will be considered (Nanni Moretti, Gabriele Salvatores, Maurizio Nichetti, Giuseppe Tornatore, Roberto Benigni, Liliani Cavani, Fiorenza Infascelli, Francesca Archibugi, etc.) as well as current productions. Films will be shown in Italian with English subtitles. 3 units.

ITAL 110. Introduction to Italian Literature I. Beginning and major developments of the literature of Italy from the Middle Ages through the Baroque period of the 17th Century. Analyzes the literary movements with emphasis on their leading figures, discussion of literary subjects, instruction in the preparation of reports on literary, biographical and cultural topics. Taught in Italian. **Prerequisite:** Upper division status and instructor permission. 3 units.

ITAL 111. Introduction to Italian Literature II. Major developments in the literature of Italy from the Enlightenment movement of the 18th Century through the 20th Century. Analysis of the literary movements with emphasis on their leading figures, discussion of literary subjects, instruction in the preparation of reports on literary, biographical, and cultural topics. Taught in Italian. **Prerequisite:** Upper division standing and instructor permission. 3 units.

ITAL 130. Italian Civilization: The Dialogue Form. It’s Origins and European Context. Focus on Italian civilization in a Mediterranean context. Allows students to develop a critical understanding of the dialogue in the context of Italian and Western Civilization, from its origins in Ancient Egypt and Greece, to its flowering in the Renaissance and its return during the Enlightenment, to its endurance in modern times. Issues emphasized are philosophical and literary movements in their historical contexts. Socratic dialogue and other related genres, the dialogue as a typical Renaissance form with a variety of perspectives (feminine, poetic, satirical, etc.) the Enlightenment thinkers in Italy and France and their modern heritage are studied. Taught in English. 3 units.

ITAL 131. The Italian Renaissance and Its Influence on Western Civilization. Taught in English, explores the phenomenon of the Italian Renaissance in its literary, artistic, religious, social, historical, scientific, and economic aspects through the analysis of the period’s major works, and through films, slides, lectures and discussions. The issues to be emphasized are the uniqueness of the Italian contribution to new ideas and values, and their influence on Western Civilization. The students will learn to recognize the sources and the effects of the Italian Renaissance within the integrated context of Western culture and various fields of knowledge. 3 units.

ITAL 180. Italian Films. Seminar Conducted in English. Designed to study a particular theme, movement or major figure in Italian literature, philosophy, or fine arts. Course descriptions available at the department office before the beginning of the semester. Recommended for Humanities and Religious Studies majors and minors. 3 units.

ITAL 194. Field Experience/Internship. Directed fieldwork in a project which uses the language skills developed through previous study of Italian. The projects may include interpreting and translating for public and/or private agencies in Sacramento or other projects approved by the faculty supervisor. All work will be monitored by Sacramento State faculty. The student must submit written reports to his/her supervisor. Can be taken more than once for credit. **Prerequisite:** Intermediate competency in Italian and instructor permission. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

ITAL 195. Fieldwork - Tutoring. Tutoring of lower division Italian students, under the supervision of an instructor. Three hours of tutoring per week for each unit. **Note:** May be repeated until a maximum of 6 units is reached. **Prerequisite:** Student with native or near-native fluency in Italian and upper division status; or instructor permission. Graded Credit/No Credit. 1-3 units.

ITAL 196. Experimental Offerings in Italian. Experimental offerings will be scheduled as needed. 3 units.

ITAL 199. Special Problems. Individual projects or directed reading. **Note:** Departmental petition required. 1-3 units.