

Italian Studies Major Pathways

IMPORTANT: This information is provided as a planning tool and is not intended to substitute for meeting with your academic advisor. You should always review your intended course schedule with your academic advisor and regularly monitor your progress towards graduation in DegreeWorks.

The scheduling information provided in this document does not constitute a guarantee of when specific courses will be offered. Course offerings are always subject to change based on instructor availability and student need. For definitive information on what courses will be offered in a given semester, students should consult the online course schedule and/or consult with their academic advisor.

Finally, please remember that there are MANY different ways to complete these majors, including options that include study abroad. You should work with your major advisor to determine the best path forward for you.

Everyone is welcome in the Italian Studies Major! The major in Italian Studies consists of at least 40 credits starting with [ITAS 101 Basic Italian I](#) or above, and includes one 300-level class taught at Wheaton, and one course taught in Italian above ITAS 220. Students with previous study or knowledge of Italian will take a placement exam to determine their language level and course placement.

We encourage majors to spend their junior year abroad with an approved program, such as Middlebury in Florence and the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) in Rome.

Italian Studies majors will complete their major capstone experience in their senior year. The major capstone experience in Italian Studies will consist of advanced work in the field or in an interdisciplinary area of the field. Senior majors can take an upper level experimental ITAS 398 course, when offered; engage in original and independent research by requesting an [ITAS 399](#); or take an enhanced version of an upper level Italian course offered in their senior year. The learning outcome will generally consist of a long research paper in Italian in a literary or interdisciplinary area of student interest.

Other Opportunities:

[Study Abroad](#)

Compass Curriculum Highlights:

- ITAS 225 - Italian Popular Film Genres
- ITAS 235 - Women in Modern Italy
- ITAS 250 - Love and Marriage
- ITAS 260 - Italian Civilization

ITAS 305 - Infernos, Brothels and Courts

ITAS 310 - Fashion, Sex and the City

ITAS 315 - Food in Italian Imagination

ITAS 320 - Italian Cinema

ITAS 330 - Modern Italian Theatre

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Year	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Important Notes
First	ITAS 102 - Basic Italian I	ITAS 102 - Basic Italian I	There is generally 1 culture or film course per semester (e.g., 225, 235, 250, 260, 305, 310, 315, 320, 330).
	Available Italian Studies Courses in culture or film	Available Italian Studies Courses in culture or film	
Sophomore	ITAS 150 - Intermediate Italian	ITAS 200 - Advanced Intermediate Italian *	
	Available Italian Studies Courses in film or culture	Available Italian Studies Courses in film or culture	
Junior	ITAS 220 - Advanced Oral and Written Communication: Composition and Conversation	Study Abroad or Advanced Italian Studies Course in Italian (Itas 305, 315, 320)	Note that the specific language classes beyond 200 may vary. Our offerings depend on student needs and interests. But there is generally 1 advanced and 1 culture course per semester.
	Available Italian Studies Courses in film or culture	Available Italian Studies Courses in film or culture	
Senior	Advanced Italian Studies Course	Advanced Italian Studies Course as Major Capstone	