

Italian Studies

Modern and Classical Languages and Cultures



Minor | D'Amour College of Liberal Art and Sciences

The Italian Studies Program offers students the opportunity to develop advanced proficiency in the Italian language and to broaden their knowledge of the art, culture, history, literature and politics of Italy.



Opportunities abound for students of Italian at Assumption University, from study abroad at Assumption's Rome campus to a post-baccalaureate internship in northern Italy. By completing a minor in Italian, linguistically and culturally competent graduates of Italian distinguish themselves as open-minded, distinctive, educated job candidates with an edge in the general marketplace and in all areas of the humanities, international business and foreign affairs.

Program Overview

- Italy is among the top economies in the world, and knowledge of Italian is a benefit to those seeking employment with the thousands of American companies doing business with and in Italy.
- Italy boasts an extraordinary richness in the world of art, music, fashion, design, architecture, and food, and knowledge of Italian is greatly beneficial in career fields in which Italy is a world leader.
- Study of Italian opens the door to understanding Latin, which makes learning other romance languages easier and also improves our knowledge of English.
- Italian is, quite simply, as beautiful as the art, literature, and culture of Italy. You couldn't ask for a more complete package!

A graphic featuring a young woman, Kate Famiglietti, standing in front of a blue background with white handwritten text. The text includes her name "Kate", her age "21", and various interests and hobbies in Italian: "biologia", "difensore", "neuroscienze", "correre", "amo passare tempo con gli amici", "il caffè i tramonti", "adoro l'uncinetto", and "il mio sogno è diventare oculista". She is wearing a white t-shirt with the "ITALIAN STUDIES" logo and blue jeans.

Kate Famiglietti - Class of 2025



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Students may choose from three academic opportunities in Italian.

MINOR IN ITALIAN STUDIES
(6 courses)

MINOR IN ITALIAN LANGUAGE
(6 courses)

SPECIAL MAJOR IN ITALIAN STUDIES
(6 courses)

Double-counting in the Foundations Program: Students are able to satisfy several Foundations Program requirements while completing their program of study in Italian. Students are encouraged to work closely with Italian faculty in order to plan a course of study and identify courses that count in both areas.

Prerequisites and language placement: Many students of Italian begin at level I, and students who have studied Italian previously or those with prior knowledge of Italian are placed at the appropriate level.

Italian Course Offerings:

ITA 101 Italian I	ITA 204 Introduction to Italian Literature
ITA 102 Italian II	ITA 250 Italian Civilization and Culture
ITA 201 Italian III	ITA 299 Independent Study
ITA 202 Italian IV	ITA 295 Special Topics
ITA 203 Italian V	CLT 225 Dante's Comedy

COMING SOON: ITA 2XX Italian America

Internships

Assumption has a longstanding partnership with SITE (Study Intercultural Training Experience) Program, which is administered by the Gentileschi State Technical Institute in Milan. Recent Minors or Majors of Italian from Assumption University are eligible to apply for the internship that consists of assisting local teachers and gaining experience in teaching in the Lombardy region.

Combine your love of the Italian language and culture with a semester in Rome

Assumption's campus in Rome, Italy, immerses students in the history, art, and culture of one of the world's most celebrated cities. Staffed by Assumption University faculty, the program offers a study abroad experience that forever enriches your life – intellectually, culturally, socially, and professionally. You'll gain a deeper understanding of the world – and yourself – while pursuing a rich and rewarding academic curriculum focusing on everything from the Italian language, Art History, and Drawing to Philosophy, Theology, and Business.



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