

ITALIAN AND LINGUISTICS (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/italian/>)

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Program Description

Italian

New York University's Department of Italian Studies is the largest free-standing Italian department in North America, with faculty expertise that includes a range of historical periods and methodologies, spanning from medieval literature to neorealist cinema. Students can take courses in topics such as Renaissance epic, Futurism, literary translation, avant-garde literature, opera, Italian American culture, and Dante's *Divine Comedy*. Classes are conducted in both Italian and English.

We offer one-on-one faculty advising for students who choose to write honors theses and/or present their work at our annual undergraduate research symposium. Through our department, students have access to the bountiful event programming of the Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò, and have the opportunity for internships and scholarships. Majors and minors are encouraged to enrich their studies by spending at least one semester at NYU's breathtaking Florence campus.

Students of Italian studies gain cultural fluency and research experience that prepares them for graduate study and for careers in a range of fields.

Linguistics

Linguistics is the science of human language. It seeks to determine that which is necessary in human language, that which is possible, and that which is impossible. While linguists work to determine the unique qualities of individual languages, they are constantly searching for linguistic universals—properties whose explanatory power reaches across languages. The discipline of linguistics is organized around syntax (the principles by which sentences are organized), morphology (the principles by which words are constructed), semantics (the study of meaning), phonetics (the study of speech sounds), phonology (the sound patterns of language), historical linguistics (the ways in which languages change over time), sociolinguistics (the interaction of language with society), psycholinguistics, and neurolinguistics (the representation of language in the brain). Current research by faculty members extends across the field, including topics in the interaction of syntax and semantics, phonetics and phonology, languages in contact, pidgin and creole languages, urban sociolinguistics, and computer analogies of syntactic processes.

Joint Honors

Students interested in pursuing joint honors in Italian and Linguistics should consult with the Italian department as well as with the director of undergraduate studies in Linguistics, in or before the second semester of their junior year.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including

application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

The program requires the completion of 128 credits, comprised of the following:

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Major Requirements		
<i>Italian Courses</i>		
ITAL-UA 30	Advanced Review of Modern Italian	4
Select one of the following:		4
ITAL-UA 101	Conversations in Italian	
ITAL-UA 103		
ITAL-UA 104	Translingual Writing in Italian	
ITAL-UA 105		
ITAL-UA 107	Italian Through Cinema	
ITAL-UA 108		
ITAL-UA 110	Translation	
Select two advanced courses in Italian literature and/or Italian culture and society ²		8
<i>Linguistics Courses</i>		
LING-UA 1	Language	4
or LING-UA 3	Language and Mind	
LING-UA 11	Sound and Language	4
LING-UA 13	Grammatical Analysis	4
Select two courses from two different fields of linguistics:		8
<i>Historical Linguistics</i>		
LING-UA 14	Language Change	
<i>Sociolinguistics</i>		
LING-UA 15	Language & Society	
LING-UA 18	Bilingualism	
LING-UA 30	Language in Latin America	
LING-UA 38		
LING-UA 57	English Dialects	
<i>Phonology</i>		
LING-UA 12	Phonological Analysis	
<i>Semantics</i>		
LING-UA 4	Intro to Semantics	
<i>Computational Linguistics</i>		
LING-UA 6	Patterns in Language	
LING-UA 7		
<i>Psycholinguistics</i>		
LING-UA 5	Intro Psycholinguistics	

LING-UA 43	Neural Bases of Language	
LING-UA 54	Learning to Speak: First and Second Lang Acquisition of Sound	
LING-UA 59	First Language Acquisition <i>Structure of a Modern Language</i>	
LING-UA 10	Structure of The Russian Language	
LING-UA 42	Romance Syntax	
LING-UA 44	Field Methods	
LING-UA 9032	The Structure of French (in French)	
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		48
Total Credits		128

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

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To be determined in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
ITAL-UA 10	Intensive Elementary Italian ¹	6
LING-UA 1 or LING-UA 3	Language or Language and Mind	4
Texts and Ideas		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		18
2nd Semester/Term		
ITAL-UA 20	Intensive Intermediate Italian ¹	6
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Credits		18
3rd Semester/Term		
ITAL-UA 30	Advanced Review of Modern Italian	4
LING-UA 11	Sound and Language	4
Elective		4
Physical Science		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
ITAL-UA XXX	Advanced Language Course in Conversation or Composition ²	4
Life Science		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
ITAL-UA XXX	Advanced Literature OR Culture & Society Course 1 of 2	4
LING-UA 13	Grammatical Analysis	4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
ITAL-UA XXX	Advanced Literature OR Culture & Society Course 2 of 2	4
LING-UA XXX	Linguistics Elective 1 of 2 ³	4

Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
LING-UA XXX	Linguistics Elective 2 of 2 ³	4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
Credits		16
Total Credits		132

Note: Students may choose the "extensive" sequence of ITAL-UA 1, 2, 11, and 12 in lieu of the "intensive" sequence of ITAL-UA 10 and 20, and graduate with the minimum 128 credits.

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Prerequisite for entering major; does not apply toward major requirements.

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Chosen by advisement from a list of approved courses.

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Chosen by advisement from a list of approved courses. Each course must represent a distinct field of linguistics.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have:

1. Written and oral competence that will enable them to use Italian in communication with Italian speakers worldwide.
2. Knowledge of Italian trans-national history, culture, and literary traditions, with a focus on how Italian culture has spread globally.
3. The ability to study textual and cultural objects by acquiring skills in close reading and in analysis of both textual and audio-visual sources (including music and film).
4. An understanding of how to approach the study of human language scientifically.
5. The ability to analyze linguistic data in the subfields of phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics, and sociolinguistics.

Policies

Policies Applying to the Major

1. All courses for the major must be completed with a grade of C or better and cannot be taken on a Pass/Fail basis.
2. No more than two courses from CORE-UA and/or FYSEM-UA can count toward the major in Italian. They must be taught by Italian studies faculty members.
3. Internships do not count toward the Italian major.
4. Transfer students must complete at least five courses (20 credits) of the nine courses (36 credits) required for the Italian major while in residence at New York University.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).