

explore majors with OAAS!

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Major: Italian, BA

Italian offers an interdisciplinary and in-depth exploration of Italy in all its facets. You will gain knowledge in Italian language, history, culture, geography, politics, and economics.

What skills do students develop in this program?

As an expert in a European language and culture with global influence in areas like art and architecture, literature and philosophy, food and fashion, music, and economy you will develop indispensable transferable skills such as multilingualism, intercultural competence, a global mindset, creative and critical thinking, and research skills that will serve you well beyond graduation.

What kind of student is a good fit for Italian?

DePaul's Italian program offers a major with three flexible concentrations, Italian Studies, Italian Language and Literature, and Commercial Italian that offer something interesting for everyone. Students often begin the Italian major with no prior knowledge of the Italian language and, with curiosity, passion, and some discipline, they excel academically!

Are there any popular classes in the program that you would suggest or recommended classes for a student who is just starting to explore the major?

We offer fun and immersive language classes at all levels. Two widely popular classes in English are:

- ITA 260E Eat Italy: The History Culture and Politics of Italian Food (SCBI)
- ITA 262E Style Matters: Italian Fashion through Literature (A&L)

What are examples of internships and/or research opportunities that students in this major are currently working on or have access to as majors in this program?

Our intermediate and advanced students routinely intern for academic credit at the Italian Trade Agency, the commercial branch of the Italian Consulate in Chicago; they volunteer at the Italian language school SIEF (Scuola Italiana Enrico Fermi); and one to two graduating seniors a year are selected for the paid English Teaching Assistantship in middle and high schools in the region of Lombardy, Italy. We also routinely offer Global Learning Experiences that connect DePaul students

in Italian with students in English at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. As far as research goes, students in the Italian program submit their best research paper to be considered for publication in *Creating Knowledge*, the LAS journal of undergraduate scholarship and creative activity, and for national prizes like the GKA Honors Society essay contest.

What are students doing after graduation?

A degree in Italian offers a broad-based humanities education with crucial skills in reading, writing, critical thinking, and intercultural communication useful for any number of pursuits after college. Our majors have gone on to career paths in teaching, government, finance and business both in the US and abroad. Others have enrolled in prestigious graduate programs in literature, linguistics, translation, and law.

Other interesting facts about the Italian major?

Italian is often a student's double major or a minor because of its flexibility. Many of our students enroll in our term-long study abroad program at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan or any number of short-term programs in cities like Rome, Florence, and Assisi. But Chicago offers a dazzling array of resources—the Italian Cultural Institute, museums, galleries, film centers, restaurants, and cafés—that allow students to immerse themselves in Italian language and culture right here in the city!