

# UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS



## Modern Languages & Literatures: Italian

The university offers the study of four modern languages (French, German, Italian and Spanish) as well as a major in comparative literary traditions. Learning a second language provides not only a practical skill in communicating with others but also a viewpoint from which to observe the phenomenon of language itself. At the same time, it gives one access to the mental and psychological dimensions of cultural traditions and peoples other than one's own. Exploring how others express themselves yields insights into patterns of thinking and behaving. Now that communication worldwide has become almost instantaneous, the ability to understand these dimensions and patterns is more important than ever before. Basic requirements for a major in modern languages include 30 credits in upper-division courses in the department and successful completion of the comprehensive examination in your senior year. Seniors may be invited to undertake a senior thesis. Below is a tentative four-year plan based on what a typical student might take for a B.A. in modern languages.

### The Italian Program

Italian language is not only a means of communication; it also expresses the soul of a people: its roots, its history and its culture. In the modern world where globalization tends to homogenize different cultures, it is vital to keep alive, through the study of Italian language, a culture that has played a prominent role in Western civilization. Italy's cultural heritage originates in antiquity and encompasses the Roman Empire, the Middle Ages, Humanism, and the Renaissance and permeates the most relevant cultural movements through modern times. A substantial amount of artistic patrimony from Giotto to Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael has contributed to the advancement of artistic expression throughout the world. Italian literary tradition has produced exquisite masterpieces, from Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio and Machiavelli to Foscolo, Leopardi, Manzoni and D'Annunzio, that have inspired other European writers.

### Modern Languages Four-Year Plan:

#### Freshman Year

Art, Drama, Music, or Math	3	Economics	3
English 1301	3	English 1302	3
History 1311	3	History 1312	3
Language 2311	3	Language 2312	3
Philosophy 1301	3	Theology 1310	3
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Junior Year

Major Language	6	Major Language	6
Philosophy 3311	3	Economics	3
Science	3	Science	3
Elective	3	Elective (or required course)	3
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Sophomore Year (Actual schedule depends on when you go to Rome.)

English 2311 and 2321	6
History 2301 and 2302	6
Philosophy 2323	3
Theology 2311	3
Politics 1311	3
Art, Drama, Music, Math	3
Major Language	3
<b>Total Sophomore Year Credits</b>	<b>30</b>

#### Senior Year

Major Language	6	Major Language	3
Philosophy Elective	3	Senior Thesis (or required course)	3
Electives	6	Electives	9
<b>Fall Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Spring Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

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Italy is also the world center of the Catholic Church; the Papal Basilica of St. Peter and the spectacular Vatican Museum preserve the spiritual tradition and artistic treasures of the Western world. Some of the most beautiful cities in the world, such as Rome, Venice and Florence, attract millions of visitors each year for their charm and lively urban life. Italy has a prominent world economy; several of the largest global corporations have their headquarters on Italian land. Architecture, interior design, fashion, graphic design and aerospace engineering are several areas in which Italy specializes.

Studying Italian provides an excellent background for careers in law, architecture, public relations, art administration, web design, journalism and politics. The Italian program at the University of Dallas is particularly important for students who choose to spend a semester of their sophomore year in Rome. The charming location and unique educational opportunities offered on the UD Rome campus attract gifted students from throughout the United States and enrich them with one of the most memorable experiences of their formative years.

## Concentrations

A concentration in French, German, Italian or Spanish consists of four courses (12 credits) in a single language/literature at the advanced level (3000 or above). If you wish to concentrate in a language, you should consult with the coordinator no later than your junior year and declare the concentration in the Registrar's Office.

## International Management

Because students with working proficiency in a modern language have a distinct advantage in multinational companies, the MBA concentration in global business is a popular graduate school choice for the foreign language major or other students who have unusual language facility. See the Satish & Yasmin Gupta College of Business section of the bulletin for more information on the MBA.

### Action Items for Modern Language Majors:

- Join campus clubs and organizations that support your interests, like the **Italian Club**. Explore what various organizations have to offer and what skills you can offer in return.
- **Explore electives beyond your Italian coursework.** Electives from other departments, such as business, art or philosophy, could benefit your career.

- **Make the most of your time in Rome.** Work with your academic adviser and the Rome Office to look for opportunities that can deepen your experience of the Italian language and culture.
- Work with your academic adviser and the Office of Personal Career Development to explore **internships, research and volunteer opportunities** that will complement your study of Italian. Because UD students develop particularly good textual analysis skills and a sharp eye for detail, many organizations are interested in recruiting them.

## Applying your interests, skills and values in changing world

### A few examples of the types of experiential learning in which modern languages students engage include:

Bilingual Operations Intern, Dallas Goethe Center
Summer Assistant to General Director and CEO, The Dallas Opera
Bilingual Marketing Intern, Irving Chamber of Commerce

### Below are a few of the professional destinations of recent modern languages major graduates:

Part-time Translator, Dallas Contemporary
Property Administrator, Lincoln Properties
Assistant, Bell Publishing
Spanish Teacher, Decatur High School
Risk Management Coordinator, Enhanced Senior Customer Assistance Representative, Enterprise Holdings
Associate Activities Director, Ashford Hall

### Below are examples of institutions where recent modern languages graduates pursued graduate-level degrees:

University of Dallas
University of Texas School of Pharmacy