

# ITALIAN, BA

## REQUIREMENTS

### UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students must complete both the following Core General Education (Core GenEd) and University Degree and Quality of Work requirements. The requirements below apply to students whose first term at UW-Madison or whose earliest post-high school college attendance at any institution is Summer 2026 or later.

Students whose first term at UW-Madison or whose earliest post-high school college attendance at any institution occurred before Summer 2026 should refer to the archived Guide (<https://guide.wisc.edu/archive/>) for the requirements that apply to them.

### CORE GENERAL EDUCATION (CORE GENED) REQUIREMENTS

**Civics & Perspectives** 3 credits of Civics & Perspectives coursework.

**Communication & Literacy** 6 credits of Communication & Literacy coursework. This requirement may be partially satisfied by a qualifying placement test score. More information: <https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingenglishplacement> (<https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingenglishplacement/>)

**Humanities & Arts** 6 credits of Humanities & Arts coursework.

**Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning** 6 credits of Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning coursework. This requirement may be partially satisfied by a qualifying placement test score. More information: <https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingmathplacement> (<https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingmathplacement/>)

**Natural Science & Wellness** Complete both:

- 6 credits of Natural Science & Wellness or Natural Science & Wellness + Laboratory coursework.
- one course must be in Natural Science & Wellness + Laboratory coursework.

**Social & Behavioral Science** 3 credits of Social & Behavioral Science coursework.

**Total Credits** 30 credits.

For more information see the policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1095/>).

### UNIVERSITY DEGREE AND QUALITY OF WORK REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate degree recipients must complete the following minimum requirements. Requirements for some programs will exceed these requirements; see program requirements for additional information.

**Total Degree** 120 degree credits.

**Residency** Complete 30 credits in residence. A course is considered "in residence" if it is taken when in undergraduate degree-seeking status and:

- is offered by UW-Madison and completed on the UW-Madison campus or at an approved off-site location, or
- is offered by UW-Madison in an online or distance format, or is completed during participation in a UW-Madison study abroad/study away program.

**Quality of Work** Achieve at least the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, and/or academic program.

**Math** Demonstrate minimal mathematics competence by:

- placing above MATH 96, or
- successfully completing MATH 96, or
- successfully completing a more advanced mathematics course such as MATH 112, MATH 113, MATH 114, MATH 141, MATH 211, or MATH 221.

**English Language** If required to take the UW-Madison English as a Second Language Assessment Test (MSN-ESLAT), demonstrate minimal English language competence by:

- earning credit for ESL 118, or
- achieving a qualifying MSN-ESLAT placement test score.

**Language** Complete one:

- 2 high school units of a single language other than English, or
- one course with the second semester Language designation.

**Major Declaration** Declare and complete the requirements for at least one major.

## COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. Some courses satisfy more than one L&S degree requirement (visit College of Letters & Science: Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#requirementstext>) for details).

This major can be paired with either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Communication** Complete both:

- Part A: one course with the Communication A designation or eligible UW Placement Score; and
- Part B: one course with the Communication B designation

Quantitative Reasoning	Complete both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part A: one course with the Quantitative Reasoning A designation or eligible UW Placement Score; and</li> <li>Part B: one course with the Quantitative Reasoning B designation</li> </ul>
Ethnic Studies	one 3+ credit course with the Ethnic Studies designation
Language	Complete either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the fourth unit of one language other than English; or</li> <li>the third unit of one language other than English and the second unit of an additional language.</li> </ul>
L&S Breadth: Humanities	Complete 12 credits with the Humanities or Literature designation, which must include at least 6 credits with the Literature designation.
L&S Breadth: Social Sciences	Complete 12 credits with the Social Science designation.
L&S Breadth: Natural Sciences	Complete 12 credits with the Natural Science, Biological Science, or Physical Science designations, which must include both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one 3+ credit course with the Biological Science designation, and</li> <li>one 3+ credit course with the Physical Science designation.</li> </ul>
Liberal Arts and Science (LAS) Coursework	at least 108 credits
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	at least 60 credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	at least 120 credits
UW-Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30 credits in residence, overall; and</li> <li>30 credits in residence after the 86th credit</li> </ul>
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.000 in all coursework at UW-Madison</li> <li>2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW-Madison</li> </ul>

## NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their School/College to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

Students pursuing an Italian major must complete **24 credits beyond** ITALIAN 204 or ITALIAN 205. Only one Literature in Translation (LITTRANS) course can count towards the Italian major.<sup>1</sup>

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses (complete three)</b>		<b>9</b>
ITALIAN 230	Modern Italian Culture	
ITALIAN 311	Advanced Italian Language	
ITALIAN 312	Writing Workshop	
ITALIAN 321	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture I	
ITALIAN 322	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture II	
<b>Elective Courses</b>		<b>15</b>
ITALIAN 150	Race, Ethnicity, and the Italian Americans	
ITALIAN 210	Study Abroad: Italian Studies in the Humanities I	
ITALIAN 230	Modern Italian Culture	
ITALIAN 310	Study Abroad: Italian Studies in the Humanities II	
ITALIAN 311	Advanced Italian Language	
ITALIAN 312	Writing Workshop	
ITALIAN 321	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture I	
ITALIAN 322	Studies in Italian Literature and Culture II	
ITALIAN 340	Structures of Italian	
ITALIAN/ILS 350	Rome: Lust for Glory	
ITALIAN/ILS/LITTRANS/POLI SCI 365	Machiavelli and His World	
ITALIAN 400	Italian American Cinema and TV	
ITALIAN 420	Study Abroad Topics in Italian	
ITALIAN/FRENCH/PORTUG/SPANISH 429	Introduction to the Romance Languages	
ITALIAN/MEDIEVAL/RELIG ST 440	Poverty, Ecology and the Arts: St. Francis of Assisi	
ITALIAN 450	Special Topics in Italian Literature	
ITALIAN 452	Special Topics in Italian Studies: Culture, Film, Language	
ITALIAN/COM ARTS 460	Italian Film	
ITALIAN 621	The 18th Century	
ITALIAN 622	The 18th Century	
ITALIAN 623	Italian Theatre	
ITALIAN 631	Features in Italian Literature	
ITALIAN 632	Features in Italian Literature	
ITALIAN 636	The Italian Novel	
ITALIAN/MEDIEVAL 659	Dante's Divina Commedia	
ITALIAN/MEDIEVAL 671	The 13th Century	
ITALIAN 681	Senior Honors Thesis	
ITALIAN 682	Senior Honors Thesis	
ITALIAN 691	Senior Thesis	

ITALIAN 692	Senior Thesis
ITALIAN 698	Directed Study
ITALIAN 699	Directed Study
LITTRANS 200	Food Cultures in Italian Literature <sup>1</sup>
	or LITTRANS 21: Love and Sex in Italian Comedy
	or LITTRANS 24 National Identity in the Global World: The Italian Case
	or LITTRANS/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 253 Of Demons and Angels. Dante's Divine Comedy
	or LITTRANS 25 In Translation: Lit of Modern Italy-Existentialism, Fascism, Resistance
	or LITTRANS/ MEDIEVAL 255 Black Death and Medieval Life Through Boccaccio's Decameron
	or LITTRANS 26 Italy and the Invention of America: from Columbus to World War II
	or LITTRANS 41 In Translation: Special Topics in Italian Literature

**Total Credits** **24**

## RESIDENCY AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 15 credits in ITALIAN taken on campus at UW–Madison.
- 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major, in residence (ITALIAN 300 and higher are considered upper-level in the major).
- 2.000 GPA in all ITALIAN and major courses.

## HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Italian undergraduate advisor.

### HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all ITALIAN courses and courses counting toward the major
- Complete at least 15 credits, taken for Honors, beyond ITALIAN 204 or ITALIAN 205, earning individual grades of B or better in each course. Of these 15 credits, 6 must come from completing a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in ITALIAN 681 and ITALIAN 682.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Only one Literature in Translation course can count towards the Italian major.

<sup>2</sup> Students may be allowed to substitute two semesters of literature course work numbered above 600 for the Senior Honors Thesis. Please consult the undergraduate advisor.