We are all pilgrims in search of Italy.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

The ITALIAN Program at Chapman University offers a range of instruction, from language to interdisciplinary cultural courses, and numerous opportunities to experience Italy while on campus and abroad. The Italian Studies program offers a tremendous experience that empowers learners to choose the direction of their own education within the degree itself. The framework for a major or minor is in place with several choices available every semester. Students of Italian receive a relevant liberal arts education that will develop their general knowledge, imagination, and communication skills and serve them in the future regardless of their professional pursuits. Italian is one of Europe’s major languages and because it is not taught in many US schools, students will find themselves in demand when they graduate.
Individual

Full-time faculty, who are fluent in Italian, have firsthand experience with different regions of Italy, are internationally renowned scholars, and provide excellent mentorship and advising to Italian minors and majors. From day one, faculty guide students in deepening their own specific academic interests in Italy, whether they are oriented toward the arts, culture, or business. The Italian Studies program boasts a wide network of contacts with local Italian and Italian-American associations and companies as well as with educational and professional opportunities in Italy. Students meet with their faculty mentors before studying abroad to compare programs and establish course equivalencies prior to departure. Faculty also assist students with graduate and professional school applications and employment opportunities by writing significant letters of recommendation.

International

The Italian Studies program prepares students to become effective participants within Italian communities in the United States and abroad. To learn the necessary sociocultural skills to be able to communicate effectively with Italian speakers, Italian minors and majors experience Italy firsthand through travel classes and study abroad programs, choosing from a vast array of options. Students complete an entire semester at partner study abroad programs such as the Umbra Institute in Perugia, Temple University in Rome, International Studies Abroad in Florence, or the exchange program Università Cattolica in Milan. In addition, students travel to Italy with Chapman faculty in one of the many travel classes set in cities such as Florence, Bologna, Rome, and Taormina.

▼ Students enrolled in the course The History and Culture of Food in Italy pose after a cooking class with community members and friends of the program.

▼ Students practice Italian outside of class during the monthly social gathering La Serata.
Interdisciplinary & Integrated Studies

Italian Studies faculty collaborate with the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, the College of Performing Arts, the Argyros School of Business, and the Honors Program to offer a range of curricular opportunities. The interdisciplinary nature of the Italian Studies curriculum—intersecting language, literature, film, art, music, theater, and culture—allows students to develop a broad humanistic base that is coherently articulated within the focus on Italy. The kind of cultural entrepreneurship fostered by the program opens students to creative applications of the humanities and the arts. Thanks to the many artistic events and scholarly presentations on campus, supported by the Musco Endowed Chair in Italian, Italian Studies at Chapman is an especially relevant and rich experience. The program is also the seat of the Italian Studies Council, which helps students to bridge their studies with the Italian community locally and abroad.

▼ Students of Italian attend an international symposium titled Business & Culture: An Italian Perspective, which brings Italian and Italian-American companies on campus.

▼ Students and community attend a performance on Italian Commedia dell’Arte.

▼ Students and faculty conversing in Italian while having lunch together on campus.
Italian Studies Minor Curriculum:

Students are required to take 21 credits or 7 classes listed below: 15 credits or 5 classes must be upper division.

Core Requirements (21 Credits)

- ITAL 201 Intermediate Italian I
- ITAL 202 Intermediate Italian II
- ITAL 301 Conversation and Composition: Regional Culture and Tradition
- ITAL 311 A Region of Fantasy: Journey through Emilia-Romagna, Italy
- ITAL 340 The History and Culture of Food in Italy
- ITAL 342 Advanced Italian: Grammar and Stylistics
- ITAL 345 Conversation and Composition: Introduction to Contemporary Society
- ITAL 347 Business Italian: Professional Language and Culture
- ITAL 349 The Forms of Italian Theatre: History and Practice
- ITAL 352 The Fantastic in Italian Literature
- ITAL 353 The Short Narrative in Italian Culture: Oral Tradition, Literature, and Cinema
- ITAL 375 Masterpieces of Italian Literature
- ITAL 385 From Page to Screen: Literature & Film in Italy
- ITAL 387 Italian American Cinema
- ITAL 341 Italian Cinema: Politics, Art, and Industry

Including electives such as:

- HON 371 The World of Fellini’s Cinema
- HON 373 The Puppet Metaphor Across Media
- HON 321 The New Mathematics of the Italian Renaissance
- MUS 301 Music History and Literature I
- HIST 306 The Middle Ages
- HIST 308 Early Modern Europe
- HIST 346 Historical Rome
- ART 354 Art, Politics and Murder: 15th and 16th Century Florence and the Medici
- ART 355 Art and the Senses: Visual Culture of the Most Serene Republic of Venice
- ART 356 Princely Art: Renaissance Court Art and Culture of Italy
- ART 357 Rethinking Renaissance Visual Culture: Florence, Rome and Venice
- ART 365 Popes and Princes: Art and Culture in Papal Rome
- ART 379 Rome: The Development of the City
- ART 386 Monarchy, Republic, Empire: Etruscan and Roman Art
- IES 444 Aesthetics and Learning: Florence, Italy
- FTV 361 Structure of an International Film Festival, Bologna, Italy

Self-designed major in Italian Studies.

By working closely with the Italian faculty, students have the option of designing their majors with a focus on Italy. Requirements include 27+ credits or 9 classes.

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