

Department of Romance Languages and Literatures Guidelines for Italian Majors

A minimum of 27 units (double-majors: 24 units) above the 200 level, of which 18 must be taken in residence. (Study at Washington University's program in Castelraimondo and Boston University's program in Padua is considered "in residence.") **Of these 27 units three may be taken outside of Italian (L36) with the approval of the major advisor.** Students must complete courses with a grade of B- or above and maintain a B average or better in Italian. Courses taken Credit/No Credit do not count toward the Italian major.

Prior to declaring a major, students are required to fill out a questionnaire about their previous preparation and objectives in studying the language. As seniors, they may fill out an optional survey about the major.

The following courses must be included in these 27 units:

1. Italian 307D and 308D (6 units): Grammar and Composition I and II. **Students are strongly encouraged to take Italian 307D before Italian 308D and 323C-324C-327.** Sequence offered every year.
2. **Two** of the following three courses (6 units): Italian 323C (Italian Literature I: Literature of the Middle Ages and Renaissance); Italian 324C (Italian Literature II: Literature of the Enlightenment through the Twenty-first Century); Italian 327 (History of the Italian Language). These courses require previous or concurrent registration in Italian 307D-308D. **Concurrent registration in 300-level survey courses and the 400-level literature courses will be allowed with permission of the instructor.** Two of these three courses taught every year.
3. Two courses in literature at the 400 level (6 units). **Please note:** Courses in Italian at the 400 level meet the Writing Intensive requirement. Only courses taken in residence at Washington University's campus fulfill the WI requirement.
4. Capstone is required of single majors and double-majors for whom Italian is the first major. (See guidelines for fulfilling Capstone requirements.)

Italian majors interested in Latin honors must also enroll in the following courses (see Departmental Guidelines for more information about Latin honors):

1. Italian 4951 (Senior Honors, fall of the senior year).
2. Italian 495 (Senior Honors, spring of the senior year).

Recommended for prospective teachers:

1. A second language.
2. A semester or year of study in Italy.

Recommended for prospective graduate students:

1. A second language related to the student's area of interest.
2. Advanced work in other literatures, literary criticism and theory, and related coursework in interdisciplinary programs.
3. A year of study in Italy.
4. Senior (Latin) honors. (See Honors guidelines.)