

Italian

Degree Requirements

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Master of Arts

The master's degree program in Italian studies requires that the candidate have a bachelor's degree with a major in Italian or demonstrate equivalent knowledge. A Master of Arts (MA) degree in Italian studies may be awarded on the way to the PhD provided that the student fulfills the requirements described below.

The MA requires 36 semester hours of coursework, which may include one three-hour upper-division undergraduate course approved by the graduate advisor. Students must take at least 24 semester hours of graduate coursework in Italian literature, cinema, and culture offered by the Italian graduate faculty of the Department of French and Italian and six to nine graduate-level semester hours in a supporting subject or subjects in another program, department, or college. Italian studies students must take C L 380F, French 381M, or another graduate course on critical or literary theory approved by the graduate advisor. Students must also demonstrate reading competence in one foreign language other than Italian by earning a grade of at least *B* in a reading course approved by the graduate advisor, in a second-year college language course, or on an examination approved by the graduate advisor.

Doctor of Philosophy

Although the doctoral degree is not awarded on the basis of a specific number of courses or semester hours of credit, doctoral students complete an additional six courses (or eighteen semester hours) beyond the MA degree. With the approval of the graduate advisor, one of these courses may be an undergraduate course that satisfies the requirement for proficiency in a foreign language other than Italian.

In the final year of coursework, graduate students will compose, under the supervision of their faculty advisor, a specialized reading list that, along with two Italian studies department lists, as well as their coursework, will be the basis of their comprehensive examination. In consultation with the faculty advisor, the student assembles an examination committee. The committee administers a comprehensive examination based on coursework, specialized area of interest, and reading lists. One of the graduate faculty members conducting the examination may come from outside the program. Candidates must pass the comprehensive examination before beginning work on the dissertation.

After the comprehensive examination, students will present a written dissertation prospectus to their supervising committee, comprised of faculty members serving on the future dissertation committee, before applying for candidacy. Once in candidacy, students will write a dissertation that is expected to make a substantial contribution to existing scholarship in the field. The dissertation must have an oral defense, which the dissertation committee is responsible for approving.

Graduate Studies Committee

The following faculty members served on the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) in the spring 2024 semester.

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