

ITALIAN, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Italian, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	24
Requirements for the Major	51

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
IT 301	Advancing Italian in Context	3
IT 412	Theory and Practice of Translation	3
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
IT 310	Advancing Conversation	3
or IT 320	Global Italy: An Introduction to Italian Culture	
Select 15 credits from the following:		15
IT 130	Italian Culture and Civilization	
or IT 131	Introduction to Italian American Culture	
or IT 225N	Organized Crime in Film and Society	
or IT 240Q	Artistic Patronage in Europe	
IT 310	Advancing Conversation	
IT 320	Global Italy: An Introduction to Italian Culture	
IT 325	Italy's Inspiration for Your Life	
IT 330W	Greatest Books of Italian Literature	
IT 399	Foreign Study-Italian	
IT 415	Dante	
or IT 490	Dante in Translation	
IT 422	Topics in the Italian Renaissance	
IT 430	Italian Children's Literature	
IT 450	Nineteenth-Century Italian Literature	

IT 460	Twentieth-Century Italian Literature
IT 470	Ghosts and Otherworldly Visions in Italy c. 1300-1600
IT 475	Modern Italian Literature and Cinema
IT 480	Italian Women Writers
IT 485	Italian American Cultural Studies
IT 497	Special Topics
Other course in consultation with major adviser	

Supporting Courses and Related Areas

Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better

Select a minimum of 6 credits in a Penn State or Penn State approved education abroad program in Italy or an equivalent experience approved after consultation with an adviser. (IT 99, IT 199, IT 299, IT 399)	6
Select 21 credits (at least 6 credits at the 400-level) in consultation with the adviser in any related area of study such as social services, Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management, Linguistics, Sociology, Economics or any other professional area in which competency in Italian is desirable.	21

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

Integrative Studies

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

Exploration

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.