

Italian

**ITALIAN – ITAL**

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**Possible career opportunities**

The study of Italian can open up opportunities in communications, foreign trade and banking, transportation, government, the Foreign Service, tourism, library services, teaching, professional translating, journalism, and all levels of education, including university teaching. Most foreign language careers require more than two years of study.

**Associate in arts degree  
Italian**

Students completing the program will be able to...

- A. communicate verbally in the target language with accurate pronunciation in meaningful situations present in both informal and formal contexts.
- B. effectively apply rules of grammar and syntax in tandem with appropriate vocabulary in written and oral communication.
- C. demonstrate auditory comprehension of instruction, authentic content, and purposeful conversations in the target language.
- D. discuss, describe, and infer information from authentic texts in the target language.
- E. demonstrate cultural appreciation by making (comparative) connections, on both an individual and societal level, between the target cultures and students' own cultures.
- F. create (write or present) narratives and/or arguments that demonstrate cohesive critical thinking in the target language.

The associate in arts degree in Italian at DVC will provide students with skills in understanding, speaking, reading and writing Italian. It also gives students a greater understanding of Italian culture and civilization and will prepare them for a broad range of international and domestic career opportunities and professions. The degree will also provide students the opportunity to transfer to UC, CSU and other four-year colleges and universities to earn a bachelor's degree.

The DVC Italian major is intended for transfer. Students who intend to transfer must consult with a program advisor or counselor to ensure that the requirements for transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions of their choice are met. Students who intend to transfer are advised to select General Education Option 2 (IGETC) or Option 3 (CSU GE). Option 1 (DVC General Education) is appropriate for those students who do not intend to transfer. Students may not take a pass/no pass option for major courses and each of the major requirements must be completed with a "C" grade or higher. Certain courses may satisfy both major and general education requirements; however, the units are counted only once.

To earn an associate degree in Italian, students must complete 20 units from the list of major requirements, which will provide students with the essential grammar of the language, culture and basic literature of Italy. Students with no previous knowledge of Italian when entering DVC will take the first four courses in the list for a total of 20 units. If students enter the program with previous knowledge of Italian, they may start at the second term level and take fifth and sixth terms to achieve a total of 21 units.

<i>complete at least 20 units from:</i>		<i>units</i>
ITAL-120	First Term Italian.....	5
ITAL-121	Second Term Italian .....	5
ITAL-220	Third Term Italian.....	5
ITAL-221	Fourth Term Italian .....	5
ITAL-230	Fifth Term Italian.....	3
ITAL-231	Sixth Term Italian.....	3
<b>total minimum units for the major</b>		<b>20</b>

**Certificate of achievement  
Italian**

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This certificate of achievement was created to give students the opportunity to show potential employers in this country and in other countries that the student has completed a certain number of courses in Italian and prepares students with an intermediate to advanced knowledge of Italian and familiarizes them with the culture of Italy.

This certificate of achievement provides students, prospective employers and others with documented evidence of persistence and academic accomplishment in the language. The certificate requires completion of at least 13 units from the following list of courses. Students may not take a credit/no credit option for required courses and each course must be completed with a "C" grade or higher.

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ITAL-121 Second Term Italian.....	5
ITAL-220 Third Term Italian.....	5
ITAL-221 Fourth Term Italian.....	5
ITAL-230 Fifth Term Italian.....	3
ITAL-231 Sixth Term Italian.....	3
<b>total minimum required units</b>	<b>13</b>

**ITAL-120 First Term Italian**

- 5 units SC
- *IGETC: 6A*
  - *90 hours lecture per term*
  - *Note: This course is equivalent to two years of high school study.*

This courses provides an introduction to the Italian language and the culture of Italian-speaking countries. Topics include the four language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Emphasis is placed on active use of the language in class as well as basic communicative functions and structures. CSU, UC

**ITAL-121 Second Term Italian**

- 5 units SC
- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
  - *90 hours lecture per term*
  - *Prerequisite: ITAL-120 or two years of high school study or equivalent*
  - *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the second course in a sequence of Italian courses. The course continues skill building in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing of the Italian language. The expansion of vocabulary and more advanced communicative functions and structures, as well as a deeper examination of the cultures of Italian-speaking countries are emphasized. CSU, UC

**ITAL-150 Topics in Italian**

- .3-4 units SC
- *Variable hours*

A supplemental course in Italian to provide a study of current concepts and problems in Italian and related subdivisions. Specific topics will be announced in the schedule of classes. CSU

**ITAL-220 Third Term Italian**

- 5 units SC
- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
  - *90 hours lecture per term*
  - *Prerequisite: ITAL-121 or three years of high school study or equivalent*
  - *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the third term Italian course in the sequence that develops intermediate fluency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Italian. All verbal tenses are reviewed, expanded, and refined. Advanced grammar concepts, new vocabulary, and idiomatic expressions are introduced. Selected readings about the culture and literature of Italy will be explored. This course is taught mainly in Italian. CSU, UC

**ITAL-221 Fourth Term Italian**

- 5 units SC
- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
  - *90 hours lecture per term*
  - *Prerequisite: ITAL-220 or four years of high school study or equivalent*
  - *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the fourth term Italian course in the sequence that develops high-intermediate fluency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing Italian. The grammatical moods are reviewed and developed; the sequences of tenses are introduced. Additional vocabulary and idiomatic expressions are introduced and connected to the selected readings. These readings about Italian culture and literature will be analyzed. This course is taught mainly in Italian. CSU, UC

**ITAL-230 Fifth Term Italian**

- 3 units SC
- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
  - *54 hours lecture per term*
  - *Prerequisite: ITAL-221 or equivalent*
  - *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the fifth term advanced Italian course emphasizing reading, writing (prioritizing the mechanics of academic writing), listening, and speaking skills. The rich Italian heritage is explored through a wide range of materials including short stories, articles, poems, films, and documentaries. This course is taught entirely in Italian. CSU, UC

**ITAL-231 Sixth Term Italian**

3 units SC

- *IGETC: 3B, 6A; CSU GE: C2; DVC GE: III*
- *54 hours lecture per term*
- *Prerequisite: ITAL-230 or equivalent*
- *Note: Students may meet equivalency in a variety of ways. Students should seek assistance at Admissions and Records.*

This is the sixth term advanced Italian language course strengthening reading, writing (prioritizing the mechanics of academic writing), listening, and speaking skills. Deepening the exploration of the rich Italian heritage through a wide range of materials including novels, articles, poems, films, documentaries, and dramas. This course is taught entirely in Italian. CSU, UC

**ITAL-299 Student Instructional Assistant**

.5-3 units SC

- *Variable hours*
- *Note: Applications must be approved through the Instruction Office. Students must be supervised by a DVC instructor.*

Students work as instructional assistants, lab assistants and research assistants in this department. The instructional assistants function as group discussion leaders, meet and assist students with problems and projects, or help instructors by setting up laboratory or demonstration apparatus. Students may not assist in course sections in which they are currently enrolled. CSU