ITALIAN STUDIES MAJOR

Learning Goals and Objectives

After completing the major in Italian Studies, students will be able to:

**Goal 1:** Communicate effectively in both spoken and written Italian

**Objective 1.1:** Successfully manage in spoken Italian a variety of uncomplicated communicative tasks in straightforward social and academic situations

**Objective 1.2:** Write compositions and summaries related to work and/or school experiences; narrating and describing in different time frames when writing about everyday events and situations.

**Goal 2:** Demonstrate knowledge of the grammatical structure of modern Italian

**Objective 2.1:** Narrate and describe in spoken Italian with general clarity of grammatical structures

**Objective 2.2:** Compose written texts in Italian with general clarity of grammatical structures

**Goal 3:** Develop modes of analysis and ways of critical and interpretive thinking that may be applied to a variety of career paths

**Objective 3.1:** Interpret the main ideas, relevant facts and details of authentic Italian language texts that are narrative and/or descriptive and that employ standard linguistic conventions for written expression.

**Objective 3.2:** Pursue research, gather data, do analysis and report results by using Italian as a tool of investigation and as a means of communication

**Goal 4:** Demonstrate familiarity with theoretical frameworks that help to integrate the study of Italy and Italian culture into research in other fields.

**Objective 4.1:** Demonstrate knowledge of a selection of Italian texts and cultural artifacts (specific to their chosen area of concentration from classical times to the present) and the historical contexts in which they were created

**Goal 5:** Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary Italian culture and current events

**Objective 5.1:** Understand and explain significant cultural phenomena of the Italian-speaking world, including the value of Italian as a world language

**Objective 5.2:** Respect diversity and difference both in the context of their own culture and globally

**Goal 6:** Respect diversity and difference both in the context of their own culture and globally

**Objective 6.1:** Accurately describe with moderate detail—simply in Italian and with a more sophisticated expression in English—some aspect of the cultures (perspectives, products, and/or practices) of the Italian-speaking world.

**Objective 6.2:** Compare and contrast—simply in Italian and with a more sophisticated expression and greater level of detail, in English—similarities and differences between American cultures and those of the Italian speaking world.

*The traditional undergraduate programs include 40 courses distributed across three components: A General Education component divided into* Signature Courses, Variable Courses, and an Integrative Learning requirement; a Major and Divisional component; and Free Electives. In addition to course requirements as specified in each area, students must complete one certified course in each of the following overlay areas:

1. **Diversity, Globalization or Non-western Area Studies,**
2. **Ethics Intensive,** and
3. **Writing Intensive. Overlay requirements are part of the forty-course requirement.**

**General Education Signature Courses**

See this page about Signature courses (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#signature). Six courses

**General Education Variable Courses**

See this page about Variable courses (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#variable). Six to Nine courses

**General Education Overlays**

See this page about Overlays (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#overlay).

**General Education Integrative Learning Component**

See this page about Integrative Learning Component (https://academiccatalog.sju.edu/curricula/#integrative-learning). Three courses:

**GEP Electives**

A varying number of courses, typically nine to twelve.

**Major Concentration**

The requirements for the Italian Studies major are 10 courses, of which 6 must be ITA courses starting at the 100 level or higher (conducted entirely in Italian). The remaining 4 courses may be conducted in English, and are interdisciplinary courses spanning a variety of disciplines, including Art, English, History, Music, Linguistics, Philosophy and Classics, including the following:

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(This list is illustrative, not exhaustive; for more information, please consult the faculty in Italian.)

**Study Abroad Courses**

For study at SJU in Rome and Florence, Italy, see Study Abroad.