

# Italian Studies

The graduate program offers in-depth training in the field of Italian Studies, leading to the PhD degree. The program begins with a strong foundation in the critical analysis and historical understanding of Italian literature and encourages exploration of a wide range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas. These include (but are not limited to) film studies; comparative literature; literary, rhetorical, and cultural theory; gender studies; history; anthropology; history of art and music; architecture; classics; political science; medieval and early modern studies; and Romance languages and literature.

The Department of Italian Studies offers an integrated MA/PhD program, in which the MA constitutes the first phase in a trajectory leading to the PhD. **Applications are not accepted for the MA degree alone.** Students holding a master's degree or the equivalent in Italian Studies and related fields from other institutions may be admitted directly to the second phase of the program.

## Admission to the University

### Applying for Graduate Admission

Thank you for considering UC Berkeley for graduate study! UC Berkeley offers more than 120 graduate programs representing the breadth and depth of interdisciplinary scholarship. A complete list of graduate academic departments, degrees offered, and application deadlines can be found on the Graduate Division website (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/programs/list/>).

Prospective students must submit an online application to be considered for admission, in addition to any supplemental materials specific to the program for which they are applying. The online application can be found on the Graduate Division website (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/>).

## Admission Requirements

The minimum graduate admission requirements are:

1. A bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution;
2. A satisfactory scholastic average, usually a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (B) on a 4.0 scale; and
3. Enough undergraduate training to do graduate work in your chosen field.

For a list of requirements to complete your graduate application, please see the Graduate Division's Admissions Requirements page (<https://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/steps-to-apply/requirements/>). It is also important to check with the program or department of interest, as they may have additional requirements specific to their program of study and degree. Department contact information can be found here (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/>).

## Where to apply?

Visit the Berkeley Graduate Division application page (<http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply/>).

## Admission to the Program

We select our graduate students on the basis of their record of academic achievement in the past, and their promise of future success in scholarship and teaching. A bachelor's degree in Italian is preferred but not absolutely required for admission; however, applicants with degrees in other fields must have already undertaken significant coursework in Italian studies.

We accept applications from students holding a bachelor's degree from Berkeley or elsewhere, and from those who hold a master's degree or Italian Laurea. Applicants from Italy should also be aware of the significant differences between the PhD degree and the dottorato di ricerca.

## Normative Time Requirements

### Total Normative Time

Total normative time is six years.

## Curriculum

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Select three ITALIAN graduate courses from the following historical periods:

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## Italian Studies

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## ITALIAN C201 Linguistic History of the Romance Language 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2021, Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Linguistic development of the major Romance languages (French, Italian, and Spanish) from the common Latin origin. Comparative perspective, combining historical grammar and external history.

Linguistic History of the Romance Language: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Knowledge of at least two of the major Romance languages (French, Italian, and Spanish)

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Formerly known as:** Romance Philology 200

**Also listed as:** FRENCH C202/SPANISH C202

Linguistic History of the Romance Language: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN C203 Comparative Studies in Romance Literatures and Cultures 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2016

Topics will vary. Comparative studies in literary, cultural, or historical issues that cut across the literatures of the Romance languages.

Comparative Studies in Romance Literatures and Cultures: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructors:** Navarrete, Hampton, Botterill

**Also listed as:** FRENCH C203/SPANISH C203

Comparative Studies in Romance Literatures and Cultures: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 204 Contemporary Trends in Critical Theory 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2013

This course is designed to provide the student with a general view of the major developments in contemporary criticism and an opportunity to apply critical methods to literary texts. One oral report and a final paper.

Contemporary Trends in Critical Theory: Read More [+]

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1 hour of discussion per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Contemporary Trends in Critical Theory: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 205 Proseminar I: Italian Literary Studies 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2017

This course introduces the study of Italian literature in its historical scope, while presenting the range of research interests represented on the Italian Studies faculty. Required of all Master of Arts candidates.

Proseminar I: Italian Literary Studies: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units do not write a final paper and may enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Proseminar I: Italian Literary Studies: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 212 Seminar on Dante 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Studies in the and other works.

Seminar on Dante: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units do not write a final paper and may enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructors:** Ascoli, Botterill

**Formerly known as:** 209

Seminar on Dante: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 215 Seminar in Renaissance Literature and Culture 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023

Investigation of major topics, genres, and authors in Italian literature and culture of the 15th and 16th centuries.

Seminar in Renaissance Literature and Culture: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units do not write a final paper and may enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructors:** Ascoli, Moses

**Formerly known as:** 217

Seminar in Renaissance Literature and Culture: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 230 Seminar in 19th Century Literature and Culture 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2014

Investigation of major topics, genres, and figures in Italian literature and culture of the 19th century.

Seminar in 19th Century Literature and Culture: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units do not write a final paper and may enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructor:** Spackman

**Formerly known as:** 221

Seminar in 19th Century Literature and Culture: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 235 Seminar in 20th Century Literature and Culture 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

Investigation of major topics, genres, and authors in Italian literature and culture of the 20th century.

Seminar in 20th Century Literature and Culture: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units do not write a final paper and may enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Instructors:** Spackman, Fuller

**Formerly known as:** 223

Seminar in 20th Century Literature and Culture: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 244 Special Topics in Genre and Mode 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Spring 2023

Investigation of significant genres and modes of writing as they recur in the course of Italian cultural history.

Special Topics in Genre and Mode: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis and do not write a final paper.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Special Topics in Genre and Mode: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 248 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Italian Studies 2 or 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Investigation of topics in Italian cultural history from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Italian Studies: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Students taking this course for 2 units enroll in the course on a <satisfactory/unsatisfactory> basis and do not write a final paper.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Italian Studies: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 260 Directed Readings in Italian Literature and Culture 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Directed readings undertaken under the direction of a faculty member of the department of Italian Studies in conjunction with an audit of a 100-series seminar.

Directed Readings in Italian Literature and Culture: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1 hour of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Readings in Italian Literature and Culture: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 270 Seminar Research Course 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Directed research leading to the writing of a term paper under the direction of an Italian Studies department faculty member. Requires concurrent enrollment in a 100-series seminar.

Seminar Research Course: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Seminar Research Course: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 282 Prospectus Tutorial 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Directed reading course leading to the production of a formal dissertation prospectus with detailed bibliography. Course is required for all Doctor of Philosophy candidates.

Prospectus Tutorial: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Prospectus Tutorial: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 290A Graduate Colloquium in Italian Studies 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022

Reports on current scholarly work by faculty and graduate students.

Graduate Colloquium in Italian Studies: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing in Italian studies

**Credit Restrictions:** M.A. or Ph.D. students who elect to repeat the sequence must do so on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of colloquium per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

**Formerly known as:** 290

Graduate Colloquium in Italian Studies: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 290B Graduate Colloquium in Italian Studies 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

Reports on current scholarly work by faculty and graduate students.

Graduate Colloquium in Italian Studies: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Graduate standing in Italian studies

**Credit Restrictions:** M.A. or Ph.D. students who elect to repeat the sequence must do so on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of colloquium per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

**Formerly known as:** 290

Graduate Colloquium in Italian Studies: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 298 Special Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Designed to allow students to do research in areas not covered by other courses. Requires regular discussions with the instructor and a final written report.

Special Study: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of the instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

### Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1.5-5.5 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Special Study: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 299 Directed Research 6 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Limited to students engaged in research for the doctoral dissertation.

Directed Research: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Summer:

3 weeks - 27-60 hours of independent study per week

6 weeks - 15-30 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 10-99 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 8-18 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Research: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN N299 Directed Research 1 - 6 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2024 10 Week Session, Summer 2023 10 Week Session, Summer 2022 10 Week Session

Limited to students engaged in research for the doctoral dissertation.

Directed Research: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

### Summer:

6 weeks - 0.5-8 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 0.5-6 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 0.5-4.5 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Research: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 302 Practicum in College Teaching of Italian 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Practicum in College Teaching of Italian: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 301. Concurrent service as Italian graduate student instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2-4 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Practicum in College Teaching of Italian: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 303 Practicum in the Teaching of Italian Literature, History, and Culture 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Three hours of classroom teaching per week with regular faculty supervision; attendance at faculty lectures where appropriate; routine meetings to discuss and evaluate teaching methods, including lecturing, discussion, classroom activities, grading and testing, design of syllabi and course materials.

Practicum in the Teaching of Italian Literature, History, and Culture: Read More [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Required of Italian Studies Department GSIs not enrolled in 302 or 355 or in an approved Reading and Composition pedagogy course

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Practicum in the Teaching of Italian Literature, History, and Culture: Read Less [-]

## ITALIAN 375 Seminar in Language Pedagogy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Required of all graduate student instructors in their first semester of teaching. This course provides instruction on the theory and practice of foreign language teaching and learning with lectures on methodology, testing, grading, class preparation, textbook selection and evaluation, course design and development, and the use of audio-visual and computer aids to instruction. A final research paper is required. It also includes supervised classroom practice.

Seminar in Language Pedagogy: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Graduate student instructor status

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

**Grading:** Letter grade.

Seminar in Language Pedagogy: [Read Less](#) [-]

## ITALIAN 601 Individual Studies for M.A. Candidates 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Individual study in consultation with faculty member with a view to the M.A. comprehensive examination. May be taken only in the semester of the comprehensive examination.

Individual Studies for M.A. Candidates: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with advisor consent.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate examination preparation

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Studies for M.A. Candidates: [Read Less](#) [-]

## ITALIAN 602 Individual Studies for Doctoral Students 1 - 8 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Individual study in consultation with a faculty adviser. Intended to provide an opportunity for qualified students to prepare for the Ph.D. qualifying examination. May be taken only in the semester of the qualifying examination.

Individual Studies for Doctoral Students: [Read More](#) [+]

### Rules & Requirements

**Credit Restrictions:** Course does not satisfy unit or residence requirements for doctoral degree.

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with advisor consent.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Italian Studies/Graduate examination preparation

**Grading:** Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Individual Studies for Doctoral Students: [Read Less](#) [-]