MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we’ve pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started. As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience should occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using My Program Plan found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans.

Programs of Study (POST)
- Specialist Program ERSP2524 Italian (Arts)
- Major Program ERMA2524 Italian (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN2524 Italian (Arts)

Check out...
Mafia Movies ITA309HS! This course explores the representation of the Mafia, and the myths surrounding it. Want a little drama in your life? Take ITA315Y5 to study Italian dramas (comedy, tragedy, opera).

What can I do with my degree?
The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre to explore your career options.

Careers for Graduates: Interpreter; Translator; Terminologist; Court interpreter; Bilingual customer service specialist; Import/export coordinator; Communications specialist; Technical writer; ESL teacher; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer.

Workplaces: Government; Airlines, airports; Communications and broadcasting companies; Language schools, international schools; Translation and interpretation firms; Cultural organizations.

ITALIAN (HBA)
Department of Language Studies

The Italian program is designed to provide a comprehensive study of the many facets of Italy, a country whose culture continues to be a significant force in the shaping of Western civilization. Literature and cinema courses are organized around major figures, movements or genres, as well as Italian life and civilization. Language is studied from all points of view -- practical, stylistic, philological and historical -- at all levels of instruction.
# ITALIAN MAJOR Program Plan

## HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you. Visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

## PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*

### 1ST YEAR

- Enrol in courses ITA100Y5.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Office of Student Transition. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

### 2ND YEAR

- Enrol in course ITA200Y5. Over the course of your degree, attain 1.0 additional credits each of the following: Italian Cinema; Italian Literature; Italian Culture, Communication, and Experiential Education and/or Italian Language Teaching. View the Academic Calendar for details.

## BUILD SKILLS

### USE THE CO-CURRICULAR RECORD (CCR)

- Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

### BUILD A NETWORK

- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS). Follow them on Facebook @utmlSAS.
- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC) to explore different cultures through food, music, and sport or through sight-seeing around the GTA.
- Go to the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor about these opportunities.

### BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET

- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options.
- Travel through Rome, Bologna and Florence to discover the regional diversity of Italian food and the factors that have shaped Italian culinary traditions. Enrol in the UTM Abroad Course ITA225HS. Speak to the IEC for details.
- Prefer traveling in Canada? Check out the IEC’s Study in Florence Program. Experience being a student in Florence while obtaining up to 3.0 credits through the Study in Florence Program. Prefer a Summer Abroad in Sienna? Speak to the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor about these opportunities.

## PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE

### HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

- Enrol in ITA230Y5. Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.
  - see the Office of the Registrar and the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor.

### 3RD YEAR

- Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.
- Work on-campus through the Work-Study program. View position descriptions on the CLN.
- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).
- Attend Italian program events offered by the Department of Language Studies. Past events included Italian opera nights, an Italian Play and food industry tours.
- What's your next step after undergrad?
- Experience being a student in Florence while obtaining up to 3.0 credits through the Study in Florence Program. Prefer a Summer Abroad in Sienna? Speak to the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor about these opportunities.

### 4TH OR FINAL YEAR

- Enrol in courses ITA420Y5 and ITA437Y5. Interested in Italian theatre and gaining hands-on experience in producing a play? Enrol in ITA431Y5. Log on to ACORN and request graduation.
- Consider a practical work-based experience (in Canada or in Italy) through the internship course ITA420Y5. Speak to the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor for application information.
- Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Society for Italian Studies or the Association of Italian Canadian Writers.
- Go to the International Conference on Second Language Pedagogies.
- Why not work abroad? Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoinGlobal. Attend the Go Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.
- Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?
- Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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Visit [www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans) for the online version and links.
Skills developed in Italian

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills.

Communication: proficiency in reading, writing, and oral expression in other languages; write carefully reasoned reports and essays; and translate and interpret.

Critical thinking: understand historical language change; actively listen and question; formulate and defend positions; and formulate criteria, evaluations and make decisions.

Interpersonal: understanding other cultures and integrating cultural and ethnic diversity in human interactions.

Research: read materials accurately and analytically; understand, organize and integrate information; carry out tasks with thoroughness and precision; and creativity and flexibility in thinking.

Get involved

Check out student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- AccessAbility Resource Centre (AARC)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- Experiential Education Office (EEO)
- Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- International Education Centre (IEC)
- Office of Student Transition (OST)
- Office of the Registrar (OR)
- Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)
- Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)
- UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select the Humanities admissions category but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Curious about contemporary Italian Cinema? Take ITA246H5 to study various works from several directors like Nanni Moretti, Giuseppe Tornatore and Bernardo Bertolucci. Have an eye for fashion? Explore the history of fashion in Italian theatre and literature, its presence in movies and television, and the impact it has had on the fashion industry, in Italy and abroad in ITA103H5.

Our students have access to a fully equipped computer/language laboratory and to its own in-house Italian software and video library. Our department has organized Italian weeks in collaboration with a very active student club, hosted the Ontario Italian High School Contest on numerous occasions, and held regular film nights, concerts and lecture series.

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