

# ITALIAN (HBA)

## Department of Language Studies

**Italian Studies programs** at U of T Mississauga are designed to provide a comprehensive study of the many facets of Italy - its language, history, and culture. Experiential learning is a cornerstone of Italian Studies - embedded within each course as a way to harness real-world experiences around the area of study. In addition, language is studied from all points of view -- practical, pedagogical, historical -- at all levels of instruction, and major figures, movements, genres frame the programs' courses in cinema, culture, literature, and theatre.

## 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, although there are many more! 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](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans)

### Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE2524 Italian (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ2524 Italian (Arts)
- Minor Program ERMIN2524 Italian (Arts)

### Check out...

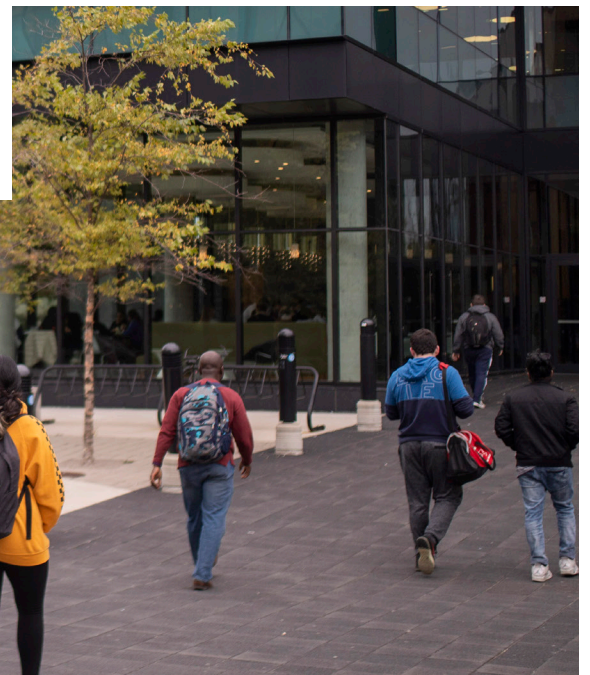
Are you a foodie, interested in knowing how some of your favourite dishes came to be? Check out ITA235H5 Cucina Italiana: Italian History and Culture Through Food. Are you a movie buff? Mafia Movies ITA309H5 explores the cinematic representation of the mafia, and the myths surrounding it. Want a little 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, Travel and Tourism; Teacher; Journalist; International Business Affairs.

**Workplaces:** Education (public/private elementary, high schools); Government and Notary Services; Communications and Broadcasting Companies (print and online media); Financial Sector (banking); Airlines/Airports; Healthcare; Senior living.



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## 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.

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	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in course ITA100Y5.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in course ITA200Y5. Over the course of your degree, attain 1.0 additional credits each of the following: Italian Cinema; Italian Culture; Literature and any of the Italian course categories. View the <b>Academic Calendar</b> for details.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Hired Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Participate in original research! Apply for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses ITA299Y5 and ITA399Y5. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC’s <b>Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)</b> to enhance your research skills.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS)</b> and the <b>Italian Student Association (UTM ISA)</b>. Follow them on IG @lsas.utm and @utmisa.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b>.</p>	<p>Do you have a professor you would like to connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don't be shy! Learn <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the <b>Canada Eh?</b> day trips or <b>English Language Conversation Circles</b> to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of <b>THRIVE-IN</b>, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in <b>International Education Week</b> and engage in programs like <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship. Learn about and prepare for a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b>: travel with a UTM faculty member and a group of peers to locations like Rome and Florence.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Start by exploring the <b>UTM Career Centre Model</b>—a chance to reflect and choose what’s right for you with guided support. Access <b>MyCareerCentre</b> 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace.</p> <p>Connect with support in-person:</p> <p>Drop-in to an <b>Academic &amp; Career Planning Session</b> to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the <b>Student Services Hub</b> to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.</p>	<p>Explore your options with the CC’s <b>Job Shadow Program, In the Field</b>, or a one-on-one with a <b>Career Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Attend the <b>Graduate &amp; Professional School Fair</b>, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.</p> <p>Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>

3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Enrol in ITA350H5. During your degree, taking one of : ITA351H5 or ITA352H5 or ITA450H5.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li><li>see the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Language Studies Academic Advisor</b>.</li></ul>	<p>Enrol in courses ITA420H5, ITA421H5, ITA437H5, ITA451H5. Interested in Italian theatre and gaining hands-on experience in producing a play? Enrol in ITA315Y5/ITA415Y.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
<p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b>. View position descriptions on the CLNx.</p>	<p>Enrol in ITA388H5 or ITA400Y5, Italian Studies Internship, to gain practical work experience within the community, in a field of your choice. Speak to the <b>Language Studies Academic Advisor</b> for application information.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Attend <b>Italian program events</b> offered by the Department of Language Studies. Past events included Italian opera nights, an Italian Play and food industry tours.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Society for Italian Studies</b> or the <b>Association of Italian Canadian Writers</b>.</p> <p>Go to the <b>International Conference on Second Language Pedagogies</b>.</p>
<p>Expanding your intercultural awareness and developing intercultural skills will help you in your academics, personal growth and are highly sought out by employers.</p> <p><b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Outbound Exchange</b>, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE-OUT</b> to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an <b>Employment Strategist</b> for personalized guidance.</p> <p>Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on <b>MyCareerCentre</b> and drop-in to chat with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> about grad school prep tips.</p> <p>Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let’s Talk About events — Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>	<p>Join the <b>Now That I’m Graduating, What’s Next?</b> session to start building your job search plan. Attend the <b>Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference</b> and discover diverse career pathways.</p> <p>Work with the <b>Employment Strategist</b> team to review your resume and prep for interviews.</p> <p>Still figuring things out? Meet with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> to create a career plan and attend a <b>Career Wellness</b> session to support your well-being along the way.</p>

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



## 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 the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

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

For a listing of clubs on campus visit the **Student Groups and Societies Directory**

## Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **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](http://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

Did you know that Italy has received the most Oscars for Best International Film at the Academy Awards? Learn about which films have won, been nominated, or snubbed in ITA242H5 Classics of Italian Cinema. 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 ITA233H5.

Our students have access to study abroad opportunities and full courses in Bologna, Florence, Rome, and Sorrento. Italian Studies at UTM host concerts, lecture series and film nights.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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