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. Cinema, culture, and literature courses are organized around major movements, genres, and figures. Language is studied from all points of view — practical, stylistic, philological and historical — at all levels of instruction.

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

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; Terminologist; Court interpreter; Bilingual customer service specialist; Import/export coordinator; Communications specialist; Technical writer; Language teacher; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer, Travel and Tourism.

Workplaces: Government; Airlines, airports; Communications and broadcasting companies; Language schools, international schools; Translation and interpretation firms; Cultural organizations, Elementary and High Schools.
**1ST YEAR**

Enroll in course ITA100Y5.
Choose a program of study (Subject POSt) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.

- Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a Academic Coaching Program. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Join a RGASC Peer Facilitated Study Group.

- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.

- Attend the Get Hired Fair through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

- Attend the Experiential Education Fair.

**2ND YEAR**

Enroll 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 Academic Calendar for details.

- Participate in original research! Apply for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses ITA299Y5 and ITA399Y5. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites. Attend the RGASC’s Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.E.) to enhance your research skills.

- Do you have a professor you really like or connect with? Ask them a question during office hours. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Don’t be shy! Learn Tips On How to Approach a Professor available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).

- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC). Visit the IEC Library Reference Desk.

**3RD YEAR**

Enroll in ITA350Y5. During your degree, taking one of: ITA351H5 or ITA352H5 or ITA450H5.

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.

- Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) 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 CLNx.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

Enroll in courses ITA420H5, ITA421H5, ITA432Y5. Interested in Italian theatre and gaining hands-on experience in producing a play? Enroll in ITA413Y5.

- Log on to ACORN and request graduation.

- Consider enrolling in ITA400YS. Italian Studies Internship, to gain practical work experience within the community, in a field of your choice. Speak to the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor for application information.

- 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.

- Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer, term or year at one of 140+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety.

- Learn about working abroad. Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through GoinGlobal. Attend the Global Expo. See if you are eligible for International Experience Canada.

- Learn about further UTMSU Abroad Experience through the IEC. This includes: travel with a UTMSU faculty member and a group of peers to locations like Rome and Florence to expand your learning outside the classroom by immersing yourself in local food culture and connecting with local community members.

- Explore careers through the CC Boarding Program.

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**PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS**

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

**BUILD SKILLS**

- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the Language Studies Academic Society (LSAS). Follow them on Facebook @utm.SAS. Go to the LSAS Meet and Greet.

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**BUILD A NETWORK**

- Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through Language Conversation Circles, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.

- Learn about a future UTMSU Abroad Experience through the IEC. This includes: travel with a UTMSU faculty member and a group of peers to locations like Rome and Florence to expand your learning outside the classroom by immersing yourself in local food culture and connecting with local community members.

**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.

**PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE**

- Explore careers through the CC Boarding Program.

- Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

- What’s your next step after undergrad?


- 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.

- Ready to transition from the classroom to the workplace? Check out the Recent Graduate Opportunities Program (RGOP).

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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 www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

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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)
- Indigenous Centre (IC)
- 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)

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

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 Florence, Siena, Rome, Bologna. Italian Studies at UTM regularly hosts concerts, lecture series, and film nights.

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