# **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.

# 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...

Mafia Movies ITA309H5! 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; Language teacher; Foreign service officer; Immigration officer.

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





## **HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN**

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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 to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

	1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	Enrol in course ITA100Y5.  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.  Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utm0NE</b> course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b> . Join a RGASC <b>Peer Facilitated Study Group</b> .	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 <b>Academic Calendar</b> for details.
BUILD SKILLS	Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b> . Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.  Attend the <b>Get Experience Fair</b> through the Career Centre (CC) to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.  Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b> .	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 (P.A.R.T.)</b> to enhance your research skills.
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.  Go to the LSAS Meet and Greet.  Check out the Italian Club of Erindale (ICE). Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk.	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 <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b> available through the Experiential Education Unit (EEU).
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	Attend events held by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Explore your culture and other cultures through weekly/regular conversations, Language Conversation Circles, debates, and activities to enhance your global and intercultural mindset.	Learn about a future <b>UTM Abroad Experience</b> through the IEC. This includes: travel with a UTM 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.
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.  Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options.	Explore careers through the CC's <b>Job Shadowing Program</b> .  Considering <b>further education</b> ? Attend the CC's <b>Further Education Showcase</b> . Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and references.

3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>th</sup> or final year
<ul> <li>Enrol in ITA350Y5.</li> <li>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</li> <li>use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li> <li>see the Office of the Registrar and the Language Studies Undergraduate Counsellor.</li> </ul>	Enrol in courses ITA420Y5 and ITA437Y5. Interested in Italian theatre and gaining hands-on experience in producing a play? Enrol in ITA413Y5.  Log on to ACORN and request graduation.
Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities.  Work on-campus through the <b>Work-Study program</b> . View position descriptions on the CLNx.	Consider enrolling in ITA400Y5Y, 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 <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.	Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Society for Italian Studies</b> or the <b>Association of Italian Canadian Writers</b> .  Go to the International Conference on Second Language Pedagogies.
<b>Earn credits overseas!</b> Apply to study for a summer, term or year at one of 140+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about <b>Course Based Exchange,</b> funding and travel safety.	Learn about working abroad. Read up on worldwide employment trends and industry outlooks through <b>GoinGlobal</b> . Attend the <b>Go Global Expo</b> . See if you are eligible for <b>International Experience Canada</b> .
What's your next step after undergrad?  Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.  Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).	Market your skills to employers. Get your <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b> Write a strong application for further education. Attend the CC's <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</b>



#### 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.

## Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- 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)

### **Get involved**

Check out the 100+ 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**.

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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.

# Student Recruitment & Admissions

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