



Faculty of Arts

Italian Studies at Melbourne

Why Italian Studies?

CONNECT WITH ITALIAN CULTURE THROUGH THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE

There's no doubt that learning Italian will exercise your mind, enhance your appreciation of European cultures, and enrich your experience when you travel to Italy – but as Australia has one of the largest populations of Italian speakers outside Italy, studying Italian can also be a great way to connect with your communities here in Australia.

You'll take a placement test to make sure you're in the right class for your level, whether you're a beginner or have studied Italian before – but you won't just be learning the language, you'll be engaging critically with many aspects of Italian culture, society and history. There are opportunities for you to study in Italy, both through exchange and study abroad programs and through in-country subjects – and there are scholarships you can apply for to help you get there. There are even opportunities for you to do work integrated learning in Italian to help foster your future career prospects.

WHERE CAN AN ITALIAN STUDIES MAJOR TAKE YOU?

Having studied another language in depth for three years, you'll have strongly developed analytical, critical thinking and communication skills, and in our multicultural society your abilities in transcultural communication will give you a competitive edge. Competency in Italian will broaden your career prospects in fields such as international relations, teaching, allied health fields, diplomacy, community development, translation and interpretation, communications and government.

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"As a physiotherapist in the public health sector, you need to communicate with patients and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with empathy and sensitivity. I use my Italian daily to communicate with Italian-speaking patients in their own language. This helps to develop rapport to ensure optimal care."

Sarah Retica, former Italian Studies student