

Careers for Italian Majors/Diploma of Languages in Italian

There are many career fields which relate to studies in Italian. In choosing your career path, it is important to reflect on the skills you have learned through your major, the ones you prefer using and the careers which are most strongly related.

Skills, knowledge and abilities acquired in the Italian major

- *Skills to communicate effectively in Italian in various social and professional contexts,*
- *Italian literacy - a sound understanding of cultural and social practices in Italy, Switzerland and the Italian-speaking world in general,*
- *Ability to constructively and respectfully engage in intercultural dialogue as a bicultural and bilingual person and as a global citizen*

Career fields which build on the skills and knowledge acquired through an Italian major

Italian opens up the world to you in surprising ways. Italy has one of the world's largest economies, with a strong export component. But its greatest impact is in language, culture, history, art, design, food, fashion and innovation. Italian language gives you access to all this and more. If you're thinking of selling to or working in Italy you need Italian. If you are considering a teaching career, Italian is in demand. Italian also provides you with a pathway into French, Portuguese and Spanish and the careers and pathways each of these presents.

The table below lists a range of careers which draw on studies in Italian. The list is not definitive; language skills can complement almost any occupational field and create specific opportunities.

The table also provides some information about 'next steps' ie what you might need to do to start a career in the particular field, specifically whether the career field can be entered directly following Bachelor studies, or whether graduate study is required.

There are two employment types for post-Bachelor graduates:

- General employment positions suitable for new graduates
- Graduate Employment Programs

Graduate Employment Programs are offered by some employers – generally large commercial organisations and government. Graduate Employment Program positions are jobs that include a substantial component of training and development. Recruitment for these programs takes place early in the year (around March-May). Final year tertiary students and recent graduates can apply. For some of the career areas discussed, Graduate Employment programs are available. Where this is the case, graduate study may not be required.

For more information on Graduate Employment Programs:

http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/find_a_job/professional_and_graduate_work

Language as ‘core business’ – specialist language occupations

Career options generally fall into two categories – those where language is the core activity, and those where language skill is paired with another skill.

| Role | Employers | Next Steps |
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| Translating | Business/multinational companies Media Freelance Government NGO/NPO | MA in Translation Training in programs provided by private institutions |
| Interpreting | Business/multinational Companies Media Freelance Government NGO/NPO | MA in Translation Training in programs provided by private institutions |
| Teaching Italian | Private institutions Primary/Secondary schools | No specific requirements, though qualifications assist eg Graduate Diploma in Italian as a Second/Foreign Language Master of Teaching |
| Teaching Italian Studies | Higher Education | PhD in Italian |

Careers which make use of language in conjunction with another skill

Note that language skill can be used to complement almost any other skill to suggest career possibilities. Below are some examples only.

| Role | Companion studies | Employers | Next Steps |
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| Diplomacy/international relations | Politics and International studies/European Studies | Government Intergovernmental bodies NGO/NPO Business/multinational companies | Graduate Employment Programs (mainly Australian Government) OR Graduate Studies - International Relations |
| Academia/research | Any field | University Research Centres | Honours Masters by research PhD |
| Engineers and Scientists | Any field | Companies | |

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| Musicians / Singers | Especially classical music | Opera companies/orchestras | Graduate studies - Music |
| Librarian – Italian collection librarian | Arts Italian Studies | Libraries | Graduate Diploma/Masters (Information Management/Library Studies) |
| International business, in-country business, import-export in Australia | Business Marketing Commerce Economics | Commercial businesses (e.g. fashion, food, manufacturing, agriculture) Trading companies | Graduate employment OR Graduate Studies- International Business |
| Translation software, language engineering | IT/Computer Science Linguistics | Software companies IT Venture business | Degree in Computational Linguistics or Computer Science |
| Tourism – in Australia, in the Italian-speaking world | Arts Commerce | Tourism operators Hotel Restaurants Transport (eg. Airline industry) | Graduate employment OR Graduate Studies eg Business, Tourism Management |
| TESOL | English Education | Teaching in Italy or Switzerland private colleges Teaching in Italy or Switzerland Universities Teaching in Australia Universities, Colleges and language schools | Some may require CELTA MA in TESOL Master of Education in TESOL (generally required but some private colleges may not require) |
| Cultural exchange and institutions (project and program management roles) | Arts | Cultural exchange associations, industry groups, museums and cultural centres | Graduate study in various areas may be appropriate eg Marketing, Arts Management and Curatorship |
| Policy and Public sector Administration | Law Political Science | Consulate and embassy Government Consultant | Graduate Employment Programs (mainly Australian Government) OR Graduate Studies – Public Policy, EMA, |

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| | | | Law |
| Defence and National Security | | Defence force | Defence Academy |

Where can I find out more?

Further information on career areas:

http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/online_career_tools/exploring_your_options (Career Exploration - Career Links by Degree – Arts)

Other discussions on careers with Italian:

European Commission Languages Homepage http://ec.europa.eu/languages/index_en.htm
 Network Linguistic Policy for the Labour Market <http://www.lilama.org/documents>

Graduate study at University of Melbourne:

<http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/graduate>
<http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/>
<http://government.unimelb.edu.au/>

Careers in language teaching:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/careers/teaching/pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1>

Studying in Italy:

Many Honours and Research Higher Degree Students spend time in Italy and the Italian-speaking world.

Italian government Scholarships for foreign and I.R.E. students http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/BorseStudio_stranieri.htm

Information about studying in Italy from the Ministry of Education, University and Research - MUIR <http://www.study-in-italy.it/index.html>

Working in Italy/Switzerland:

Getting to know

Italy http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Benvenuti_in_Italia/Conoscere_Italia/

Job opportunities information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Sportello_Info/DomandeFrequenti/OpportunitaLavoro/default.htm?LANG=EN

Work and Study Opportunities for Foreigners in Italy

<http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/>

Working in Switzerland as a foreign national. Official webpage of the Swiss Authorities

Online <https://www.ch.ch/en/work-switzerland-foreign-national>

Internships:

Internship in Italy <http://www.europe-internship.com/find-intern-placement-italy/>

Europe Internship is a free internship website and covers Italy and Switzerland <http://www.europe-internship.com>

Organisations in Australia:

School of Languages and Linguistics <http://languages-linguistics.unimelb.edu.au/>

NAATI National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters http://www.naati.com.au/home_page.html

Italian Cultural Institute of Melbourne http://www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/IIC_Melbourne

Co.As.It (Organisation for Italians and Australians of Italian descent) <http://www.coasit.com.au/>

ACIS (Australasian Centre for Italian Studies) <http://acis.org.au/>

VATI (Victorian Association of Teachers of Italian) <http://www.vati.vic.edu.au/newsite/>

Italian Chamber of Commerce and industry Melbourne
<http://www.italchambermelb.com.au/>

Consulate General of Italy in Melbourne http://www.consmelbourne.esteri.it/Consolato_Melbourne

Italian Embassy in Australia http://www.ambcanberra.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Canberra

Swiss Embassy <http://www.eda.admin.ch/australia>

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade useful links

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/italy/>

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/switzerland/>