

Italian

Learning Goals

1. To possess advanced linguistic proficiency in Italian in speaking, comprehension, reading, and writing.
2. To write a research project in Italian senior year and show the ability to analyze critically literary texts, art works, and social issues in Italian, by using the appropriate vocabulary.

About the major

Our programs offer students the opportunity to achieve high competence in written and spoken Italian, in understanding Italian literature and culture, and in applying this knowledge to the study of other disciplines.

The other integral components of Italian at Middlebury are the Italian School (summer on the Mills College campus in California), and the C.V. Starr-Middlebury College School in Italy—junior year or semester—where students can take courses in our magnificent Sede in Florence (in the Renaissance Palazzo Giugni), as well as at the University of Florence, or can direct-enroll in our new programs at the University of Ferrara or the University of Rome (for students who prefer immersion into the Italian university system). These rich programs encourage students to deepen and broaden their study of Italian literature, cinema, history, art history, political science, and other selected disciplines.

“One of the biggest takeaways from Middlebury was understanding the value and potential of a broad liberal arts approach to exploring subject material and problem solving.”

—Willa Kammerer '07
President, Firestarter Interactive

Reasons you might choose this major

- You are interested learning about the culture and language of one of Europe's largest economies.
- You want to further your knowledge of the language of some of the world's greatest thinkers, artists, writers, and scientists.
- You want to explore the birthplace of Roman and Renaissance cultures.
- You want to speak one of the world's most beautiful, musical languages.
- You have a passion for film, art, food, fashion, opera, or any number of other topics that will lead to a lifetime of investigation and learning.
- You are passionate about development, politics, or European and international affairs.



Translating Learning into Professional Competencies

Throughout your time at Middlebury, you will develop and enhance the following core professional competencies, skills, and dispositions highly valued by employers that will prepare you for leadership and success in any given field:

Critical Thinking: Exercise sound reasoning to analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems.

Oral/Written Communications: Articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral forms.

Teamwork/Collaboration: Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and customers from diverse backgrounds.

Leadership: Leverage the strengths of others to achieve common goals, and use interpersonal skills to coach and develop others.

Professionalism/Work Ethic: Demonstrate personal accountability and effective work habits.

Global/Intercultural Fluency: Value, respect, and learn from diverse cultures, races, ages, genders, sexual orientations, and religions.

Digital Technology: Leverage existing digital technologies ethically and efficiently to solve problems, complete tasks, and accomplish goals.

Career Management: Identify and articulate one's skills, strengths, knowledge, and experiences relevant to career goals, and identify areas necessary for professional development.

Where Italian majors go

Applying your learning through internships . . .

Students pursue internships and research in a variety of fields, enabling them to apply their liberal arts learning in real-world settings. Internships, research, and self-directed projects enrich your academic experience and help prepare you for life after Middlebury. Students have interned or done research at the following:

Independent Project/Bare Life: the displaced subject in Italian Cinema

Casa Emmaus

MiRó Comunicazione

Caritas: Casa San Michele

Istituto per lo Studio e la Prevenzione Oncologica

World Teach

Thinking Beyond Borders

U.S. Department of Education

Inter-American Development Bank

Istituto Storico della Resistenza in Toscana

Hearst Corporation

Fattoria San Michele a Torri

City Hall of New York City

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

Si Parla, Si Canta Opera

The Smithsonian Institution

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs

Council on Hemispheric Affairs

Penguin Group U.S.

. . . leading to meaningful, dynamic, and engaging career paths.

See just some of the many interesting ways our graduates have applied their liberal arts learning to engage the world. If you want to see what other Middlebury alumni are doing now, log into Midd2Midd and search by major. **go/midd2midd**

Iacocca Family Foundation, *President*

World Monuments Fund, *Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer*

HR Smart Solutions, *President and CEO*

International Trade Administration, *International Trade Specialist*

Altria Import Export Services, *Assistant General Manager*

Travel & Leisure Magazine, *Senior Editor*

U.S. Department of Treasury, *Director of Macroeconomic Analysis*

Lifebox Foundation USA, *Executive Director*

In Style Abroad LLC, *Owner-Partner*

Scripps Networks Interactive, *Vice President, Digital Content Distribution*

Rush University Medical Center, *Pediatric Neuropsychologist*

TransPerfect Translations, *Translator*

TLB International, LLC, *President and General Manager*

Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., *Director, Global Telecom, Media, Technology Group*

Francis Renewable Energy (FRE), *Founder-President*

Google Inc., *Corporate Counsel*

Brancolini Grimaldi Arte Contemporanea, *Director*

See Italy Travel, *Marketing and Communications Specialist*

SAI Programs, *Florence Program Coordinator*

Hult International Business School, *Global Recruitment and Employee Development Director*

Mercury Capital Advisors, *Partner and Cohead of Global Distribution*