ROMANCE LANGUAGES MAJOR, B.A.—ITALIAN

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UNC–Chapel Hill has a rich tradition of Italian studies, including courses on language, literature, film, food, politics, history, philosophy, and theater. The field of Italian is growing, with increasing course offerings and an increasing number of enrolled students and majors.

This concentration is a popular choice for those interested in careers in journalism, diplomacy, international business or education, or for those seeking a well-rounded education in preparation for medical or law school after college.

Department Programs

Majors

- Romance Languages Major, B.A.—Italian (p. 1)
- Romance Languages Major, B.A.—Portuguese (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/romance-languages-major-ba-portuguese)
- Romance Languages Major, B.A.—Hispanic Literatures and Cultures (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/romance-languages-major-ba-hispanic-literatures-cultures)
- Romance Languages Major, B.A.—Hispanic Linguistics (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/romance-languages-major-ba-hispanic-linguistics)

Minors

- French Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/french-minor)
- Italian Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/italian-minor)
- Portuguese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/portuguese-minor)
- Hispanic Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hispanic-studies-minor)
- Spanish Minor for the Professions (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/spanish-professions-minor)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Romance Languages and Literatures (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/romance-studies)
- Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures (http://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/romance-studies)

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will acquire competence in the practice and analysis of Romance languages together with a critical knowledge of the written, oral, and visual traditions of their origin and diaspora. Our faculty promotes interdisciplinary connections and incorporates the study of literature, culture, theory, and history across the curriculum. Through coursework that emphasizes language acquisition, rhetoric, composition, and written and oral expression, our majors receive sustained personalized training in critical thinking and close reading. Upon completion of the program in Romance languages, students should be able to:

- Participate in conversations on concrete, social, academic, and professional topics
- Speak in detail about experiences and events in a variety of time frames and moods
- Represent points of view in discussions, both oral and written
- Deliver well-organized presentations on concrete, academic and professional topics
- Write on a wide variety of general interest, professional, and academic topics
- Follow narrative, informational, and descriptive speech on concrete, academic and professional topics
- Understand and discuss texts representing a variety of topics and genres

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must

- attain a final cumulative GPA of at least 2.0
- complete a minimum of 45 academic credit hours earned from UNC–Chapel Hill courses
- take at least half of their major course requirements (courses and credit hours) at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 18 hours of C or better in the major core requirements (some majors require 21 hours).

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

Core Requirements

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Seven courses chosen from among the following:
honors project in December. Students meeting the required grade point
may not. Students who intend to graduate in December should adjust
their major courses. Eligible honors candidates will formulate a topic
and select an appropriate faculty member to supervise the writing of an
honors thesis. Specific coursework for the major with honors consists
of enrollment in the honors thesis courses in the language of the major
emphasis.

A prerequisite for entering the program is knowledge of the Italian
language, demonstrated by successfully completing ITAL 204 or ITAL 402
or the equivalent. With the approval of the undergraduate advisor for
Italian, students majoring in Romance languages with an emphasis in
Italian may count up to nine hours in related areas in such departments,
programs, and curricula as classics, art, music, cultural studies, and
women’s and gender studies.

Special Opportunities in Romance Studies
Honors
The departmental honors program is open to any qualified major with
a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher and 3.5 or higher in
their major courses. Eligible honors candidates will formulate a topic
and select an appropriate faculty member to supervise the writing of an
honors thesis. Specific coursework for the major with honors consists
of enrollment in the honors thesis courses in the language of the major
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691H is taken in the fall semester of the senior year and 692H is taken
in the spring semester. FREN, ITAL, PORT, SPAN 398 Undergraduate
Seminar may be substituted for the research course if the subject of the
seminar is central to the research project chosen. In the 692H course the
thesis will be completed and the student examined by the supervisor and
two additional faculty members, to be agreed upon by the student and
supervisor. The director of honors, in consultation with the examiners,
will recommend that the student who has defended the thesis graduate
with honors, highest honors, or with course credit. Courses numbered
691H or 398 may count toward the eight courses for the major, but 692H
may not. Students who intend to graduate in December should adjust
the scheduling of these courses in order to allow for completion of the
honors project in December. Students meeting the required grade point
averages should contact the undergraduate advisor for their language.

For detailed information on the B.A. with honors, visit the department's
Web site (http://romancestudies.unc.edu/undergraduate/overview).

Out-of-Class Language Experience
Students may enrich their cultural and language experience by applying
to the Spanish House, a section of Craige North residence hall. Equipped
with a lounge and a kitchen, the house has space for eight male and 16
female students. Students make an effort to speak only Spanish while in
residence.

The department offers credit-bearing service-learning opportunities
(http://ccps.unc.edu/apples) through SPAN 293. This course satisfies
the experiential education (EE) General Education requirement and is
always connected to a specific course.

Students also find opportunities to speak Spanish and meet native
Spanish speakers in an informal weekly Tertulia. Additional activities
such as lectures, receptions, and films are organized by the department
and student organizations such as CHispA (Carolina Hispanic
Association). Numerous volunteer opportunities using Spanish are
available in the local community through CHispA, Campus Y, UNC
Hospitals, and other organizations.

For further opportunities to speak French, students are encouraged to
participate in the weekly meeting of the Table Française and become
members of the French club, les Francophiles. Departmental lectures and
film series are also offered.

Students wishing to speak Italian may participate in a weekly
conversation table, La Tavola Italiana. They may also attend
departmental lectures and film series and participate in the Italian
Literary Contest.

Students who wish to practice Portuguese can meet weekly for the “bate-
papo” (chat).

Study Abroad
The Study Abroad Office sponsors many year-long, semester-long, and
summer programs appropriate for students of the Romance languages
and has special arrangements with the Department of Romance Studies
for the UNC in Montpellier, UNC in Seville, and Florence programs.
Students from UNC–Chapel Hill and from other institutions may earn up
to 30 semester hours of undergraduate credit in these programs, which
are open to qualified undergraduates regardless of academic major.
Students may satisfy up to 50 percent of their major or minor coursework
abroad.

General inquiries concerning any of these programs should be addressed
to the Study Abroad Office, CB# 3130, FedEx Global Education Center,
(919) 962-7002.

Undergraduate Awards
French
Students have the opportunity to be inducted into Pi Delta Phi, the
national French honor society. Those with outstanding records in French
are recommended as candidates for the Jacques Hardré Award, which is
given to the best graduating senior in French; it includes a cash award.

Italian
Students are nominated for membership in Gamma Kappa Alpha,
the Italian honor society, by undergraduate instructors. The society
recognizes “outstanding scholastic performance in the fields of Italian
language and literature” and encourages students “to acquire a greater interest in, and a deeper understanding of, Italian culture.” The Kimberly Kyser Award for Excellence in Italian is awarded to the most outstanding student in Italian and includes a cash prize.

**Portuguese**
Each year the department awards the Camões Prize to the outstanding student in Portuguese during that year. The prize carries a monetary award made possible by a donation from the Gulbenkian Foundation.

**Spanish**
Students have the opportunity to be inducted into Sigma Delta Pi, the national Spanish honor society. Those with outstanding records in Spanish are recommended as candidates for the Stoudemire Award, which is given to the best graduating senior in Spanish and includes a cash prize. The Thomas Henry Wilson, Sr. Award provides an undergraduate with a major or minor in Spanish support to conduct research during the summer in a Spanish-speaking country.