ROMANCE LANGUAGES MAJOR, B.A.–ITALIAN

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UNC–Chapel Hill has a rich tradition of Italian studies, including courses that develop linguistic proficiency and many others dedicated to studies of literature, film, food, environmental humanities, politics, history, philosophy, and theater. Many students study abroad and increasingly seek opportunities for research and internship projects with an Italian focus.

This concentration is a popular choice for those interested in global studies or careers in journalism, diplomacy, international business or education, or for those seeking a well-rounded education in preparation for medical or law school. Many students who graduate from this program will also pursue graduate school in this or a related field.

Department Programs

Majors

• Romance Languages Major, B.A.–French and Francophone Studies (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/romance-languages-major-ba-french-francophone-studies)
• 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)
• Translation and Interpreting Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/translation-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, 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).

A prerequisite for entering the program is knowledge of the Italian language, demonstrated by successfully completing ITAL 204 or ITAL 402 or the equivalent.
Fellowships, or engaging in mentoring projects with professors which lead to opportunities to present papers at conferences or for publication in the University’s undergraduate research journal.

Annual Research Opportunities:
- Office for Undergraduate Research (https://our.unc.edu)
- Celebration of Undergraduate Research (https://our.unc.edu/celebration-of-undergraduate-research)
- UNC Journey (http://uncjourney.unc.edu)
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (https://our.unc.edu/surf)
- Burch Fellowship (https://honorscarolina.unc.edu/fellowships/burch-fellowship)

**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 emphasis.

**Sample Plan of Study**
Sample plans can be used as a guide to identify the courses required to complete the major and other requirements needed for degree completion within the expected eight semesters. The actual degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). Students should meet with their academic advisor to create a degree plan that is specific and unique to their interests. The sample plans represented in this catalog are intended for first-year students entering UNC–Chapel Hill in the fall term. Some courses may not be offered every term.

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With the approval of the undergraduate advisor in Italian, three of the seven elective courses may be substituted with courses at the 200-level or courses in such allied fields as art history, classics, history, geography, music, political science, or global studies.

**Special Opportunities in Romance Studies**

**Undergraduate Research**
The Department of Romance Studies offers a gateway for research in the humanities, including the various fields that make up Romance studies. Research activities include the honors thesis, summer research fellowships, or engaging in mentoring projects with professors which lead to opportunities to present papers at conferences or for publication in the University’s undergraduate research journal.

**Out-of-Class Language Experience**
The department offers credit-bearing internship opportunities through ROML 293 and service-learning opportunities (http://ccps.unc.edu/apples) through ROML 194. Both courses satisfy the experiential education (EE) General Education requirement. While ROML 293 is a stand-alone course, ROML 194 is always connected to a specific course.

Students may enrich their cultural and language experience by applying to the Spanish House, a section of Craig 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.

Students also find opportunities to speak Spanish and meet native
Spanish speakers in an informal weekly tertulia (gathering). Additional
activities involving Spanish include publishing and editorial involvement
in the student journals *Mezcla* and *Aguas del pozo*; attending lectures,
receptions, and films organized by the department and student
organizations such as CHispA (Carolina Hispanic Association); and
serving the community through a variety of volunteer opportunities.

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 interested in Italian language and culture may attend film
series, guest lectures, and a series of other extracurricular events
including games and conversation hours. They may also wish to join the
undergraduate Italian Club.

Students who wish to practice Portuguese can meet weekly for the bate-
papo (chat). Students of Portuguese also engage in editorial work and
publish in the student journal *Revistinha*.

**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.

While, in general, students may satisfy up to 50 percent of major or minor
coursework abroad, courses that are taught by Romance studies faculty
may count differently. For example, students completing the Spanish
minor for the professions in health and business may complete all or
most of the minor in faculty-led programs abroad.

Students who participate in Study Abroad during the semester have the
opportunity to work as course correspondents for a course in Romance
studies. Course correspondents report back to the class they serve
throughout the semester via online tools and may receive one hour of
credit for their informative work.

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

Students may also contact the Study Abroad Advisors in Romance
Studies to learn more about how to integrate those programs into their
major or minor programs.

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**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 performance in
the Hispanic literatures and cultures or the Hispanic linguistics majors
are eligible for several prizes including the Chancellor’s Award, given to
the top graduating senior, the Stoudemire Awards, and the Larry D. King
Fellowship.