

Italian

The International Languages Department offers Italian courses that build strong communication skills, cultural understanding, and real-world language use. Italian study enhances speaking, listening, reading, and writing abilities while fostering intercultural awareness. It also strengthens applications to competitive programs in fields where multilingual communication is vital, such as healthcare, education, social services, international relations, and law enforcement. A degree or Certificate of Achievement in Italian supports careers in education, healthcare, international business, diplomacy, media, community outreach, and translation and interpretation.

Italian courses fulfill general education humanities requirements under the Cal-GETC transfer pathway and support UC-bound students, where proficiency in a Language Other Than English (LOTE) is a graduation requirement. There are UC and CSU majors that also require additional language study. Students can often meet these requirements at the community college level, saving time, tuition, and units. All Italian courses at MiraCosta are expected to be Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) as of fall 2025.

Note: Students educated in a non-English speaking country through high school or equivalent will generally not earn lower-division transfer credit in their language at most universities. Students who might be affected by this rule should consult a counselor and/or the International Languages department chair before enrolling in their language courses.

Academic and Career Pathway

Languages, Communication, and Humanities (<https://www.miracosta.edu/academics/degree-and-certificate-programs/languages-communication-and-humanities/>)

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Associate Degree

Associate in Arts Degree

Italian

The Italian program offers lower-division preparation for students who plan on transferring to pursue a bachelor's degree in Italian. Students planning to transfer and/or earn this associate degree may also need to complete additional requirements or electives required by the transfer institution, as many CSUs and UCs have unique admissions and preparation-for-the-major requirements. Students should meet with a MiraCosta College counselor to identify required courses and to develop a written plan for their targeted university.

Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Complete a minimum of 60 degree-applicable units of credit (including major and general education courses).
- ▶ Complete all courses required in the major with a "C" or "P" or better.
- ▶ Complete a general education pattern of courses (see Associate Degrees (<http://catalog.miracosta.edu/degrecertificate/transferinfo/requirements/>)).
- ▶ Obtain a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- ▶ Complete a minimum of 12 units in residence at MiraCosta College.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to do the following:

- ▶ Engage in meaningful conversations about social issues, cultural productions, and cultural aspects covered in the first two years of Italian courses, demonstrating command of the first two years' vocabularies, structure, and pronunciation in the target language and comprehending native speaker speech.
- ▶ Read and comprehend a passage about social issues, cultural productions or cultural aspects covered in the first two years of Italian courses from a real Italian contemporary source.
- ▶ Write a cohesive, analytical/critical essay about social issues, cultural productions or cultural aspects covered in class, comparing and contrasting them to other cultures and demonstrating command of the first two years vocabulary and structures in the target language.

Course Requirements

Required courses:		
ITAL 102	Elementary Italian (Second Semester)	4
ITAL 121	Introduction to Italian Culture	3
ITAL 201	Intermediate Italian (Third Semester)	4
ITAL 202	Intermediate Italian (Fourth Semester)	4
Select at least one course from the following:		3-4
ART 258	Ancient to Gothic Art	
ART 259	History of Renaissance to Modern Art	
HIST 103	Early European History and Culture	
HIST 104	Modern European History and Culture	

ITAL 101	Elementary Italian (First Semester)	
Total Units		18-19

Certificate of Achievement

Italian Language and Culture

This certificate provides students with a solid introduction to Italian language skills and culture. Completion of the certificate benefits students who are interested in learning about and effectively interacting with Italian culture and society. Students take the required language courses in the given sequence and choose an elective.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to do the following:

- ▶ Communicate in the Italian language at the Intermediate High level of ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages).
- ▶ Demonstrate awareness and appreciation of cultural differences within Italian speaking communities.

Course Requirements

Required courses:		
ITAL 101	Elementary Italian (First Semester)	4
ITAL 102	Elementary Italian (Second Semester)	4
ITAL 201	Intermediate Italian (Third Semester)	4
ITAL 121	Introduction to Italian Culture	3
Select one elective course:		3-4
ART 258	Ancient to Gothic Art	
ART 259	History of Renaissance to Modern Art	
FILM 112	Film History II: 1948-Present	
HIST 103	Early European History and Culture	
HIST 104	Modern European History and Culture	
ITAL 202	Intermediate Italian (Fourth Semester)	
Total Units		18-19

NOTE: Students who have successfully challenged ITAL 101 as a prerequisite may be allowed to substitute another course from the elective list with departmental approval.

Courses

ITAL 101: Elementary Italian (First Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: None

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in ITAL 102, ITAL 103, ITAL 201, or ITAL 202.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

This introductory course develops Italian language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It covers basic Italian pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar. It also explores the history, geography, and customs of the Italian-speaking world. This course corresponds to the first two years of high school Italian.

ITAL 102: Elementary Italian (Second Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: ITAL 101 or two years of high school Italian with a "C" or better, or ITAL 103.

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in ITAL 201 or ITAL 202.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This course continues to develop Italian language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in ITAL 101, and it develops the student's ability to engage in casual conversation, express opinions, and make suggestions in Italian. The course also provides for increased awareness of the Italian world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the third year of high school Italian.

ITAL 121: Introduction to Italian Culture

Units: 3

Prerequisites: None

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer (odd yrs)

This course introduces students of Italian to various aspects of the Italian culture and civilization. Areas of study include history, music, literature, philosophy, political ideas, customs, and Italy's influence on and contribution to the civilization of America and the world. The course does not require prior study of the Italian language or culture.

ITAL 201: Intermediate Italian (Third Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: ITAL 102, or three years of high school Italian with a "C" or better.

Enrollment Limitation: Not open to students with prior credit in ITAL 202.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring even years

This course continues to develop Italian language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in ITAL 101 and ITAL 102, and it develops the student's ability to engage in casual conversation, express opinions, and make suggestions in Italian. The course also provides for increased awareness of the Italian history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts. This course corresponds to the fourth year of high school Italian.

ITAL 202: Intermediate Italian (Fourth Semester)

Units: 4

Prerequisites: ITAL 201 or four years of high school Italian with a "C" or better.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU, UC

Lecture 3.50 hours, laboratory 1.50 hours.

Course Typically Offered: Spring odd years

This course continues to develop Italian language acquisition through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It reviews and expands upon the vocabulary and grammatical structures introduced in ITAL 201. It also develops the student's ability to express opinions and make recommendations in Italian-language debates and discussions. The course provides for increased awareness of the Italian-speaking world's history, geography, and customs, including its socio-political practices and cultural artifacts through extensive reading and writing assignments as well as oral presentations.

ITAL 292: Internship Studies

Units: 0.5-14

Prerequisites: None

Corequisite: Complete 54 hours of work per unit, paid or unpaid.

Enrollment Limitation: Instructor, dept chair, and Career Center approval. Fourteen unit maximum in any combination of work experience education and/or internship studies per semester.

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Course Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

This course provides students the opportunity to apply the theories and techniques of their discipline in an internship position in a professional setting under the instruction of a faculty-mentor and site supervisor. It introduces students to aspects of the roles and responsibilities of professionals employed in the field of study. Topics include goal-setting, employability skills development, and examination of the world of work as it relates to the student's career plans. Students must develop new learning objectives and/or work/intern at a new site upon each enrollment.

ITAL 296: Topics in Italian

Units: 1-3

Prerequisites: None

Acceptable for Credit: CSU

Lecture 1 hour.

Lecture 2 hours.

Lecture 3 hours.

Course Typically Offered: To be arranged

This course gives students an opportunity to study topics in Italian that are not included in regular course offerings. Each Topics course is announced, described, and given its own title and 296 number designation in the class schedule.