



Minor subjects in School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies ITALIAN

1. Why study Italian as minor?

Be immersed in a rich Italian culture and way of life. Studying Italian opens the door to a wonderful new world:

- Italy holds up to 60% of the world's art treasures, was the birthplace of the Renaissance, and has some of the world's greatest writers and thinkers, including Dante and Machiavelli.
- Italy today has a dynamic, creative economy. The 'Made in Italy' brand is the 3rd biggest brand globally: from Barilla pasta to Prosecco and Ferrari, from Chiara Ferragni to FIAT, Prada, Versace and Nutella, Italy's unique creativity leads the world.
- Studying Italian allows you to enter into that creative Italian space and learn a beautiful language. It prepares you for being a global citizen and for an international career.

We have small friendly classes and pride ourselves on being welcoming and supportive. Our language courses are meticulously designed by our expert language coordinator and are intensive. We lead you into Italy's rich history and culture: as a minor you have a brilliant range of options, from Dante and Renaissance Florence right through to Italian cinema.

Italian has been taught in Trinity since 1776. You join one of the longest traditions of teaching Italian in the world, one which includes alumni like Samuel Beckett and Douglas Hyde.

2. Entry requirements and available language levels

Most of our students are Beginners, but we also have one of the few Advanced streams in Ireland. Some native Italians also choose to take our programmes.

- Beginners: you will need H4 or equivalent in a language other than English.
- Advanced Italian/Native Italian: You will need H4 or equivalent in Italian.

3. Minor in Italian – what you'll study

Senior Fresh: Core: Italian Language 1 (Beginners or Advanced). 5+5 ECTS credits
Optional: choose 2 from:
Italy through Cinema and Art.

- Making Italy: From Unification to the Fall of Fascism
 Italian poetry and the modern novel.
 Florence and the birth of the Renaissance.
- Junior Sophister: Core: Italian Language 2 (10 ECTS credits)
 Optional: choose 2 from:
 Dante, Petrarch and the Lyric Tradition.
 Italian Cinema 1900-2020
 Visions of Italy: A Journey in the Making of a Nation
 Dante's Divine Comedy: Purgatorio and Paradiso
 Italian History and Society in 20th-Century Italy
 Literature, Language and Society
- Senior Sophister: Core: Italian Language 3 (10 ECTS credits)
 Optional: choose 2 from:
 Writers and Cinema in 20th-century Italy
 Collodi's *Pinocchio*: Exploring a Timeless Children's Classic through Cultural Theory.
 Boccaccio and other novelists + Renaissance Politics and Ethics: Machiavelli and Castiglione
 Italy in the 21st century + Change, challenges and tradition in modern Italy
 Italian Cinema: 1900-2018
 Introduction to Second Language Teaching and Learning
 The Poetry of Michelangelo
 Italian Drama 1470s-1530s
 Libretti d'Opera. Il mito di Don Giovanni

All options are 5 credits.

4. Your Time Abroad

A semester studying abroad is a highlight of a student's Trinity experience. Immersing oneself in the language and culture is one of the most valuable ways of achieving fluency when you are studying a language. Minor subject students will have an opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Hilary term of their Junior Sophister year. At a minimum, you will be required to spend two months in Italy prior to taking your final exams. We currently have exchange agreements with Bologna, Pavia, Siena, and Trieste.

5. Graduate skills

Advanced language and communication skills are in high demand – especially here in Ireland, a vibrant knowledge economy which depends on European and international trade. Our graduates develop successful global careers in management, law, journalism, charities, international business, translation, the arts, fashion, tourism, PR, diplomacy, finance, football management, teaching, and banking. Some of our graduates now live and work in various countries worldwide including: Italy, France, Belgium, UK, USA and Hong Kong. A minor in Italian at Trinity is accepted by the Teaching Council for progression to a Masters in Education to teach Italian.

You can build quickly on communication and language skills of a language degree, specialising once you are sure of your career direction. A short postgraduate course can take you into advertising, social media management, journalism, law, marketing, teaching, event planning, web development, operations management, research, and so on.

6. What our students say about Italian

“The teaching has allowed me to learn the language quicker than I could have expected. The classes are enjoyable, as our lecturers are very friendly. Small class teaching allows you to interact with the language easily and stops it from being intimidating.” **Ailbhe Cullen**

“I decided to study Italian because of my curiosity for the language and culture. Four years on, I am pleased to say that it was one of the best decisions I have made to date. I found the Italian Department to be consistently encouraging with regard to our studies, and their passion and enthusiasm for their subject was inspiring. I would highly recommend this course to anyone who would like to discover more about this fascinating country, its people and their language.” **Lily Lee**

7. Get in touch

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