

## FRENCH AND ITALIAN STUDIES

**PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR**  
**High School Preparation**

Recommended as part of or in addition to the UC admission requirements:

French language,  
Italian language,  
English grammar and  
composition.

**Transfer Preparation**

To make normal progress in the major, complete the following courses in your first two years:

**BA, French**

Required:

Elementary French,  
Intermediate French,  
French composition.

Above courses must be completed with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Transfer students may be tested by examination.

Recommended:

One year of western civilization,  
One year of the history of  
philosophy.

**BA, Italian Studies**

Required:

Elementary Italian,  
Intermediate Italian,  
Advanced grammar and  
composition.

Recommended:

One year of western civilization,  
One year of the history of  
philosophy.

Please see the UCSB *General Catalog* ([www.catalog.ucsb.edu](http://www.catalog.ucsb.edu)) or your high school or community college counselor for more information on course preparation.

**Why study French and Italian?**

Over 300 million people use French and Italian in their daily lives in different parts of the world. In today's global economy, knowledge of one or both of these languages—when combined with English fluency—offers a powerful advantage to those entering the job market or going on to graduate or professional training. Careers in all facets of international business—from marketing and media to banking, law, finance, trade, entertainment, and communications—require a good grasp of at least one foreign language such as French or Italian, as do careers in international relations, diplomacy, science, teaching, and the arts.

The study of French and Italian is, moreover, an intellectual adventure that leads to the core of Western civilization. In language, literature, the arts, the media, political theory, philosophy, and religious thought, France and Italy have played a key role in shaping the West as we know it today. Great scientists, artists, explorers, and thinkers belonging to these two cultures—from Da Vinci to Cezanne—have radically transformed our ideas about time, being, truth, justice, and power, among others.

UCSB's students of French and Italian learn to master the fundamental skills of speaking, reading, and writing, and acquire a thorough background in these languages and literatures. Access to study abroad and travel opportunities prepare them for careers in which they can contribute to a global world culture. Special opportunities available to French and Italian students include the University of California's Education Abroad Program (EAP). In France, the EAP has undergraduate study centers in Paris, Bordeaux, Grenoble, Lyon, and Toulouse. In Italy, the EAP has undergraduate study centers in Venice, Trento, Bologna, Padua, and Rome, as well as specialized programs for undergraduates at the University Institute of Architecture in Venice, the Bocconi University Business School in Milan, and the Medical School of the University of Padua. UCSB students also may participate in a one-quarter language study program at the University of Italian Studies for Foreigners in Siena, Italy. All of these are significant reasons to study French or Italian at UCSB.

**Vive la différence at UCSB!**

The Department of French and Italian offers the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in French and the BA in Italian Studies. Both faculty and students participate in a wide variety of programs outside the department, ranging from film studies and comparative literature to law and society, history, music, art history, drama, global studies, and women studies. The French major introduces students to the key events, individuals, and texts of the French tradition from the medieval period to present day. The Italian Studies major emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach combining the social sciences, arts, and humanities. Classes within the department, both in French and Italian, are small enough to allow students to receive the personal attention they need. Language instruction employs innovative multimedia programs, and is supplemented with time spent in state-of-the-art audiovisual laboratories. All students are provided access to the Internet through the university in order to follow the latest trends in research on the Web.

The Department also offers an Honors Program for qualified students. Annually, a number of students are invited to participate in Pi Delta Phi, the national French Honor Society. Students who successfully complete an independent study project through the Honors Program will graduate with Distinction in the Major.

### **Dove Posso Andare Dopo UCSB?**

Students interested in teaching French or Italian at the university level should plan to complete the PhD degree. Students interested in teaching at the community college level should pursue graduate work at least through the Master's degree. Teaching at the high school (secondary) level requires a California single-subject teaching credential. Students considering this last option should discuss their plans with the credential advisor in UCSB's Graduate School of Education early in their academic careers.

For further information on UCSB's French and Italian majors, please call or email:

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