

Study Abroad in Bologna, Italy

During their Junior year, most of our students study in Bologna, Italy, a city renowned for its history, culture (especially its exquisite cuisine) and strong academic traditions.

First launched in the Fall of 2018, the Italian Studies Program in Bologna aims to create greater meaningful contact with the Italian language and culture. Students take courses in Italian and, at the same time, are involved with internships, language exchanges, sports teams, and civic engagement projects around the city that address pressing social issues such as immigration, sustainability, and human rights.

Courses that can fulfill many of the major and minor requirements are taken at the Dickinson Bologna Center and at the University of Bologna (considered the oldest university in the world).

For many, this is their last opportunity to live and study abroad before they begin their careers and we strongly encourage our students to undertake this transformative experience.

Under the direction of Bruno Grazioli, permanent Resident Director of the Italian Studies program, students in Bologna have flourished, returning to campus with life-changing memories.



Studying Italian provided me with many amazing opportunities to learn about and experience the beauty and rich history of the Italian culture.

– MELIA BONOMO '13



FACULTY

All Dickinson Italian Faculty members are experts in their field:

TULLIO PAGANO (Associate Professor of Italian) focuses on the representation of landscape in Italian literature and society. Other interests include: diasporic and Italian American studies, theories of modern allegory and symbol, and simulation in modern and postmodern literature.

NICOLETTA MARINI-MAIO (Associate Professor of Italian) specializes in film studies, Italian cinema, and theater, particularly the intersections between politics, gender, cultural representations, popular culture, the narrative mode, and collective memory.

JAMES F. MCMENAMIN (Associate Professor of Italian) focuses on medieval and renaissance Italian literature, specifically Dante, Petrarch, and Italian lyric poetry and is specifically interested in questions concerning the intersection of medieval philosophy and literature.

LUCA LANZILOTTA (Senior Lecturer in Italian) specializes in second language acquisition and Italian/American Studies.

LUCA TRAZZI (Lecturer in Italian) concentrates on second language acquisition and food studies.

In addition, the Italian Program is enriched by **contributing faculty members** from other departments who teach courses that count towards the major or minor along with **two OSA's** (Overseas Student Assistants from the University of Bologna) who live in the Romance Language House and participate in curricular and extracurricular events.



I am tremendously grateful to have been a part of the warm and supportive community of the Italian Department throughout my four years at Dickinson.

– ALLISON CURLEY '19



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A BALANCED CURRICULUM

Dickinson is one of the few undergraduate institutions in the United States that offers an **Italian Studies major** (10 required courses), an **Italian minor** (5 required courses) and a full-immersion **Italian Studies program in Bologna, Italy**.

The Italian Studies major was created to allow for flexibility with the goal of harnessing its inherent interdisciplinarity (which has often allowed many students to double-major). What distinguishes our curriculum is the balance between courses taken solely in Italian with a limited number of topics courses taken in English (which all have discussion sections in Italian). Students are thus immersed into Italian language and culture, but they also deepen their knowledge by taking some of their coursework in English. With courses in cinema, philosophy, history, design, fashion, literature, organized crime and terrorism, students delve into Italian culture from many different perspectives.

SAMPLING OF TOPICS COURSES (ITAL 320's)

- Food and Culture in Medieval and Renaissance Italy
- Beautiful by Design: Modern Italian Culture through Its Objects
- Feminine Identity, Sexuality, and Power in Italian Cinema and Media
- Dante's "Divine Comedy"
- Demystifying the Mafia Universe

ITALIAN CULTURE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Dickinson Italian Program is one of the most vibrant in the United States due to its dedicated faculty members and an active Italian Club. During the academic year, the ***Circolo italiano*** (Italian Club) organizes a variety of very popular cultural events. Students interested in an Italian living experience in Carlisle can apply to live in the ***Romance Language House***. Students are encouraged to participate in the weekly ***Tavola italiana*** (*Italian table*), where they can dine in Italian alongside faculty and language assistants from Italy. An **Italian Film Series** is also offered that features classic and contemporary Italian movies and television.

CULTURAL EVENT SAMPLING

- Welcome Back Party
- Flavors and Aromas of Italy. A celebration of Italy's regional food specialties and Italian perfumes and colognes
- The Art of Making Espresso—The Italian Club and the professors host an espresso-making demonstration where students learn the art of enjoying traditional espresso!
- Pasta Making Workshops
- Luci di Natale Holiday Party

ACADEMIC EVENT SAMPLING

- Amir Issaa, Italian rapper and author
- An evening at the opera
- Amara Lakhous, author, journalist, and anthropologist
- Marco Tullio Giordana, award-winning Italian filmmaker
- Dacia Marini, internationally known Italian writer
- Alina Marazzi, award-winning author and director
- Marco Baliani and Maria Maglietta, renowned playwrights and actors

AS YOU CAN SEE, IN CARLISLE, ITALY IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The knowledge and skills I acquired as an Italian Studies major, along with the opportunities and experiences the department made available to me outside of the classroom have been invaluable.

– JUSTIN RUFFINI '12



BUILDING A RÉSUMÉ

INTERNSHIPS. During their Dickinson career, students of Italian are encouraged to complete an internship which can be secured with the help and guidance of their advisors and the Dickinson Career Center. In the past, students have found rewarding experiences both in the United States and in Italy.

MAGLIACANO-MELCHIONE FAMILY INTERNSHIP FUND. Financial support exists for students of Italian who obtain unpaid internships. Limited to Italian Studies majors and Italian minors, the Magliacano-Melchione Internship

Fund supports student enrichment opportunities, such as internships or scholarly research experiences that enhance career advancement.

SITE PROGRAM. Established originally by the Dickinson Italian Department, the SITE program provides **paid** internships for up to 3 Dickinson students of Italian to teach English in the schools of the Lombardy region of Italy for up to one year. It is an excellent opportunity for new graduates who desire to gain a better understanding of the Italian language and culture while acquiring excellent work experience in an international setting.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

The interdisciplinary nature of Italian Studies has provided our students with critical thinking skills applicable to any field or profession. Recently our alumni have begun careers in law, urban design, the fashion industry, international finance, advertising, business, education, and translation. Other graduates have continued their education by pursuing advanced degrees in law, international relations, applied physics, economics, geography, psychology, education, history, and Italian while some have even earned themselves prestigious Fulbright Scholarships.

Be sure to check out our *Alumni in Action* page on our website.

