

CASA ITALIANA



Located in the Romance Language House
(Reed Hall), one block from Bosler Hall.

ABOUT THE ROMANCE LANGUAGE HOUSE

The mission of the Romance Language House is to promote foreign language development within the campus community. Residents are encouraged to speak and interact in their respective foreign languages (Italian, Spanish, French and Portuguese).



The living room

The Romance Language House is located on South West Street, behind the President's house, and one block from Bosler.



The dining room/study room

The house features spacious bedrooms (mostly doubles), an equipped kitchen, a dining room/study room, a laundry room and a spacious living room with a flat screen TV.

24 students live in the house, including 4 native language teaching assistants from abroad.

WHY LIVE IN THE CASA ITALIANA?



Bocce!



Taboo!



Italian card games!

La Casa Italiana is the Italian section of the Romance Language House.

The students who live in the house are encouraged to speak in Italian amongst themselves and with the Italian teaching assistant from Italy.

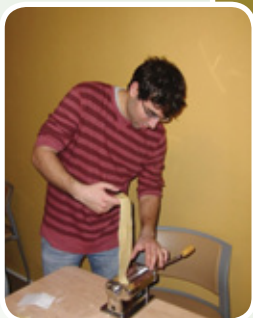
But what makes living in the *Casa Italiana* a very special and unique experience is the many Italian cultural activities that students enjoy on a regular basis, with the help of the Italian teaching assistant: they learn how to cook Italian dishes, eat together, play

Italian games, watch Italian movies and much more.

There is no other place on campus where students are exposed to Italian culture and the Italian lifestyle as much as in the *Casa Italiana*!

COOKING AND EATING

Students learn how to make many delicious Italian dishes...



Homemade pasta!



Gnocchi with pesto!



Tiramisù!



Pizza!

...but the best part is eating together. Buon appetito!



FROM THE STUDENTS WHO LIVED IN THE CASA ITALIANA

“I like to live with my friends who study Italian and the Italian House is a great opportunity to improve my speaking skills.”

—*Ryan Lane '14*

“In the Italian house I can live with other students who are also taking Italian. Next year I would like to study in Bologna and the Romance Language House is a great place to practice my language.”

—*Anthony Ienna '14*

“Living in the Romance Language House I can improve my Italian. Moreover, I speak French and so I get to practice both languages.”

—*Molly Leach '14*

“Speaking Italian in the house helped me improve the language more quickly. Also, I met other students who love the Italian language and culture and with whom I can study and feel more comfortable in Italian.”

—*Elena Capaldi '14*

“After living in the Italian House, I discovered my passion for the Italian Culture. I am now finding many different opportunities—such as Italian dinners, events and movies—to learn more and more about the Italian lifestyle and culture. By being able to live with other Italian speakers, I also develop and improve my language skills and become able to express all my ideas through this beautiful language. Living in the Italian House is by far one of the most enjoyable parts of my stay at Dickinson College.”

—*Julia Sanguinetti '14*

“I love living in the *Casa Italiana* because the house has formed a great sense of community and learning how to cook Italian food and play Italian games is a lot of fun!”

—*Ashton Fiucci '15*

“I love living in the *Casa Italiana* because not only do I get to perfect my Italian language skills but I also get to experience a small slice of Italian culture on Dickinson's campus.”

—*Katie Rusnak '15*

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The deadline to apply to live in the *Casa Italiana* for the following academic year is the end of March. Keep in mind, however, that availability is limited and interest in the house continues to grow each year, so it is highly recommended that students apply as soon as they are determined to live there.

To apply, contact Professor Lanzilotta at lanzilol@dickinson.edu. Feel free to ask him any questions that you may have about the house.

All students are welcome to apply, however, priority will be given to students who plan to major in Italian Studies or minor in Italian.

If a student has one or two friends of the same gender who are also interested in living in the Romance Language House, they can ask to be placed in the same room, even if they study different Romance languages. We will do our best to accommodate students' preferences.

At the beginning of April, students will be notified about their acceptance or rejection. They will receive a response before the dorm lottery takes place, so that they can have other options in case they do not get a room in the house.

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