French & Italian studies

B.A.
The French and Italian studies major allows students interested in both cultures and languages to pursue a combined major. Students study specific works in each national literature while also exploring the interrelations and cross-cultural exchanges that have contributed to Italian and French literature and culture. This comparative perspective introduces students to a broad range of issues and cultural practices.

Preparatory Coursework
Students must take French 1001-1002—Beginning French, Fren 1003-1004—Intermediate French, or equivalent and Ital 1001-1002—Beginning Italian, Ital 1003-1004, or equivalent.

Degree Requirements
Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including 36 credits in the major. Students complete the following in each language: two years of beginning language sequences, a conversation and composition course, an introductory literature course, and two elective courses. In addition, students select two French and Italian (FrIt) courses and complete their senior project in the French senior seminar or an appropriate Italian course.

Required Courses
Language

- Fren 3015—Advanced Grammar and Communication
- Ital 3015—Reading, Conversation, and Composition

Literature and Culture

- Fren 3101—Introduction to French Literature
- Ital 3201—Reading Italian Texts: Poetics, Rhetoric, Theory
- Two Fren 3xxx or 5xxx literature or culture courses
- Two Ital 3xxx or 5xxx literature or culture courses
- Two FrIt courses

Final Project
The senior project is completed in Fren 4101—Seminar in French Studies or in an appropriate Italian course.

Skills
French and Italian studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Verbal and written communication skills
- Strong cultural knowledge and understanding
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups

Employment
Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, recruiting, international business
  - Education—teaching, research, student affairs
  - Government—public information, campaigns, policy, elected official
  - Social services—social work, therapy, ESL
You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.

2. When you decide upon a French studies major, meet with the French and Italian Director of Undergraduate Studies to complete a Major Program form or One-Year Program Plan, depending on the major. Please bring a (unofficial) transcript to this meeting.

3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.

4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

For more information

About the French and Italian studies major:
Undergraduate Advising
260 Folwell Hall
(612) 624-0368
http://www.folwell.umn.edu/frit/

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Languages and Math Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
http://langmath.cla.umn.edu
langmath@class.cla.umn.edu

or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:
• completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
• filed a copy with the major department
• filed a copy with your CLA student community
• be sure to keep a copy for yourself