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# Italian Language & Culture



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The study of Italian complements studies in international relations, international business, sociology, political science, education, history, development studies, anthropology, contemporary Europe, music, literature and art.

Learning Italian at The Australian National University (ANU) will give you access to one of the richest European cultural traditions, spanning Ancient Rome, the Middle Age, the Renaissance and to the present day. Italy holds 60 per cent of UNESCO World Art Heritage sites, and is home to Dante, Michelangelo, Gentileschi, Verdi, Fellini, and Wertmuller.

Italian is one of the official languages of the European Union. It is also spoken by one of the largest ethnic communities in Australia; over 400,000 people nationally use Italian at home and

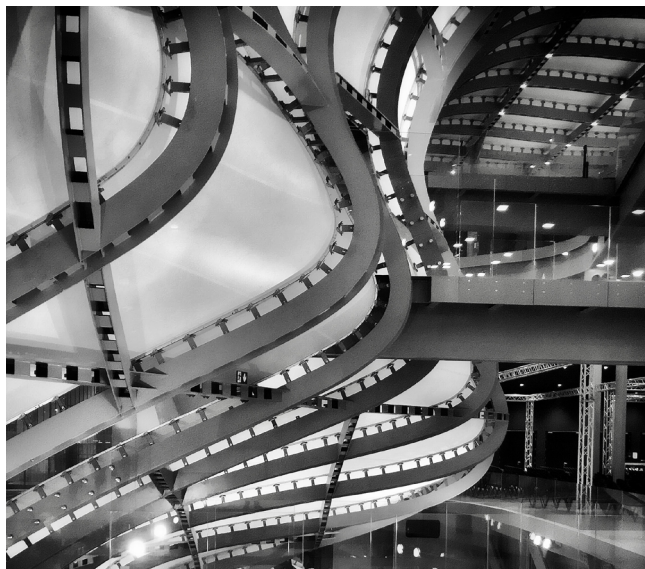
there are currently more than 300,000 students of Italian at all levels in Australia.

Italy is known for its technological innovation, fashion design and architecture, and is one of the world's leading commercial forces. Australia and Italy have enjoyed a fruitful trading partnership for many years. Over 40 Italian companies currently have branches in Australia, including Ferrero, Barilla and Peroni.

In studying Italian at ANU, along with acquiring the ability to communicate in a variety of contexts in Italian, you will learn about cultural, social and historical aspects of Italy.

## Career opportunities

Graduates in Italian go on to fulfilling careers in a wide range of employment areas including education, business, public relations, sport, physiology, medicine, opera, music, art, museum curatorship, journalism, diplomacy, international relations and international aid.



\*Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

## Isabel

### Bachelor of International Relations

I think my favourite part of learning Italian at ANU was the teaching environment. It was so different to my other courses for International Relations. Italian classes have shorter and more spread out contact hours which help you to consistently learn and revise the language, and smaller classes with only one or two teachers who serve as both a lecture and tutor. The courses are presented in such a way that you aren't just learning grammar and vocabulary every lesson, but also about different aspects of Italian culture and history, so you leave the course with a greater appreciation and understanding of Italy and its people, not just the language they speak.

Taking part in the Italian program at ANU also gave me the opportunity to study overseas as part of an ANU exchange program. I studied for a semester at the University of Bologna last year, which I can honestly say was the best experience of my life to date. I would never have been able to have that unique and exciting experience of studying abroad if it wasn't for my choice to study Italian at ANU, so I cannot recommend this program enough.

### Studying Italian Language & Culture at ANU

ANU offers an outstanding variety of programs that cater to those students interested in studying a language. Courses are offered from beginners to honours and postgraduate levels, and various enrolment options cater for different student needs.

Students who study Italian Language and Culture learn to:

- Communicate confidently both orally and in writing
- Read, comprehend and infer authors' meanings in newspapers, magazines, literary and critical texts written in Italian
- Write texts in Italian in the appropriate genre, with correct grammatical structures and vocabulary relevant to the level of the student and the topic

- Write brief creative/imaginative texts (poetry and short stories) individually and collaboratively
- Understand cultures and societies associated with the Italian language and be able to interpret them in a cross-cultural perspective
- Critique historical, cultural and social events of Italy
- Engage with authentic media such as Italian news, movies or music, by analysing and evaluating their content
- Go to Italy as part of the Study Abroad program.

Italian may be studied as a major (8 courses), a minor (4 courses), an advanced minor (4 intermediate and advanced courses), a specialisation (4 courses done upon completion of a major in Italian) or as an elective (single courses).

By using your Italian skills to access firsthand material in Italian, you will gain deeper insights than can be obtained through translation. The staff of the Italian Studies Program are well known for their expertise in teaching Italian language and culture. Classes are held according to the latest developments in second language acquisition and language teaching pedagogy, and innovative methods are employed to enhance students' learning opportunities, including artificial intelligence.

Core language and culture courses are offered at eight different levels:

- Introductory Italian 1 & 2
- Intermediate Italian 1 & 2
- Continuing Italian 1 & 2
- Advanced Italian 1 & 2

Advanced Italian courses are thematic and change regularly. Students can complete them more than once on different topics. Topics we have offered recently include Italian TV Series, Italian migration to Australia, Creative writing workshop in Italian, Producing a podcast in Italian, and translation.

### Flexible Double Degrees

As part of a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Languages, a Italian major can be combined with other Art and Social Science degrees as well as with degrees in Law, Business, Science or Engineering and Computer Science as part of the ANU Flexible Double Degree program. For a full list of degree combinations see

[anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double](http://anu.edu.au/study/study-options/flexible-double)

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