The Italian studies undergraduate program examines Italian and Italian-American literature, culture, society, and history. Courses offered provide a historical perspective from the Middle Ages to the present. Students explore a variety of themes ranging from nation-building and national identity to emigration and travel, to gender relations and feminist discourses, to the study of different narrative forms and representations of Italian and Italian-American culture. Students are encouraged to take courses in other departments when these are related to Italian and Italian-American culture.

The College of Liberal Arts Advantage: More Than a Major
When you study Italian at the University of Minnesota, you gain the added advantage of a College of Liberal Arts education. At CLA, the liberal arts mean you get more than just a degree in one major or another; it means you will be exposed to different areas of study, to different ways of thinking and learning. In fact, the liberal arts teach you how to learn—how to ask the right questions, how to problem solve, and how to innovate. The liberal arts prepare students for the complexities of our world, because here at CLA you will study not just, say, politics or art but also where politics and art intersect, where science and ethics intersect, where economics and the environment intersect.

Student Experiences
Learning Abroad: Prepare to Lead in a Global Economy

Learn more about study abroad for Italian Studies majors.

Student Organizations: Find Friends and Grow as a Leader

- Foro Italia

Internships: Gain Valuable Experience in the Twin Cities and Beyond

Did you know? CLA Career Services has its very own internship reflection course! Students taking an internship can use this course to reflect on ways that their work experience is preparing them for successful careers - and receive credit for the work.

Student Organizations: Find Friends and Grow as a Leader

With more than 900 student groups on campus, you will have lots of opportunities to find friends and grow as a leader within an organization! Search for organizations via Gopher Link.

Meet Our Alumni

CLA Graduates: Successful Careers and Purposeful Lives

CLA graduates succeed in many different careers — law, health care, medicine, business, government, teaching, advertising, arts and entertainment, international relations, and more — precisely because they understand how to navigate a complex and interconnected world. As our alumni explain below, “Being a good employee means being curious, and continuing to evolve, and learn, and educate yourself, and I can think of no stronger foundation for doing that than a liberal arts education.”

“An education in the liberal arts is a springboard to lifelong career success”

-- Dean John Coleman
You might also explore

French and Italian Studies
French Studies
Global Studies
History

Associated Careers

Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations Managers; Curators; Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers; Fashion Designers; Interpreters; News Analysts, Reporters, and Correspondents; Translators

Admission Information

FRESHMAN:  Admission information

TRANSFER STUDENTS:  Requirements for the College of Liberal Arts

Beyond admission, if you have questions about transferring, the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) has transfer advisors to help. Please feel free to contact them about any of the topics below:

• Course plans before transferring
• Estimated time to graduation
• Career preparation in CLA
• Getting ready for orientation, if admitted
• Connecting with major/minor departments