

ITALIAN, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.30 GPA required.
Other Grade Requirements	No other grade requirements.

Assessments and Examinations	Qualifying exam (if MA is from another institution); preliminary examinations; dissertation proposal; oral examination; dissertation; dissertation defense.
Language Requirements	Reading proficiency in two languages other than English and Italian.
Graduate School Breadth Requirement	All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/).

REQUIRED COURSES

Students choose courses in consultation with their advisor.

Students without an MA degree in Italian from UW–Madison are expected to have a background in the subject areas indicated by the MA reading list. Students in this category are required to pass the qualifying examination by the end of the second semester in the PhD program. It may be taken only once.

Students must take a seminar (ITALIAN 951 and/or ITALIAN 952) in an area of Italian studies each semester until they have passed the preliminary examinations. In any given semester, this request may be waived upon approval by the associate chair for Italian. It is expected that students will complete the bulk of the coursework for their breadth and foreign language reading requirements after taking their first set of preliminary examinations. Students are encouraged to plan ahead for a timeline to take these courses, and if a student wishes to take a course for their breadth or foreign language requirement as part of their full-time load of 9 credits prior to that time, they may do so with approval from their advisor.

It is very rare that requests to take breadth or foreign language classes during the first year of study would be granted. Advisors reserve the right to deny a student permission to take these classes (prior to the time of passing the first set of prelims) if doing so would directly conflict with a course offering in Italian which was important to the student's area of research.

At any time, students may take a course for their breadth or foreign language reading requirement as a fourth course, in addition to the 9-credit requirement in Italian, without needing approval from their advisor.