Italian Studies is concerned with the multidisciplinary examination of Italian language, literature, culture, art and history. This program will allow you to improve your Italian language skills while also examining Italian art, history, music and religion. During the course of your studies, you'll gain creative thinking skills, research and analytical capabilities, intercultural awareness, and the ability to fluently communicate in Italian.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

- **Understand Italian language** - Comprehensive knowledge of the Italian language: grammar and vocabulary; ensuring accuracy, conciseness and clarity of written information.
- **Language** - Aptitude for language and acquisition; understanding of phonetics and ability to imitate sounds; command of grammar and syntax; understanding of language structures.
- **Editing skills** - Seeing patterns in written information; extracting salient points.
- **Synthesis and analysis** - Critical and analytical thinking: observation and decision-making; interpretation; literary analysis.
- **Research skills** - Information retrieval; presenting material in clear and easy to read written format; data collection; process and synthesize vast amounts of data and apply where relevant; clearly explain research results.
- **Cross-cultural communication** - Intercultural awareness; knowledge and appreciation of other cultures; multi-cultural appreciation.
- **Public speaking and communication skills** - Ability to influence and persuade others.

**Sample Job Titles**

- Archivist
- Bilingual Customer Support
- Community Worker
- Cultural Events Coordinator
- Curator
- ESL Teacher
- Editor
- Film Director
- Foreign Service Officer
- Guidebook Writer
- Historian
- Hotel Front Desk Coordinator
- Immigration Officer
- Import or Export Specialist
- International Banking Officer
- International Marketing Specialist
- International Relations Consultant
- Interpreter
- Market Research Media
- Producer
- Public Relations
- Publisher
- Researcher
- Software Translator
- Teacher / Professor
- Tour Guide
- Translator
- Writer

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink.
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Alberta: atia.ab.ca/
- Association of Translators and Interpreters of Ontario: atio.on.ca/
- Canadian Translators, Terminologists and Interpreters Council: ctic.org/
- Canadian Society for Italian Studies: canadianassociationforitalianstudies.org
- European Community Studies Association (ECSA): ecsa-c.ca/
- International Association of Professional Translators and Interpreters: iapti.org
- International Studies Association: isanet.org/
- Society for Italian Historical Studies: italianhistoricalstudies.org/

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Additional Resources

Careers for Foreign Language Aficionados and Other Multilingual Types by H. Ned Steeyle
Careers in Foreign Languages by Blythe Camenson
Careers in International Affairs by Lisa Gihring
Great Jobs for Foreign Language Majors by Julie DeGalan
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson

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