Italian Studies

Italian Studies at Stony Brook is a versatile program that allows the student to concentrate on the study of Italian language, culture, and literature. Students may choose an individualized course of study to fit their needs. Students interested in teaching Italian should concentrate on courses taught in the Italian language, while those interested in other careers should choose courses in culture, film studies, and Italian American social issues.

The Italian Studies major consists of an intensive study of the Italian language along with the study of the culture, which has shaped Italian society and its interaction with American society, through the study of literature, culture, and film studies.

The undergraduate program in Italian Studies provides training for secondary language teachers and for graduate studies in Italian. In conjunction with other disciplines, the Italian program also provides a basis for careers such as international business, law, and economics.

Transferable Skills

- A deep understanding of Italian culture
- Analytical and critical thinking
- Presentation, public speaking, & didactic skills
- Cultural awareness
- Technical and analytical writing experience
- Interpretive skills
- Linguistic skills
- Rhetorical analysis
- Manage time efficiently by setting priorities
- Knowledge of a foreign language

Career Communities to Consider

- Public Service
- Arts & Communications
- Education & Helping Professions
- Business