Minor in Italian Area Studies

Students may obtain a minor in Italian area studies by completing at least 9 credits must be obtained through the mandatory course sequence: ITAL 2160, ITAL 3150, and ITAL 3160. The remaining 6 credits may be obtained by enrolling in two of our elective courses in English. Elective course offerings vary from year to year. Consult the current course offerings on myZou and/or in the Course Catalogue or contact an Italian faculty member for information for each academic year.

Normally, 9 credits must be completed in residence at MU. However, students are permitted to count 6 credits toward the minor from an officially sanctioned semester or year-long foreign study program in Italy. Six credits toward the minor can also be earned in summer programs abroad, such as the summer intensive language program offered by the University of Bergamo (near Milan) or by the Centro Fiorenza in Florence or on the Island of Elba.

Additionally, course work must be completed with a grade in the C range or higher in each of the required courses and students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in the minor.

Students coming from a different academic institution or students who took courses abroad should contact the Coordinator of Elementary Italian, Dr. Rita Cavigioli, an Italian faculty member before enrolling in any of our Minor courses taught in Italian. A placement exam may be administered in order to assess the student's linguistic and cultural competence.

Elective courses may also be chosen among Italian-emphasis courses offered by other UMC Departments (e.g., Art History, History, Music) or other UMC programs. These courses are subject to approval by either Dr. Rita Cavigioli (cavigiolir@missouri.edu) or Dr. Roberta Tabanelli (tabanellir@missouri.edu).