The George L. Graziadio Center for Italian Studies

Our current Italian Program owes its existence to a cooperative effort of the Italian-American communities of Southern California and California State University, Long Beach. This collaboration led to the establishment of the academic program in Italian Studies as well as The George L. Graziadio Center for Italian Studies in 1998. The Center was named in honor of Mr. George L. Graziadio, whose generous contribution represents the desire of the entire Italian-American community to foster studies in Italian language and culture in Southern California. Today we strive to maintain a strong, active presence within the University as well as in the community at large.

Under the direction of Dr. Clorinda Donato, The George L. Graziadio Center promotes the diffusion of the Italian language, culture and civilization through a variety of academic and cultural events featuring prominent scholars and authors in the field of Italian Studies. These events are realized in collaboration with various campus and community entities.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist for students in our programs who wish to study in Italy.

The George L. Graziadio Program in Italian Studies proudly offers the California Single Subject Credential required for the teaching of Italian. CSULB is the only university in the State to offer this credential. We also offer a program in Italian for Spanish Speakers. Workshops on Italian pedagogy are held annually. We also offer the MA in Italian Studies. See the Masters degree brochure for further information.

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The Bachelor of Arts in Italian

The B.A. Program offers two concentrations:

I. Italian Language and Culture (designed for prospective teachers)
II. Interdisciplinary Italian Studies (with courses in Italian, Music, Political Science, Geography, Art History and Comparative Literature.

Regular consultation with advisors is highly recommended to ensure the proper choice of courses in view of future professional careers or continuation of studies at the graduate level.

Requirements for the B.A. Program

Students must complete a minimum of 33 upper division units as approved by Italian Studies advisors. The lower division courses indicated below can be taken elsewhere and transferred to CSULB. They represent a baseline of competence in Italian necessary for the major.

Lower Division

Competency in Italian (14 units of lower division Italian):

ITAL 101A, 101B, 201*

For Spanish speakers:
ITAL 100A, 100B & 200*

*Please note: ITAL 200 & 201 are intensive, six-unit courses covering the entire second year.
Upper Division
A minimum of 33 upper division units. To be selected as follows:

Basic Core (24 units):
ITAL 310, 312A, 312B, 314, 335, 336, 340 & 482.

Concentration I
Italian Language and Culture
Electives (9 units): ITAL 411, 414*, 433, 454, 462, 473, 476, 478, 482, 490, 494, & 499.*Candidates who teach Italian language are required to take ITAL 414

Students in the Italian B.A. Program are encouraged to study 2 years of a second foreign language. One year of a second foreign language is currently required for this concentration.

Concentration II
Interdisciplinary Italian Studies
Electives (9 units): AH 423, 424; CWL 422, 430, 432; HIST 332; ITAL 345, 411, 414, 454, 462, 473, 476, 478, 482, 490, 494, 499; RGR 314, 315, 346, 400.

Minor in Italian
The Italian Studies Minor can be taken in conjunction with any other major. It is an excellent choice for students majoring in other languages, Art, Art History, International Business, Comparative World Literature, Dance, English, History, Linguistics, Music or Social Sciences. The minor consists of a minimum of 18 upper division units.

Requirements for a Minor in Italian

Basic Core (9 units):
ITAL 312A, 312B, & 314.

Electives (9 units chosen from the following):

Single Subject Teaching Credential in Italian
Completion of Concentration I (Language and Culture) of the Italian major meets the subject matter competence requirement for the Single Subject Preliminary Credential in Italian. Prospective students should consult the undergraduate Italian advisor and the Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Program advisor early to plan their program.

Prospective teachers of Italian are also required to complete 45 units of professional preparation in the Single Subject Credential Program, including student teaching. Students may begin the professional preparation courses as early as their junior year. With careful planning, it is possible to complete all of the credential program courses, except for student teaching, as an undergraduate. Courses may also be completed as a post-baccalaureate student. Refer to the Single Subject Teacher Education section of the Catalog or the Credential Program website for further information http://www.ced.csulb.edu/single-subject/program/lo-te

Requirements for the Single Subject Credential in Italian
Same as Concentration I (Italian Language and Culture) of the Italian major.