

ROMANCE LANGUAGES (Div I)

ITALIAN

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The study of Italian in the target language encourages students to gain a deep appreciation of the language, culture and literature through active participation and meaningful experience with the culture on its own terms. Italian courses at Williams are therefore conducted exclusively in Italian in order to enhance and reinforce the emotive and cognitive involvement of the students as they are introduced to the Italian world-view in a lively and natural manner. Students desirous of more contact with Italian are encouraged to attend the weekly Italian Table in the designated college dining hall. More information can be found at cflc.williams.edu/italian.

RLIT 101 (F) Elementary Italian

This course is designed for beginners. Its goal is to allow students to develop basic oral/listening and reading/writing proficiency in Italian. During the semester, students will be trained in grammar, pronunciation, listening-oral skills, reading, and writing in Italian by studying various communication settings and real-life situations. *The class is conducted entirely in Italian.*

Class Format: five hours a week with the professor

Requirements/Evaluation: participation, homework, compositions, quizzes, an oral exam, oral presentation, midterm and final exams

Prerequisites: none; not open to those who have had one year or more of high school Italian

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: instructor will prioritize on the basis of study abroad plans and year at Williams

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: no pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Unit Notes: students registered for RLIT 101-102 are required to attend and pass the sustaining program during Winter Study; credit granted only if both semesters (RLIT 101 and 102) are taken

Distributions: (D1)

Fall 2024

SEM Section: 01 M-F 9:00 am - 9:50 am Mario Sassi

RLIT 102 (S) Elementary Italian

This course is designed for beginners who already have some basic knowledge of Italian. Its goal is for students to review and expand their oral/listening and reading/writing proficiency in Italian. During the semester, students will continue to learn Italian grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation while improving listening-oral skills, reading, and writing in Italian. *The class is conducted entirely in Italian.*

Requirements/Evaluation: participation, homework, compositions, quizzes, an oral exam, oral presentation, midterm and final exams

Prerequisites: RLIT 101 and the Winter Study sustaining program; not open to those who have had one year or more of high school Italian

Enrollment Limit: 20

Enrollment Preferences: instructor will prioritize on the basis of study abroad plans and year at Williams

Expected Class Size: 20

Grading: no pass/fail option, no fifth course option

Unit Notes: students registered for RLIT 101-102 are required to attend and pass the sustaining program during the winter study period; credit granted only if both semesters (RLIT 101 and 102) are taken

Distributions: (D1)

Spring 2025

SEM Section: 01 M-F 9:00 am - 9:50 am Mario Sassi

RLIT 103 (F) History of Italy in Movies

The course aims primarily to enhance the student's speaking, reading, and writing abilities while introducing the history of Italy and its rich cinematic culture. Students will review and expand the previous semesters' grammar structures to achieve a higher level of fluency and sophistication in language production. The class is intended as a continuation of Italian 101 and 102, but welcomes study-abroad returnees and students who have an intermediate level of Italian. **The class is conducted entirely in Italian.**

Requirements/Evaluation: oral presentations, midterm exams, tests, compositions, participation, final project

Prerequisites: RLIT 101/102 or by permission of the instructor

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Students from 101/102 classes, as well as study-abroad returnees

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Fall 2024

SEM Section: 01 MWF 10:00 am - 10:50 am Mario Sassi

RLIT 105 (F) Pathway to Proficiency

The course aims primarily to enhance the student's speaking, reading, and writing ability while introducing the formal study of Italian culture and society by analyzing short literary texts, articles, films, shows, and podcasts. In addition, students will review and expand the previous semesters' grammar structures to achieve a higher level of fluency and sophistication in language production. Italian 105 is intended for study-abroad returnees and other advanced speakers; students who have been particularly successful in Italian 101-102 are also encouraged to enroll. *The class is conducted entirely in Italian.*

Requirements/Evaluation: oral presentations, midterm and final exams, tests, compositions, participation

Prerequisites: RLIT 101/102 or by permission of the instructor

Enrollment Limit: 15

Enrollment Preferences: Students from 101/102 classes, as well as study-abroad returnees.

Expected Class Size: 15

Grading: yes pass/fail option, yes fifth course option

Distributions: (D1)

Not offered current academic year

Winter Study -----

RLIT 88 (W) Italian Sustaining Program

Students registered for RLIT 101-102 are required to attend and pass the Italian Sustaining Program. However, students are also required to register for a regular Winter Study course. Once the regular Winter Study registration process is complete, the Registrar's Office will automatically enroll you in the Sustaining Program; check your class schedule to confirm enrollment.

Grading: pass/fail option only

Not offered current academic year

RLIT 99 (W) Independent Study: Italian

Open to upperclass students. Students interested in doing an independent project (99) during Winter Study must make prior arrangements with a faculty sponsor. The student and professor then complete the independent study proposal form available online. The deadline is typically in late September. Proposals are reviewed by the pertinent department and the Winter Study Committee. Students will be notified if their proposal is

approved prior to the Winter Study registration period.

Class Format: independent study

Grading: pass/fail only

Not offered current academic year