

LEARNING OUTCOMES: ITALIAN, MA

Learning Outcomes for the degree of Master of Arts in Italian

1. **Language:** strong command of spoken and written Italian in all its registers; strong command of academic English, particularly in writing, but also spoken; ability to summarize and explain major issues in language teaching and learning.
2. **Critical Theory:** can outline major fields of theoretical inquiry current in the discipline, such as marxism, psychoanalysis, post-structuralism, feminism / queer studies, post-colonialism, biopolitics, environmental humanities and ecocriticism, and others. Ability to identify current trends and issues in critical theory of interest to the field, as well as the beginning capacity to critically evaluate different theoretical approaches.
3. **Italian Studies:** demonstrates an ability to outline the field of Italian Studies, summarize the major issues of concern within the field, and evaluate some approaches to those issues.
4. **Teaching:** ability to teach Italian language at the beginning and intermediate levels; to create and critically evaluate syllabi, exams, written assignments, and lectures. Ability to identify and assess successful classroom strategies; familiarity with current trends in pedagogy for literature and culture.
5. **The Profession:** awareness and development of professional skills, including the ability to create seminar papers that can serve as raw material for future articles, give in-class presentations as a prelude to academic talks, and create book reviews and fellowship applications.