LEARNING OUTCOMES:
ITALIAN, PHD

Learning Outcomes for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Italian

1. **Language**: mastery of spoken and written Italian in all its registers; mastery of academic English, particularly in writing, but also spoken; ability to summarize and explain major issues in language teaching and learning.

2. **Critical Theory**: demonstrates ability to synthesize knowledge of 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 capacity to critically evaluate different theoretical approaches, and defend one's own approach.

3. **Italian Studies**: demonstrates an ability to evaluate the field of Italian Studies, assess the major issues of concern within the field, and evaluate different approaches to those issues.

4. **Teaching**: ability to teach Italian language at all levels, as well as a wide range of literary and cultural topics; to design 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**: mastery of professional skills, including ability to formulate academic talks, generate syllabi, rewrite seminar papers as articles, construct book reviews and fellowship applications; preparation for academic job market in literary and cultural studies and other allied fields, including ability to identify successful strategies and evaluate different types of institutions and their teaching and research needs.

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