ITALIAN, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences Major in Italian

Upon graduating with a major in Italian, students shall be able to do the following:

1. **Language proficiency and accuracy**: reach proficiency and accuracy in written and oral comprehension and production of Italian (based on proficiency guidelines outlined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages [ACTFL] and the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages [CEFR]).

2. **Research skills and literacy in text, media, and technology in Italian**: access, manage, evaluate, and effectively use culturally relevant sources according to the standards of professional conduct; understand how these resources relate to language and culture; use appropriate tools when interpreting sources, interacting with others, and producing written, oral, or visual content; develop sensitivity to the changes in cultures and languages produced by emerging technologies.

3. **Intercultural awareness, knowledge, and competence**: develop an awareness of differences between Italian and their own cultures. Identify implicit assumptions present in Italian linguistic practices and relate them to their own cultural conventions. Learn how to identify the cultural component of everyday practices, from food to body language, and recognize difference as culturally specific.

4. **Proficiency in Italian Literature and Culture**: acquire familiarity with Italian literature and culture, their history and their contexts, as well as the critical tools used in their analysis.

5. **Competence in Italian linguistics**: acquire competence in the structure and history of the Italian language.