Why study Italian at Bristol?

Italy embraces both tradition and innovation. Studying at Bristol enables you to engage with the complexity of this country and its history, by exploring Italian language and society from the Middle Ages to the present.

You’ll work with native-speaking language experts and will get the chance to take part in a variety of cultural opportunities, such as an Italian film season, the student-led magazine La Civetta, and a range of social activities run by student society Club Italia.

For beginners, the first-year curriculum will develop your grammar, reading, writing, translation and oral/aural comprehension while post A-level students will continue their language development and engage with texts, current affairs, media and film. Second- and fourth-year tuition develops fluency to a very high standard and offers the chance to explore a wide variety of cultural units in Italian literature, film, history and politics.

Year abroad
Gain international experience with a year studying at one of our partner universities or working in Italy. We have employer connections with several organisations, currently including a leading Milanese law firm, an international film festival in Trieste and an English-language magazine in Florence.

Dynamic, research-led teaching
Bristol has an enviable record for research in Italian culture. Current staff specialisms include: Dante and medieval poetry; Boccaccio and the history of the book; critical theory; Italian film; modern Italian history and more.
Sample units may include:
- Dante’s *Inferno*
- The Invention of the Renaissance Woman
- Screening the Past: Representing History in Contemporary Italian Cinema
- Naples: Culture, Identity and Nation
- The Culture of Fascism.

**Courses**

**Single honours:**
BA Italian

**Joint honours with another language:**
Italian with French / German / Portuguese / Russian / Spanish

**Joint honours with other subjects:**
Italian with Comparative Literatures and Cultures / English / Film / History / History of Art / Music / Philosophy / Politics / Theatre

‘There’s a wide variety of cultural units that we can study: this year, for example, I’m studying both Dante and gangster films.’

James (BA Italian and Portuguese)

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**Find out more**
Entry requirements, course structure and units bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-italian

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