

ITALIAN PROGRAM STUDY ABROAD / TRANSFER APPROVAL GUIDELINES

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- 1) The University of Denver FOLA requirement is met by (1) completing the first year of courses in one language offered campus or (2) the equivalent. (* unless a student places out of the 1003 level of a particular language, in which case s/he must take one more course in that language at DU)

The Italian program currently measures “the equivalent” with our placement test.

No matter the case, the credits from a DU partner program in Italy or another accredited institution will transfer as electives.

Any student additionally attempting to fulfil FOLA credit – regardless of the number of credits or levels of Italian taken abroad or at another institution – must take our placement test.

If s/he places in 2001, then s/he has completed the requirement. If not, the credits will transfer as electives. We do accept partial placement (i.e., into 1002 or 1003). Our priority is to accurately place each student into the right course of study upon his/her return from study abroad or after transfer.

Our placement exam is available online at www.cwlc.edu, and can be freely taken by the student at any point during their academic career and it can be taken more than once.

- 2) A course taken abroad or at another institution by a student who wishes to count it as an ITAL AI-SC courses must select a course nearly identical to the current course objectives, syllabi and content that ITAL offers (see current University Bulletin). We regularly offer ITAL 2201, ITAL 2750, and ITAL 2355 for AI-SC credit on campus. Therefore, the examination of course descriptions, objectives and materials must determine whether or not the course abroad corresponds to one of these two courses, in order for the course to be approved for AI-SC credit. If it is not approved for this purpose, it may be approved by the appropriate Italian faculty to count toward the Italian major or minor as the one course in English we will accept. (see 3)
- 3) The Italian program accepts one course on Italian culture taught in English toward the major or minor. This can be fulfilled abroad or at another accredited institution. Culture includes literature, linguistics, film, gender studies, history, art, or music, and the main focus of such a course must be on Italian cultural production (vs. European or Western). If a student wishes to earn these credits from abroad, s/he must meet with the appropriate Italian faculty (either in person prior to study abroad or virtually, once in Italy) for approval.
- 4) The Italian program accepts all courses on Italian culture (language, linguistics, literature, film, art, music, history, etc.) above the 2000-level taught in Italian toward the major and minor in Italian. These credits are considered “electives” of the major or minor. If a student wishes to apply these credits from abroad or from another accredited institution, s/he must meet with the appropriate Italian faculty (either in person prior to study abroad or virtually, once in Italy) for approval.

****Please note, regardless of the final number of credits earned abroad or at another accredited institution, a student is responsible for completing the required upper-level courses *on campus* in order to earn 1) the minor: 4 credits from an ITAL 3000-level course or 2) the major: at least 4 credits from ITAL 2500 or ITAL 3010 and 8 credits from ITAL 3700-level courses. These courses are core requirements for the major and minor and potential equivalents from other institutions or study abroad programs in Italy will not be considered.**