

Year abroad - Italian Studies

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One of the most exciting elements of any degree in Modern Languages is the opportunity to spend your third year abroad, perfecting your language skills, developing a thorough appreciation of another culture and acquiring all manner of transferable skills.

As a student of Italian, you will spend time in studying at a university, working at a school as an English Language Assistant or undertaking a work placement in Italy. The options for your Year Abroad in Italian are the same, regardless of whether you entered the University with A-level Italian or not.

If you are studying another language alongside Italian, you would normally split your Year Abroad between Italy and the country where your additional language is spoken.

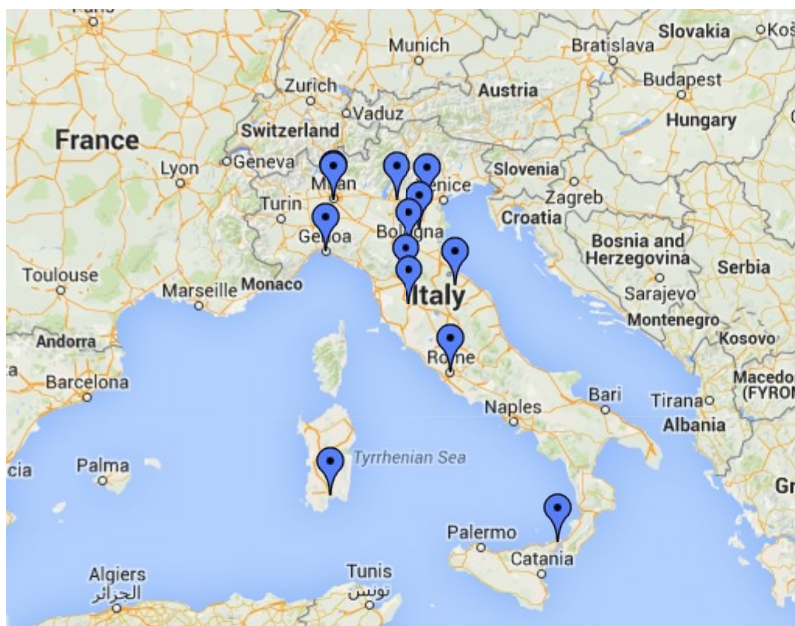
Studying at a University

Studying at one of our partner institutions in a country where your target language is widely spoken is the most popular choice for the Year Abroad. Students staying within the European Union will be eligible to take part in the Erasmus scheme. This means that you will be eligible for a bursary (usually about £2000 for the year), and tutorial support.

We have links with universities across the length and breadth of Italy - **Bologna** (<http://www.unibo.it/>), **Cagliari** (<http://www.unica.it/>), **Ferrara** (http://www.unife.it/studenti_index.htm), **Florence** (<http://www.unifi.it/>), **Genova** (<http://www.unige.it/>), **Messina** (<http://www.unime.it/>), Milan (**IULM** (<http://www.iulm.it/>) and **Università Cattolica** (<http://www.unicatt.it/>)), **Padua** (<http://www.unipd.it/programmi/socrates.html>), **Rome I** (<http://www.uniroma1.it/>) (La Sapienza), **Siena** (<http://www.unisi.it/>), **Urbino** (<http://www.uniurb.it/Uborse/erasmus.htm>) and **Verona** (<http://www.univr.it/22/24/25/25TM02NL064.jsp?lang=it&NL=64>) (see Interactive Map below) - although there are occasionally places available at other universities.

Interactive map

These are the Italian universities with which the department has developed links:



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Teaching English

Some students prefer to spend their year abroad as a teaching assistant in a school. This is a salaried placement of between seven and nine months at a school in Italy. This scheme is supported by the British Council.

Work Placements

Another option is to spend your year abroad completing a work placement. Many students use this year to gain valuable experience in an industry that they hope to enter

post-graduation. You will need to be accepted by a company and have your place approved by the year abroad tutor. Examples of recent placements by students studying Italian include a top fashion house in Milan. Further examples of recent placements across the whole of Modern Languages include a football magazine based in Munich, a European-wide fashion brand based in Dusseldorf, a PR agency in Paris and a media communications company in Spain.

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