

Romance Languages

The courses in Romance Languages are designed for those students who come to St. Thomas University and wish to have either a general knowledge of two or more Romance Languages and Literatures (French, Italian, Latin, and Spanish), or to acquire a Major in two Romance Languages and Literatures (French and Spanish).

Double Major in French and Spanish and Latin American Studies

Language students should consider the option of pursuing a Double Major in French and Spanish and Latin American Studies. The Double Major is attractive to students who are interested in developing strong oral and written proficiency in two major international languages sharing a commonality in their Latin based origins. The Double Major is useful for students wishing to further their studies in such areas as education, translation, foreign affairs, journalism, law, management, public relations and international development.

Double Major in French and Spanish and Latin American Studies Requirements

Students who plan to pursue a Double Major in French and Spanish and Latin American Studies must satisfy the requirements for majoring in French (36 credits) and in Spanish and Latin American Studies (36 credits). These credits can be cross-listed from one language to the other. In addition, students are required to take 3 credit hours at the second or third year level in another language, such as Latin or Italian, or 3 credit hours at the second or third year level in a relevant course in another discipline. Prior to selecting a miscip f-u ul ll (onsr)9.9 (d)-5 ()II

Arabic

ARAB-1013. Beginning Arabic I

This course assumes no prior knowledge of Arabic. The course provides an introduction to standard Arabic writing and sound systems. It aims to provide basic proficiency in speaking, reading, writing and understanding the language.

ARAB-1023. Beginning Arabic II

Arabic is an important language with a rich cultural history. More than 150 million people speak Arabic today, and most of them reside in the Middle East and North Africa. However, Arabic speakers also constitute a wider global community since Arabic is the language of the Qur'an (Koran), the holy book of the world's roughly 1.5 billion Muslims. In addition, Arabic has had considerable linguistic influence since many other tongues have adopted its script, including Persian, Urdu, Malay, and (until the 1920s) Turkish.

Italian

Students wishing to complete a Minor Programme in Italian must complete at least 18 credit hours in Italian selected from the first, second or third year offerings and maintain an overall average of B in those 18 credit hours.

ITAL-1006. Introduction to Italian

Introduction to the Italian Language. Phonetics, oral training, and conversation. Basic grammar with oral and written exercises. Basic reading and composition. Introduction to Italian civilization with the aid of audio-visual techniques.

ITAL-2013. Intermediate Italian I

This course proceeds to further develop the acquisition of grammar, vocabulary, and language skills. The practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing will give students the opportunity to improve their use of the language. Aspects of Italian culture are presented through audio-visual aids in order to enhance the connection to the learning language process.

ITAL-2023. Introduction to Italian Literature

This course provides an outline of Italian literature from its origins to the present day. It examines literary movements and their background, with a study of some of the field's major representatives. Emphasis is placed on reading, understanding, and analysing selections from Italian literary texts.

ITAL 2033. Travel-Study: Introduction to Italian Literature & Civilization

This study tour of Italy offers a harmonious blend of language, culture and countryside. It presents an overview of Italian civilization from its origins to the present day. Topics to be examined include major Italian literary and artistic movements with a study of some major representatives. Highlights encompass visiting various Italian cities and experiencing a unique immersion into Italian art, architecture, cuisine, literature, history, religion, music, fashion, and current events.

ITAL-2043. Intermediate Italian II

This course is the continuation of Intermediate Italian I. Written assignments will improve the accuracy of grammatical structures. Conversation and oral exercises will enhance the student's ability to interact in a communicative environment.

