

Student Learning Outcomes

ITALIAN

LANGUAGE

Students will demonstrate an ability to operate in Italian, i.e. communicate orally and in writing, demonstrate an awareness of appropriateness of communication with respect to situation and register, be able to write a cogent essay according to appropriate disciplinary standards.

Assessment: Oral presentations in a sampling of upper-division courses will be filmed or a faculty committee will witness and review live presentations every 3 years. Speaking ability will be assessed according to a departmental rubric for oral proficiency. Written assignments from Italian 101 (required of all majors) and a sampling of other upper-division literature courses will be reviewed every 3 years and evaluated with respect to a departmental rubric for a writing proficiency standard.

CULTURE

Students will demonstrate knowledge of cultural concepts and artifacts within a historical context, be able to draw comparisons to other cultures, demonstrate an awareness of cultural issues.

Assessment: Final exams or papers from a sampling of upper-division culture courses will be reviewed every 3 years and assessed for cultural competence in accordance with a departmental rubric.

LITERATURE

Students will demonstrate: analytic, interpretive, and critical thinking skills; knowledge of research protocols (e.g., proper citation); understanding of the specificity of the literary object as well as its historical cultural context; and a general familiarity with literary history.

Assessment: Papers and assignments from Italian 105 (required of all majors) and a sampling of other upper-division literature courses will be reviewed every 3 years to assess subject competence in accordance with a departmental rubric.