

Guidelines for Senior Honors in Italian

Qualified students may be admitted to a program of advanced study during their junior year (or at the beginning of the senior year following foreign study), leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Italian.

Admission to senior-level Honors work in Italian is by application only.

A grade point average of at least 3.4 in all courses, and a 3.5 in all Italian courses, is required for admission and for graduation with Honors in Italian.

The Honors Committee expects applicants to demonstrate superior ability for their level in both oral and written Italian, and to present evidence of serious interest in research.

Italian Honors majors are required to complete 33 credits of coursework and successfully defend a thesis:

Course Requirements:

All regular Italian major requirements must be completed (30 credits) with 3 additional credits at the 300 level or above. 6 of the required 33 credits will consist of ITALIAN 491 and 492, Senior Honors Courses, normally taken in the fall and winter terms, respectively, of a student's senior year.

Thesis Requirement:

Composition of a thesis, in Italian, incorporating the results of individual research, demonstrating a substantial piece of work; and

A presentation and discussion of the thesis and of an agreed upon set of related readings with the student's faculty advisor and one other faculty reader.

Working under the direction of a faculty member who serves as thesis director, the student will research the thesis, complete a bibliography and prospectus, and begin drafting the writing process while enrolled in ITALIAN 491. In the following academic term the student will enroll in ITALIAN 492 and complete the thesis and its presentation and discussion.

Upon successful completion, your faculty advisor will send a report to the Honors program with your thesis title and a recommendation of honors, high honors or highest honors in Italian.

Please submit your application and supporting documentation to:

Italian Honors Advisor
c/o Undergraduate Services Assistant
The University of Michigan
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
4108 MLB
812 E. Washington St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1275

Senior Honors in Italian Application for Admission

Name

Unique Name

UM ID#

Ann Arbor Address

Ann Arbor Phone

Your application must include the following:

An up-to-date U-M transcript. An unofficial transcript is acceptable.

A statement of purpose, written in Italian. Attempt to explain in 200 or 300 words why you wish to undertake the arduous task of researching and writing a senior thesis and passing a juried oral examination in Italian literature. If you have particular research interests, please describe them and indicate the sort of subject that might interest you for a senior thesis.

AA writing sample. Please include a paper written in Italian by you and corrected and graded by a course professor. It should illustrate your best Italian writing style, its subject may be anything at all.

A completed recommendation form from a professor with whom you took a Italian course. If you have just returned from a junior year of study abroad, the director of that program should complete the form, found on the next page.

For Committee and Office Staff Use

ADMITTED/ DECLINED Comments:

Faculty Supervisor Assigned:

Independent Study Number

Class Number

**Request for Recommendation
The University of Michigan:
Senior Honors in Italian**

Applicant's Name (type/print clearly)

Applicant: Sign below only if you wish to waive your right to have access to this letter.

I waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Name of Recommender

Signature of the Recommender _____ Date _____

Title

Institution

Recommender: Please indicate below how long you have known the applicant. Then indicate on the back of this page what skills and what qualities of mind the applicant has to equip her/him to undertake a serious, independent research project and to write a senior honors thesis in French, pointing out, if possible, your basis for judgment.

Please return directly to:

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We appreciate your help in selecting our honors seniors.