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**ATTENTION** Senate **DATE** December 9, 2014  
**FROM** Jon Driver, Vice-President, Academic and Provost, and Chair, SCUP **PAGES** 1/1  
**RE:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences: Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Italian Studies (SCUP 14-36)

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At its December 3, 2014 meeting, SCUP reviewed and approved the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Italian Studies in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2015.

**Motion:**

That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the Full Program Proposal for a Minor in Italian Studies in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, effective Fall 2015.

c: S. Steele



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<b>ATTENTION</b>	Senate Committee on University Priorities	<b>DATE</b>	November 7, 2014
<b>FROM</b>	Gordon Myers, Chair Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	<b>PAGES</b>	1/1
<b>RE:</b>	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (SCUS 14-47m)		

Action undertaken by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies at its meeting of November 6, 2014, gives rise to the following recommendation:

## Motion

That SCUP approve and recommend to Senate the Full Program Proposal for the Minor in Italian Studies in the Department of French within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

The relevant documentation for review by SCUP is attached.



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**ATTENTION** Jo Hinchliffe, Secretary  
Senate Committee on Undergraduate  
Studies  
**DATE** October 27, 2014

**FROM** Jane Pulkingham, Chair  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Curriculum Committee  
**PAGES** n/a

**RE:** Curricular Revisions: Department of French

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At the meeting of October 16, 2014, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee approved the curricular changes, as submitted by the Department of French (FASCC 14-43)

- Full Program Proposal for the Minor in Italian Studies
- Course title, description and learning outcomes for FREN 340, FREN 341, FREN 344 and FREN 430
- Course deletion: FREN 343
- New course: FREN 345
- Calendar language changes

Please place these items on the agenda for the next SCUS meeting.

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Att.

# FULL PROGRAM PROPOSAL

## MINOR IN ITALIAN STUDIES

### **Executive summary**

This minor is for students enrolled in a degree program who wish to develop a solid knowledge of Italian language and culture. With its concentration in language training, related to the four areas of competency (reading, writing, comprehension and speaking), and its large cultural component offered by an interdisciplinary complement of faculty, the minor will appeal to students interested in pursuing Italian Studies, exposing them to different viewpoints on Italian history, literature and culture from the early Renaissance to the present.

The Minor in Italian Studies can be combined with another minor and will satisfy the requirements for the FASS BA consisting of two minors.

The existing Certificate in Italian Studies will be eliminated to accommodate the new credential and avoid redundancy.

### **Credential to be awarded**

Minor in Italian Studies

### **Location of the program**

Burnaby Campus

### **Anticipated Start Date**

September 2015

### **Anticipated Completion Time**

5 to 7 semesters

### **Curriculum**

Students will have to complete 12 lower division units and a minimum of 15 upper division units to obtain this Minor in Italian Studies.

The following **required courses** are taken in sequence.

## **Lower Division**

ITAL 100-3 Introductory Italian I  
ITAL 101-3 Introductory Italian II  
ITAL 200-3 Intermediate Italian I  
ITAL 201-3 Intermediate Italian II

## **Upper division**

**One** required course

ITAL 300-3 Advanced Italian: Language and Culture

**And** 12 units from upper division courses chosen from among the following:

ENG 377-4 Field School I\* (\*when the location is Italy)  
ENG 378-4 Field School II\* (\*when the location is Italy)  
HUM 311-4 Italian Renaissance  
HUM 312-4W Renaissance Studies\* (\*when the topic, issue or personality is from the Italian Renaissance)  
HIST 402-4 Renaissance Italy  
HIST 433-4W Italian Films, Italian Histories (with special permission from the History Department)  
HIST 445-4 Problems in Modern Italian History

## **Learning Methodologies**

The teaching methodologies are interactive. In the language courses, the approach tends to be communicative; classes are limited to 25 students to ensure interaction and extensive practice of language skills.

In addition, new technologies are used on a regular basis to provide a variety of cultural material (newspaper, audio, video, film). In the language courses, Computer Assisted Instruction is widely used in our language labs. All instructors use the current Learning Management System: Canvas.

At this time, none of the courses are on-line.

## **Experiential Learning or Service Learning**

SFU encourages students to study abroad. The Italian program provides support to the **Prato Field School** organized, at present, every two years by the English department. Regularly, 24 or so students take Italian before they go to Prato for a semester.

The Beedie School of Business sends 4 students to Bocconi University in Milan, and some take our courses prior to their term abroad.

**SIAT (Interactive Arts and Design)** at the Surrey Campus offers a field school in Italy every two years. Successful completion of Italian 100 prior to attending their Field School is a requirement.

All these student groups outside of the department are potential candidates for the Minor in Italian Studies upon their return from field schools and should be encouraged to complete the Minor.

### **Linkages between the educational goals and the curriculum design**

*"Knowing how, when, and why to say what to whom"*

ACTFL's Standards for Foreign Language Learning apply directly to this Minor in Italian Studies.

*"All the linguistic and social knowledge required for effective human-to-human interaction is encompassed in those ten words. Formerly, most teaching in foreign language classrooms concentrated on the **how** (grammar) to say **what** (vocabulary). While these components of language are indeed crucial, the organizing principle for foreign language study is **communication**, which also highlights the **why**, the **whom** and the **when**. So, while grammar and vocabulary are essential tools for communication, it is the acquisition of the ability to communicate in meaningful and appropriate ways with users of other languages". (ACTFL: Standards for Foreign Language Learning, p. 2)*

Students who complete the Minor in Italian Studies will also develop effective *learning* and *critical thinking* skills, as well as a strong written and oral competencies in the Italian language.

#### *A. Learning*

Students will gain a better understanding of the Italian language and culture, as well as a broad knowledge of social and cultural issues related to Europe and Italy in particular.

#### *B. Critical Thinking*

Students will be able to critically analyze cultural and theoretical texts pertaining to Italian Culture.

#### *C. Language Competence*

Students will be able to develop sufficient skills to write an academic essay in Italian and communicate in Italian at the level appropriate for a Minor.

No work experience is needed for degree completion

## **Faculty and Budget**

- The Minor program draws upon current faculty resources and courses. Please note that a 400 level course: Topics in Italian Literature is currently under development.
- Current faculty members in Italian and in other participating departments will teach all courses as part of their regular teaching load.
- One Senior Lecturer who holds a PhD in Italian Literature will be responsible for the program; one full-time Senior Lecturer specializing in Language teaching, a Limited-term Lecturer and an external TA will teach the Language portion of the Minor; two regular faculty members in the History Department, two in the Humanities Department and two in the English Department will teach the historical, social and some of the cultural portions of the Minor.
- No new human resources are needed.
- The current Certificate in Italian Studies will be deleted upon creation of the Minor in Italian Studies

### **Related Programs**

- UBC offers a Minor in Italian
- UVic offers a Combined Hispanic and Italian Studies Program

## **Library Query**

A new fourth year course is currently under development for the Minor in Italian Studies (Topics in Italian Literature)

## **Program Consultations and Evaluation**

Once implemented, the Italian Curriculum Committee will regularly review the Minor in Italian Studies as mandated by the Senate.

## **Target Audience, Student Interest and Labour Market Demand**

The program serves full and part-time students seeking educational enrichment in Italian Language and Culture from the early Renaissance to the present.

The program is aimed at students who are enrolled in a degree program and are interested in Italian Language and Culture as a subject of study. The pool of potential students is set to grow with the consolidation of Italian as a teachable language at the high school level. Burnaby high schools are actively involved in teaching Italian and work with community and consular resources to raise the profile of Italian Language and Culture. This represents an opportunity for growth of Italian at SFU and will be an area of student recruitment going forward.

Enrollment numbers in Italian courses at SFU, including the Italian Studies Certificate Program, generally range between 90 students to 110 from one semester to the next. The Italian minor will appeal to some of these students and attract others in search of a higher credential. A poll of students in sections of Italian 200, 201 and 300 was conducted in Spring 2013 and 81% of respondents indicated interest in the proposed Italian minor.

Italy is an important trading partner with Canada. The Minor in Italian Studies will open doors to students who wish to pursue career opportunities in the fields of:

- Teaching
- Translation
- Design
- Fashion
- Communication
- Consulting
- International Trade
- Diplomacy
- Business
- Hospitality
- Immigration

### **Program Information**

Students who are unsure of their proficiency in Italian are responsible for an assessment of their language level prior to course enrollment. Consult with the program coordinator.

### **Course exemptions**

Exemption from 100 division Italian language courses (ITAL 100-3 and ITAL 101-3) may be granted up to a maximum of 6 units on evidence of language proficiency. Students who hope to gain course exemption must consult with the program coordinator. Students will be required to complete the equivalent number of exempted units from the following list of courses:

HUM 101-3W Introduction to the Humanities  
HUM 161-3 Latin I  
HUM 162-3 Latin II (Prerequisite: HUM 161 or permission of the instructor)  
WL 100-3 Introduction to World Literature  
WL 102-3 Literature across Cultures  
WL 104-3 Modern World Literature

**Transfer credits**

Approved transfer credits for Italian courses completed at another post-secondary institution (subject to University transfer credit regulations) may be obtained up to a maximum of 6 units.

**Admission and Declaration Requirements**

A minimum GPA of 2.0 calculated on all Simon Fraser University courses that are applied to a minor, is required for successful completion of the program. In the case of duplicate courses, only the higher grade will be used in the calculation.

No work experience is needed for degree completion

**Additional material required by SFU**

None

# Appendix 1

## Complete calendar entry

### Minor in Italian Studies

*Department of French/Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
Simon Fraser University Calendar 2015*

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Recommendations for the award of this minor will be made by the Italian section of the Department of French and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

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#### Program Information

Students who are unsure of their proficiency in Italian are responsible for assessment of their language level prior to course enrollment. Consult with the program coordinator or course instructor prior to registration.

For information about initial ITAL course selection, visit  
<http://www.sfu.ca/french/en/italian.html>

#### Admission and Declaration Requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0, calculated on all Simon Fraser University courses that are applied to a minor, is required for successful completion of the program.

#### Curriculum Requirements

Students will have to complete 12 lower division units and a minimum of 15 upper division units to obtain the Minor in Italian Studies.

The following required courses are taken in sequence:

#### Lower Division (12 units)

ITAL 100-3 Introductory Italian I  
ITAL 101-3 Introductory Italian II  
ITAL 200-3 Intermediate Italian I  
ITAL 201-3 Intermediate Italian II

### **Upper division (15 units)**

One required course:

ITAL 300-3 Advanced Italian: Language and Culture

**And** three of the following courses:

ENG 377-4 Field School I\* (\*when the location is Italy)

ENG 378-4 Field School II\* (\*when the location is Italy)

HUM 311-4 Italian Renaissance

HUM 312-4W Renaissance Studies\* (\*when the topic, issue or personality is from the Italian Renaissance)

HIST 402-4 Renaissance Italy

HIST 433-4W Italian Films, Italian Histories (with special permission from the History Department)

HIST 445-4 Problems in Modern Italian History

**Note:** Some of the above courses have specific prerequisites and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all prerequisites are met for upper division courses listed in the program.

### **Course exemptions**

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