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BA (Hons)

Italian

UCAS code R300

Entry requirements

A level: BBB

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

4 years

Apply by: **30 June 2026**

Starts on: **28 September 2026**

About this course

The Italian language carries an unparalleled cultural capital. Whilst according to UNESCO over 60% of the world's art treasures are found in Italy, around the world the long history of Italian migration underlies food, arts, sport, fashion, tourism and heritage industries in millions of local enterprises and ventures. Italian culture is truly global and testifies to the human passion for learning and making art, beauty and history.

Introduction

Italian at Liverpool has a distinctive approach to help you become highly proficient in Italian and critically understand its history and culture: one that develops the ability of students to engage confidently with Italian language, history and culture inside and outside Italy, in the Italian peninsula as well as in the context in which students live and study.

By learning about history, sociolinguistics, film and literature through the lens of Italian, our students develop a crucial set of linguistic and cultural skills to navigate the transcultural processes of the world in which they live.

In close association with staff's research expertise and interests, modules explore Italian language – including translation and interpreting – linguistics, cultural history, cinema, contemporary fiction, popular culture, post-colonial and transcultural studies. Extracurricular activities include film screenings and social activities as well as an annual Italian themed public event, the Lucrezia Zaina Bequest Lecture, which brings to Liverpool inspiring contemporary figures associated with Italian culture from around the world.

The Italian subject group at Liverpool consists predominantly of tutors and language assistants with Italian as their first language. We continue to work on the expansion of both academic and business links with Italy to assist during the Year Abroad.

What you'll learn

- The ability to communicate appropriately, fluently and accurately in a number of personal and professional contexts in Italian
- Linguistic principles required to analyse the Italian language
- Detailed study of literary and other cultural texts and contexts to develop a broad knowledge and critical understanding of the cultures, communities and societies in which Italian is spoken
- The ability to contextualise a broad range of materials in written and spoken Italian
- Analytic engagement with texts
- Oral and written presentation skills in both your native language and Italian

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

In year one you will study appropriate language modules as well as foundational modules which serve as a broad introduction to the literary, cultural, film, linguistic and historical modules offered in the subsequent years of the degree. You will also take a 'Language awareness' module in the first year which is designed to support your language learning by sensitising you to issues in language and linguistics, and a 'Texts and context' module which develops your research skills through a portfolio of tasks structured around a chosen text or film.

Students take 30 credits of required modules and 15 credits of optional modules in each semester.

Student must take EITHER **ITALI12** and **ITALI34** OR **ITALI05** and **ITALI06**. Students with A Level Italian or equivalent should normally take **ITALI05** and **ITALI06**. Students with no previous experience of learning Italian, or with qualifications below A Level should normally take **ITALI12** and **ITALI34**.

Language modules must be taken in pairs.

Students may study an additional language as part of their optional modules if they wish.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN STUDIES I (ITALI20)	15
INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN STUDIES II (ITALI21)	15
LANGUAGE AWARENESS (MODL105)	15
TEXTS AND CONTEXTS IN ITALIAN (ITALI25)	15

Compulsory modules	Credits
BEGINNERS ITALIAN 1+2 (ITALI12)	15
ELEMENTARY ITALIAN 3+4 (ITALI34)	15
INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN 5 (ITALI05)	15
INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN 6 (ITALI06)	15
Optional modules	Credits
BEGINNERS CHINESE 1+2 (CHINI12)	15
INTERMEDIATE CHINESE 5+6, YEAR 2 (CHIN256)	15
BEGINNERS FRENCH 1+2 (FREN112)	15
INTERMEDIATE FRENCH 5, YEAR 1 (FREN105)	15
BEGINNERS' GERMAN 1+2, YEAR 1 (GRMNI12)	15
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN 5, YEAR 1 (GRMNI05)	15
BEGINNERS SPANISH 1+2 (SPANI12)	15
INTERMEDIATE SPANISH 5, YEAR 1 (SPANI05)	15
BEGINNERS CATALAN 1+2 (CATLI12)	15
BEGINNERS PORTUGUESE 1+2, YEAR 1 (PORTI12)	15
INTRODUCTION TO FILM LANGUAGE (FILM101)	15

Optional modules	Credits
THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF THE PRESENT (HIST114)	15
INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE 1: PLACES AND LOCATIONS (WLIT101)	15
ELEMENTARY CHINESE 3+4, YEAR 1 (CHIN134)	15
POST-INTERMEDIATE CHINESE 7+8 (CHIN278)	15
ELEMENTARY FRENCH 3+4, YEAR 1 (FREN134)	15
INTERMEDIATE FRENCH 6, YEAR 1 (FREN106)	15
ELEMENTARY GERMAN 3+4, YEAR 1 (GRMNI34)	15
INTERMEDIATE GERMAN 6, YEAR 1 (GRMNI06)	15
ELEMENTARY SPANISH 3+4, YEAR 1 (SPAN134)	15
INTERMEDIATE SPANISH 6, YEAR 1 (SPAN106)	15
ELEMENTARY CATALAN 3+4, YEAR 1 (CATLI34)	15
ELEMENTARY PORTUGUESE 3+4, YEAR 1 (PORT134)	15
INTRODUCTION TO WORLD LITERATURE 2: THEORY AND PRACTICE (ENGL120)	15
APPROACHES TO FILM (FILM102)	15
UNDERSTANDING MODERN EUROPE (HIST117)	15

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Year two

During your second year, you will take language and cultural modules which have a strong emphasis on the history, literature and film of Italy, complemented by departmental modules which offer thematic approaches to cities, graphic novels and film adaptations among other subjects.

Students take 45 credits of optional modules in Semester 1.

Students take **MODL250** and 30 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

Italian language modules should continue from those taken in Year 1 (i.e. students who took **ITAL112** and **ITAL134** should take **ITAL256** and **ITAL278**; students who took **ITAL105** and **ITAL106** should take **ITAL207** and **ITAL208**).

MODL200 is subject to a suitable placement being sourced.

Up to 15 credits of optional modules may be taken from cognate subjects elsewhere in the School of Histories, Languages and Cultures with prior permission from the Subject Lead.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN 5+6 (ITAL256)	15
ADVANCED ITALIAN 7 (ITAL207)	15
ADVANCED ITALIAN 7+8 (ITAL278)	15
ADVANCED ITALIAN 8 (ITAL208)	15
EXTENDED PROJECT IN MODERN LANGUAGES (MODL250)	15

Optional modules	Credits
THE CINEMATIC CITY (FILM201)	15
GLOBAL FILM HISTORY (FILM108)	15
ITALY, AFRICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN: FROM THE FASCIST EMPIRE TO THE PRESENT (ITAL225)	15
MULTILINGUAL LIVERPOOL: READING THE CITY (MODL234)	15
LIVING THE GLOBAL EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (HLAC200)	15
THE ITALIAN CINEMA (ITAL223)	15
LANGUAGE TEACHING: THEORY AND PRACTICE (MODL200)	15

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Year Abroad (Year three)

You will spend one year in an Italian-speaking country as a language assistant in a school, as a student at a partner university, or on a work placement. If you combine Major Italian with a minor in another language, you will split the year abroad between an Italian-speaking country and another country.

Assessment during your year abroad

You will complete assessment tasks appropriate to your year abroad placement, either producing one or more pieces of work in Italian or completing modules at your

host university.

Modules

Optional modules	Credits
YEAR ABROAD SEMESTER 1 (STUDY IN EUROPE) (MODL215)	60
PLACEMENTS ESSAY S1 (MODL217)	60
YEAR ABROAD PORTFOLIO (SEMESTER 1) (MODL220)	60
YEAR ABROAD SEMESTER 2 (STUDY IN EUROPE) (MODL216)	60
PLACEMENTS ESSAY S2 (MODL218)	60
YEAR ABROAD PORTFOLIO (SEMESTER 2) (MODL221)	60
ALL YEAR PLACEMENTS ESSAY (MODL219)	120
YEAR ABROAD PORTFOLIO (FULL YEAR) (MODL224)	120

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Year four

Your fourth year brings together your interests from your second year of study, complements the activities from your Year Abroad, and includes a compulsory dissertation.

Students take 30 credits of required modules and 30 credits of optional modules in Semester 1, and 45 credits of mandatory modules and 15 credits of optional modules in Semester 2.

MODL307 is a 'year-long' module and represents 15 credits in each semester.

Up to 15 credits of optional modules may be taken from cognate subjects elsewhere in the School of Histories, Languages and Cultures with prior permission from the Subject Lead.

MODL311 is a prerequisite for **MODL312**. Students will need to achieve a mark of 60% or above in MODL311 in order to progress to **MODL312**. **MODL307** is a 'year-long' module and represents 15 credits in each semester.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
PROFICIENT ITALIAN 11 (ITAL311)	15
PROFICIENT ITALIAN 12 (ITAL312)	15
THE SOCIOLINGUISTICS OF CONTEMPORARY ITALY (ITAL320)	15
DISSERTATION (MODL307)	30
Optional modules	Credits
TERROR REMEMBERED: REPRESENTING TRAUMATIC HISTORIES IN LATIN AMERICA, EUROPE AND ASIA (MODL304)	15
COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS: MEMORY AND TRANSCULTURAL MOBILITY (MODL326)	15
NEW TRENDS IN ITALIAN CINEMA: MAFIA, GENDER, MIGRATION AND ECO-CINEMA (ITAL321)	15

Optional modules	Credits
SCREENING TEXTS (MODL328)	15
TRANSLATION THEORY AND PRACTICE (MODL311)	15
TRANSLATION PROJECT (MODL312)	15

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Combined degree

Choosing this subject as a combined degree

If you split your degree between Italian and another subject area, you will study an Italian language module, at beginners' or advanced level, and a cultural module per semester, alongside two other modules in your other subject.

If you combine Italian with a non-language subject, you will spend the year abroad in a Italian speaking country as an assistant in a school, as a student at a university or on a work placement. If you combine Italian with another language, you will split the year abroad between the two countries.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will be taught in a mixture of formal lectures, seminars and small group tutorials where a friendly environment prevails and great attention is paid to giving feedback on assessed work.

In language classes, we make every effort to ensure that we have a small number of students compared to competitor institutions, which means that academic staff are able to support students to achieve their full potential. All language modules involve continuous assessment such as oral presentations, listening tests and grammar tests as well as exams. Tuition takes place in small groups with first-language speakers playing a prominent part and includes a range of skills such as listening, writing, speaking, interpreting and translation.

Students are also expected to make regular use of our fully-refurbished Language Lounge to enhance their own study. We encourage our students to become independent learners, and support them through our dedicated library resources in the Sydney Jones Library which is open 24-hour in term time. We also make extensive use of our virtual learning environment VITAL where students can complete structured tasks outside the classroom.

How you're assessed

Performance throughout the year is carefully monitored and used to supplement examinations. For language, such a programme of continuous assessment involves evaluating performance in a variety of written and oral exercises. Other modules have a mix of essay and exam assessment. Our aim is always to assess by methods of evaluation appropriate to the skills being developed and to allow students to gain credit for good work done during the year.

Exams take place at two points in the academic year: at the end of semester one in January and at the end of the session in May, so that the workload is evenly distributed. As regards the final degree result, for language programmes, the second year's work counts for 20%, the work done during the year abroad (foreign exams or extended essay or portfolio) counts for another 10%, and the final year's work counts for 70%.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching – learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning – taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment – assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

Studying Italian goes beyond preparing students for a specific career, as the skills learned offer many possibilities. The Higher Education Statistics Agency consistently records high employment levels for language graduates, and the employability of graduates in Italian is excellent.

We are justifiably proud of our excellent record on graduate employment. Our graduates go on to careers in all sectors worldwide. These include:

- Media
- Industry and commerce
- Finance
- Local and central government
- Translation
- Interpreting
- Teaching in schools and universities.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,790

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £1,465 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £27,000

Year in industry fee - £1,955

Year abroad fee - £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

BBB
including Italian.

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **BBC** from A levels, with **B** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject.

Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

Subject requirements

Requirements for 100%:

A Level in Italian at grade B for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language)

Requirements for 50% with another subject outside Modern Languages and Cultures:

A Level in Italian at grade B for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language)

Requirements for 50%/50% with two languages:
A Level at Grade B in either of the two languages

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Applications encouraged. We evaluate each BTEC application on its merits, entry to Advanced language with an A level or equivalent in Italian (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

International Baccalaureate

30 points overall with no score less than 4 including 5 at higher level in relevant language (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language) or pass the IB Diploma plus 5,5,5 in 3 HL subjects including 5 at higher level in relevant language (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

Irish Leaving Certificate

H2, H2, H2, H3, H3, H3 (including H2 in relevant language for Advanced)

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

BBB in Advanced Highers including grade B in relevant language for entry to Advanced language; (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' language) combinations of Advanced Highers and Scottish Highers are welcome.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus BB at A level to include Italian grade B (no subject requirement for entry to Beginners' Language).

Access

Pass relevant Access to HE Diploma with 45 Level 3 credits with 30 at Distinction and 15 at Merit for entry to Beginners' language.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
 - [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.
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English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

We accept a variety of [international language tests](#) and [country-specific qualifications](#).

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21

January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or [the equivalent score in selected other English language tests](#), to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to [Pre-sessional English entry requirements](#) for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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