



Immerse yourself in the language, culture, and creativity of Italy. The Italian Studies major at Franklin cultivates global citizens who communicate with confidence, think critically, and engage meaningfully across culture: skills that open doors in any field.

 **LUGANO, SWITZERLAND**



**FRANKLIN
SWITZERLAND**
U.S. UNIVERSITY & SWISS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

BACHELOR'S STRUCTURE

THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 120 CREDIT HOURS

Rooted in Franklin's experiential approach, the Italian Studies program blends rigorous language study with hands-on learning in the Italian-speaking world. You will develop fluency through real-world engagement, applying classroom knowledge in daily life, community projects, and field experiences. By uniting cultural exploration with personal growth, the program empowers you to thrive as adaptable, globally-minded professionals and leaders.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

66
CREDITS

Academic Travel
(12 credits)
Academic Writing
(12 credits)
First Year Seminar
(3 credits)
Global Responsibility
(18 credits)
Modern Language
(15 credits)
Quantitative Literacy
(6 credits)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

48
CREDITS

Italian Language
(18 credits)
Upper-level Italian
Language or Italian
Studies
(18 credits)
Major Electives
(6 credits)
Capstone Requirement
(6 credits)

ELECTIVES

6
CREDITS

In order to meet the minimum requirements of 120 credits, you will need to add elective courses

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY



FABIO FERRARI

Associate Professor and
Program Director,
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ARIANE MOTTALE

Adjunct Lecturer of Modern
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Adjunct Lecturer
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LEARN MORE

**AND DISCOVER
THE COURSE LIST**

ACADEMIC TRAVEL

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES YOU STUDY

Academic Travel courses allow students to learn beyond the classroom by exploring real-world environments alongside knowledgeable and passionate professors, turning travel destinations into immersive, living classrooms.

EXPLORE SOME MAJOR-RELATED ACADEMIC TRAVELS

IS 120T ITALIAN TALES OF COURTSHIP, BEAUTY, AND POWER

Explore Italy's courtly past through its art, literature, and legends. This course traces how power, beauty, and storytelling shaped Italy's cities and culture from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, with visits to historic centers like Florence, Urbino, and Mantua.

IS 271T SHAKESPEARE AND ITALY

Uncover Shakespeare's fascination with Italy through his "Italian plays" and poetic influences. Students connect his works to Italian humanism and Renaissance culture while exploring iconic settings like Venice, Naples, and Sicily.

IS 280T ITALIAN CINEMA ON LOCATION: PROJECTIONS OF THE ETERNAL CITY IN ITALIAN FILM AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Experience Rome through the lens of Italian cinema. Combining film study and hands-on production, students analyze classic works by directors like Rossellini and Fellini before creating and filming their own short projects on location in Rome.



LEARN MORE

ABOUT ACADEMIC TRAVEL
AND EXPLORE OUR COURSES

TUITION AND FEES

The cost of attendance at Franklin University for a first-year undergraduate student or transfer student has two main factors.

DIRECT COSTS*: Tuition, housing, meals and health insurance.

INDIRECT COSTS**: Books, materials, travel, and personal expenses.

SWISS/EU/EEA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The total estimated cost of attendance is provided in Swiss Francs (CHF) for **Swiss citizens or nationals of an EU/EEA member state**.

*Some special conditions apply to students from partner institutions.

Please contact info@fus.edu for details.

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 22,650	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,800
Second Semester	CHF 22,150	+ CHF 2,150	= CHF 24,300

US/CANADA TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The prices listed below are in US Dollars (USD) and apply to **US citizens or permanent residents and to Canadian citizens**.

TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	\$35,105	+ \$2,700	= \$37,805
Second Semester	\$34,555	+ \$2,700	= \$37,255

INTERNATIONAL TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

The total estimated cost of attendance is provided in Swiss Francs (CHF) for not a citizen of Switzerland, the US or an EU country.

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TOTAL AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE DIRECT COSTS*	AVERAGE INDIRECT COSTS**	TOTAL
First Semester	CHF 36,435	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 39,085
Second Semester	CHF 35,935	+ CHF 2,650	= CHF 38,585

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Visit www.fus.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition

WHY CHOOSE FRANKLIN?



Dual Accreditation
US (MSCHE)
& Swiss (AAQ)



Residential Campus
8 Residence Halls



350+ Students
55+ Countries
8K+ Alumni Community



Academic Travel
Once a Semester for
Experiential Learning



19 Majors
1 Master
(Master of Arts in Sustainability
and Transformation)



WURI Ranking 2025
24th for Innovation
19th for Ethics and Integrity
17th for ESG Trend



10:1
Student to
Faculty Ratio



75% of Franklin graduates
obtain full-time employment
within 6 months after graduation.

3-YEAR OPTION

This major is also offered as a 3-year accelerated bachelor's degree, designed for students with specific high school academic credentials who are admitted to Franklin with advanced standing credit, equivalent to 30 US credits. This option grants students a jump start on their introductory level University courses.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Online Application**
Apply online through our [website](#) or [Common App](#).
- 2 Academic Transcripts**
Submit your official high school transcripts.
- 3 Personal Statement**
Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
- 4 Recommendation Letter**
Provide one letter from individuals who can speak to your academic strengths and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 5 English Proficiency (if required)**
If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent scores.
- 6 Interview**
A conversation for us to learn more about your ambitions, interest, and what drives you—so we can help design a path for your success at Franklin.
- 7 WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Write to our counselors at admissions@fus.edu or visit www.fus.edu