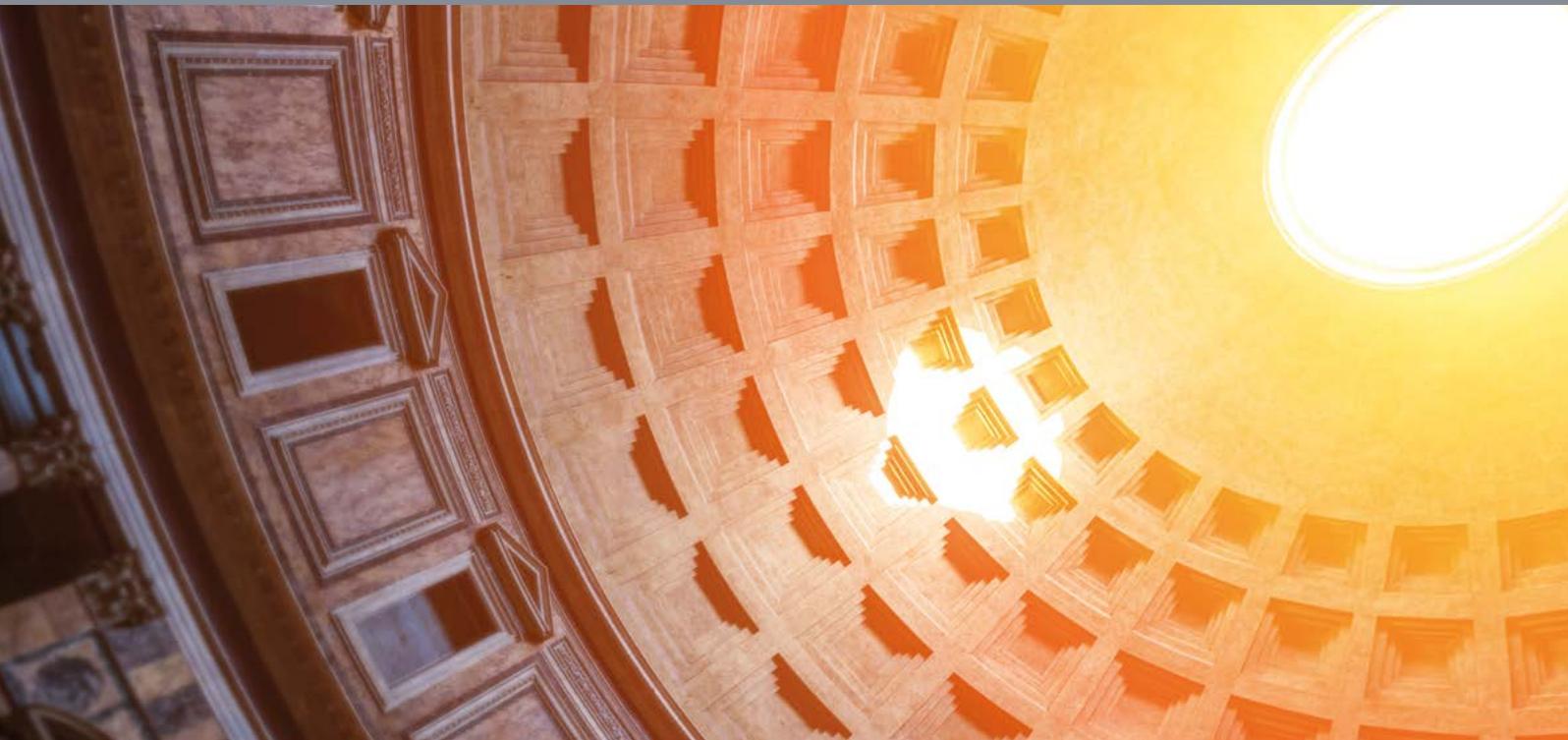


ITALIAN STUDIES

Join our dynamic, internationally recognised department
and find out where languages can take you



ITALIAN STUDIES AT READING

Italy has long been amongst the most economically important and influential countries in Europe. Its culture has contributed more than any other to the notion of European identity as we perceive it today.

Do you want to gain an in-depth knowledge of the Italian language and to know more about the country's history and culture, its cinema, literature and politics? Do you want to understand the country that was home to both the Renaissance and fascism? Would you like to have the opportunity to study or work in Italy and to have the option of an Italian-related job? If so, this could be the degree programme for you.

WHY ITALIAN STUDIES?

Italian Studies at Reading is one of the most diverse and prestigious centres for Italian in the UK. It was founded in 1948 by the distinguished writer Luigi Meneghello and enjoys an outstanding record for teaching and research. Over the last twenty years Italian at Reading has been awarded the highest possible mark. In the most recent Research Assessment Exercise we earned 4th place in the latest UK rankings for research impact in Modern Languages, and 5th place for research intensity.

As a student with us, your classes will be enriched by the current research findings of expert staff whose work enjoys an international reputation. At Reading you will follow a challenging and varied programme of language study tailored to your linguistic level on entry. We recognise the academic and vocational importance to our students of studying language in its political, cultural and historical context. Whether or not entrants have any prior knowledge of Italian, our students graduate with an excellent level of linguistic competence.

You can take Italian full-time or part-time, as a single or joint honours degree, or in combination with around fifteen other subjects. We offer a broad range of options within the Italian programme, and our modular structure allows students great flexibility as well as the opportunity to study specific areas of academic interest such as cinema, linguistics, women's history and literature from the Middle Ages to the present day.

Your programme will ensure that you develop core skills, for example in writing, oral presentation and critical analysis. There are also opportunities to develop further skills through other varied forms of assessment such as micro-placements in schools, creating a journal or art exhibition, or working with rare books from the University's Special Collections.

We welcome students from all academic backgrounds, whether Arts and Humanities or Social Sciences. What we are looking for is flexibility and enthusiasm, and a willingness to explore a subject using a variety of disciplines.

WHY READING?

The University of Reading enjoys a world-class reputation for teaching, research and enterprise and has made languages one of its key priorities for the 21st century. A degree in Italian at Reading is designed to equip students with high-level language skills and in-depth subject knowledge as well as crucial transferable skills in demand in today's workplace.

As a student of Italian you will be part of a lively and international Department of Modern Languages and European Studies within a cosmopolitan university that attracts students from 120 countries worldwide. Our clearly structured language programme is tailored for a wide range of linguistic proficiency on entry, and many of our students start as beginners in Italian. Our small classes (normally maximum 12), which are taught by a dedicated team of mainly native Italian language teachers, ensure that by the final year students can be taught together irrespective of their level on entry. Culture courses are taught throughout the programme by academic staff working at the forefront of their fields of expertise and informed by the latest research. With our excellent staff-student ratio, we are able to tailor teaching to our students' individual interests, and much of our teaching is through relaxed, small-group tutorials so staff follow their students' development closely.

OUR COURSES

BA Italian R310

4 years full-time, part time available

STANDARD OFFERS

UCAS tariff BBB/ABC from three A levels

International Baccalaureate 30 pts

Deferred entry Yes

COMBINED DEGREES

A high percentage of our students opt for a joint degree, of which we offer an exciting range:

BA French and Italian **RR13**

BA German and Italian **RR23**

BA Italian and Classical Studies **QR83**

BA Italian and Economics **LR13**

BA Italian and English Language **QR3H**

BA Italian and History **RV31**

BA Italian and Spanish **RR34**

BA Italian and International Relations **RL32**

BA Italian and Management Studies **NR23**

BA English Literature and Italian **QR33**

BA International Management and Business Administration with Italian **N2R3**

RELATED SUBJECTS

History, European Studies, English Language, French Studies, German Studies, Spanish Studies



Study abroad



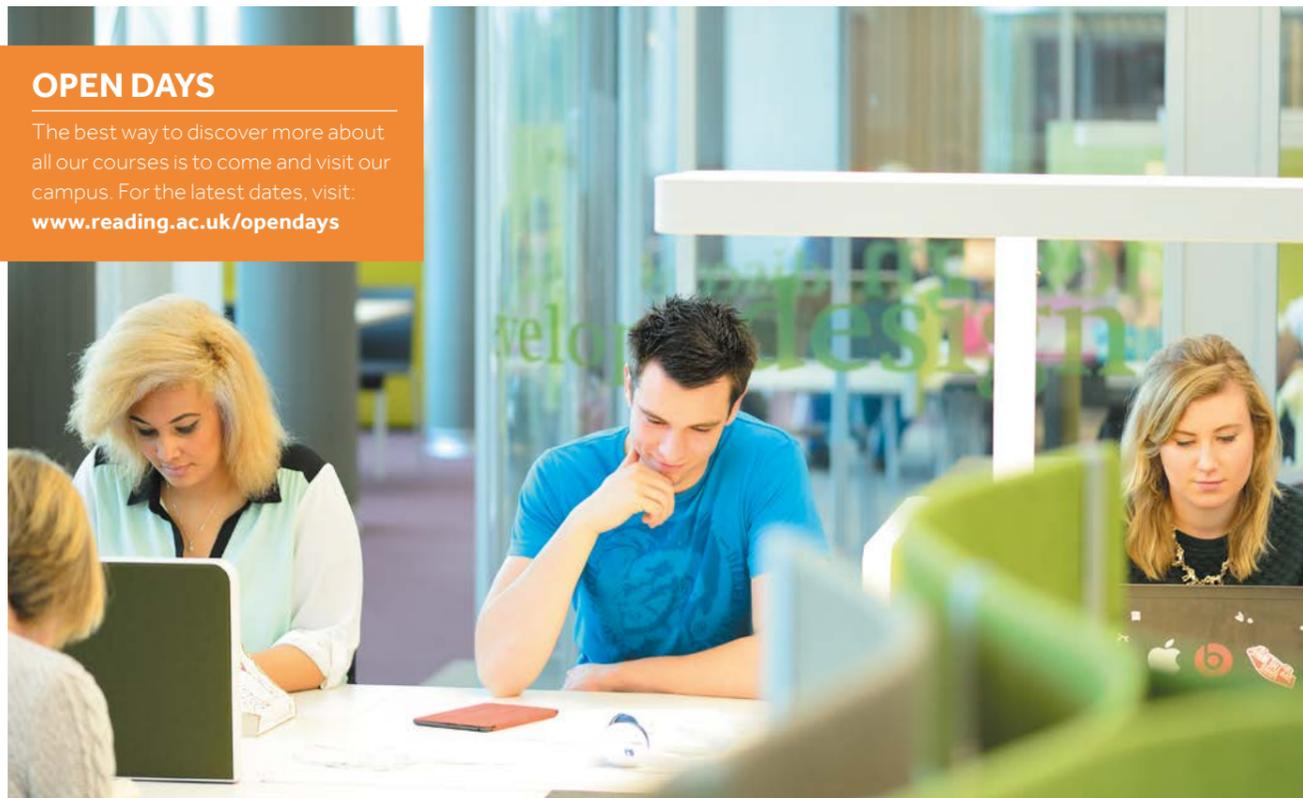
Combined degree



International mix

OPEN DAYS

The best way to discover more about all our courses is to come and visit our campus. For the latest dates, visit: www.reading.ac.uk/opendays



At Reading, we offer wide flexibility in your choice of degree. We encourage you to sample other subjects of interest during your first year. The Institution-Wide Language Programme allows you to develop further language skills in addition to your degree subjects, offering modules in Arabic, French, German, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Portuguese and Modern Greek, at a variety of levels. Students can also take a module in Entrepreneurship at the prestigious Henley Business School.

A state-of-the-art Language Centre within the International Study and Language Institute (ISLI) caters for the needs of students of Modern Languages and European Studies. There has recently been substantial investment in upgrading the Library and resources for languages students. Our Whiteknights campus has a wealth of facilities following a series of major development projects and was voted the best university green space in 2013.

Students taking Italian will during their third year of study go to Italy either to study at one of our 11 partner universities (supported through the EU Erasmus scheme), or in some cases to take up a work placement. In making their choices and planning their stay our students benefit from the guidance of a dedicated Year Abroad tutor and Placements Officer, and they are thoroughly prepared linguistically and given practical support to meet the challenges confidently and to take advantage of the opportunities offered by this international experience.

Throughout the degree programme, and particularly before going abroad, students are supported in planning their careers through the Careers Management skills programme of events and talks for modern linguists. Various placement options are also offered both in the UK and in Italy.

We endeavour to provide our students with a fully rounded education in a supportive environment with personal tutors and course and study advisors, to enable them to achieve the whole of their potential.

LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates have an excellent record of gaining employment or progressing to further study. Our graduates find careers in many different sectors, including education, publishing, translation, EU institutions, finance, fashion, entertainment, the film business and tourism, both in the UK and abroad. They have found employment with companies and organisations such as the Ministry of Defence, Energis Communication, BNP Paribas, the Taylorian Institution Library and Riso Scotti SRL, Christie's, Prada, Dolce and Gabbana, PGL Travel Ltd. Many of our graduates opted to continue their studies at postgraduate level and have in recent years included PhDs at Siena, Oxford and Cambridge.

For more information on our Careers Advisory Service, visit www.reading.ac.uk/careers

«La promessa d'un semplice linguaggio»
Lingua e stile nella poesia di Amelia Rosselli
Daniela La Penna

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT ITALIAN STUDIES

“ Choosing to study in the Italian Department as part of the European Studies degree has certainly been one of the best decisions I have taken.

The friendly environment, the professionalism of the teachers and the stimulating course content rendered my four years at Reading extremely enjoyable.

Gaining a degree in European Studies with French and Italian from Reading provided me with further study and job prospects: project-based work for the UN in Turin, an MA in European Politics in Bath, Paris and Siena and a PhD in European History and Politics in Siena.

Without the excellent preparation I got in the Italian Department, I probably would not have pursued postgraduate study in Italy with such ease and I would not have developed the knowledge and skills requested by most employers working in the international field.

Aline Sierp
Graduate, European Studies with French and Italian



UNISTATS AT A GLANCE

90% of our graduates go into work or study within six months

74% of our students were in graduate level employment within the same period



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PATHWAYS

CHOOSING THE MODULES THAT SUIT YOU BEST...

Our flexible modular scheme allows our students to try out many different and new types of approach and subjects, and gives them the freedom to pursue those aspects they most enjoy and excel at. Joint honours students have the opportunity to tailor their choices to suit their degree combination.

Year 1

In the first year you will follow an intensive language programme at advanced, intermediate or beginners level.

Optional Modules

The aim is to provide you with a strong foundation for studying Italian language and culture. You will choose from optional modules on the history and literature of medieval, renaissance and modern Italy.

Year 2

Italian Language
Career Management Skills

Optional modules

In part two you will choose modules that will help you to build on your knowledge and broaden your approach. We offer a wide range of options, including cinema, literature, linguistics, politics and history.

Year Abroad

This is your year abroad, which you will spend in Italy. If you study Italian in combination with another language you will divide your time between Italy and the country of your second language.

During your year abroad you can:

- 1 Study at one of our many exchange universities in a French-speaking country; the exchange programmes are financially supported by the Erasmus programme of the European Union
- 2 Work as a teaching assistant at a school; these assistantships are organised by the British Council
- 3 Choose a work placement

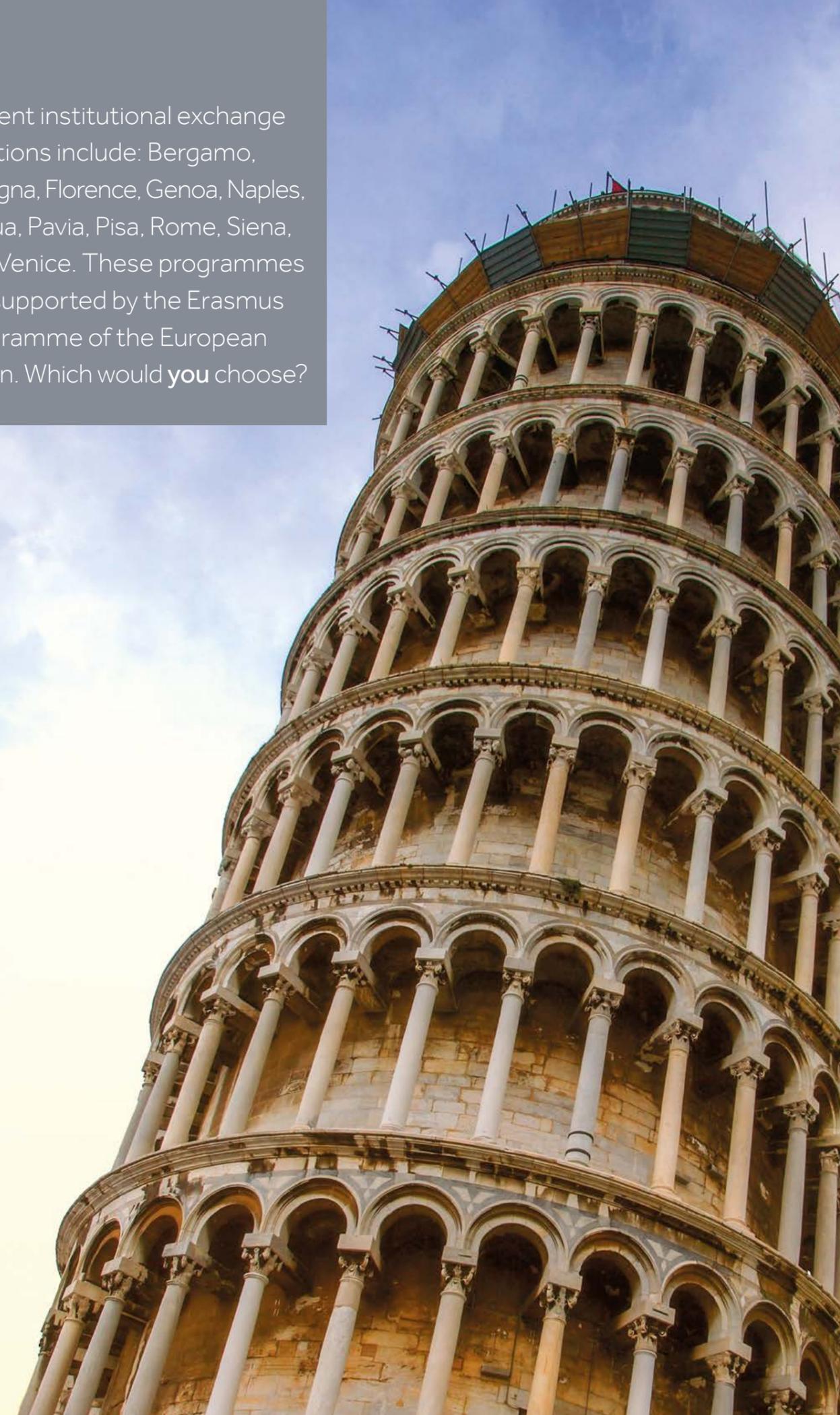
Final year

In part three, on returning from your year abroad with a much greater understanding of the country, culture and language, this is your opportunity to really deepen your knowledge.

Optional modules

Final year options are offered on a range of aspects of literature from Dante via the renaissance to the fantastic, politics, cinema, history, and tailored modules for management students.

Current institutional exchange locations include: Bergamo, Bologna, Florence, Genoa, Naples, Padua, Pavia, Pisa, Rome, Siena, and Venice. These programmes are supported by the Erasmus programme of the European Union. Which would **you** choose?



“ I settled on Reading not least because of the history of Italian studies here. When I came for the interview and open day, everyone I met was very friendly and enthusiastic. I chose Reading for lots of reasons – good transport links, and then of course London is so accessible! ”

Nicola D’Alessandro

BA Italian Studies graduate



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