

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a ***wide variety of career paths.***

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an ***incredibly important set of more general skills:*** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, ***Italian Studies majors*** offer an array of skills which are ***highly valued by employers*** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more ***proactive*** in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. Five top critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO ITALIAN STUDIES MAJORS

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that most employers seek:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
See situations from multiple perspectives
Communicate in more than one language
Produce effective persuasive writing
Write/revise for wide variety of audiences
Understand & appreciate cultural variations
Design and implement engaging presentations
Understand nuance and subtlety
Handle ambiguity adeptly
Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving
Understand the broader context
Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data
Summarize concisely and accurately
Link abstract concepts to practical applications

Understand human nature & its variations
Perceive patterns, structures, relationships
Identify and explore implications
Propose and support recommendations
Simultaneously see big picture and details
Engage intellectual curiosity
Conduct research
Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
Compare, contrast information / Draw conclusions
Work well individually and on teams
Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways
Write, revise, edit, proofread
And many more!

NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:

1. Italian is *required/preferred* and the job's *primary* duties directly relate to your major (Entry Level)
2. Italian is *required/preferred* but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry Level)

3. Italian *isn't required or preferred* but your transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry Level)

In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.

*Most positions listed here are **entry-level**. Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.*

1. Italian major may be *Required* and the job's *primary* duties directly relate to Italian (Entry Level):

Italian Writer / Translator (ZocDoc)

English - Italian - Translator (oDesk)

Italian Voiceover Artist

Italian Tutor/Teacher

Italian Interpreters (LanguageLine Solutions)

Legal Interpreter/Translator

Medical Interpreter/Translator

Cultural Ambassador

2. Italian is *Required/Preferred* but job's *primary* duties aren't directly related to your major (Entry Level)

Legal Assistant, Online Legal Support--Italian (Google)

Bike Tour Guide (Trek Travel)

Legal Ads Policy Syndication Specialist (Twitter)

Bilingual Game Localization - LQA Tester

Business Manager (Columbia University, Italian Academy)

Content Research Internship - Entertainment and Media (Dow Jones & Company)

Mobile Apps Specialist - Bilingual Italian/English (Vaco)

Bilingual Customer Support Localizer

Customer Care Supervisor--Bilingual Italian/English (Squarespace)

Staff Writer - Bilingual Italian/English (Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights)

Avid Gamer - Italian Speaker--Local WA Candidates Only (Flexasoft)

Enterprise Large Customer Sales Associate - Bilingual Italian/English (Google)

Brand manager, International & Licensing (Marc Jacobs International)

Student Counselor/Customer Services Officer - Bilingual Italian/English (EC Boston)

Foreign Language Quality Assurance Specialist (Rylem)

Global Royalty Coordinator - Bilingual Italian/English (Sony)

Customer Service Representative (High-end Italian fashion)

Imports & Customs Compliance Coordinator (Bosch)

Social Insurance Specialist (Claims Representative) Bilingual Italian (US Social Security Administration)

Feature Writer - Bilingual/Multilingual(Star Chefs)

Financial Data Analyst - Bilingual (Moody's)

Group Coordinator (Royal Caribbean International)

3. Italian *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified:

Associate Account Strategist, University Graduate Program(Google), Service Coordinator (Choice Program),

Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases), Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute), Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center), Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies), Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds), Assistant Community Outreach

Coordinator (Next Step Living), Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress), Investigative

Advocate (Disability Rights Washington), City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County), Financial

Advisor (ING Financial Partners), Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine), Outreach

Coordinator (MedBridge Education), Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education), Internet Marketing

Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing), Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm), Marketing Coordinator (Yext),

Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM), Executive Team Leader (Target)

More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!

