

ITALIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (ITALN2 BS)

These guidelines summarize the requirements for a Bachelor of Science and partial completion of Connecticut certification requirements in Italian Language Education (4-12) for students following the 2025-2026 requirements.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the COMMON CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS listed in the Academic Regulations of the University of Connecticut Undergraduate Catalog 2025-2026, which include **Topic of Inquiry (TOI) Requirements**: At least one course (3 credits) in each of the 6 different TOIs; 6 different subject areas; one laboratory science (TOI-6L); minimum of 21 TOI credits; TOI Focus area (3 courses in 1 TOI) or Theme (3 pre-determined courses); and meet **Competency Requirements**: two W courses, two Q courses, and second language through elementary level 2. In addition to the Common Curriculum requirements, students must take a course in U.S. History (HIST 1501 or 1502) and PSYC 1100.
2. Complete a SUBJECT AREA MAJOR in ITALIAN LITERARY AND CULTURAL STUDIES consisting of a minimum of thirty-six (36) credits in courses at the 2000's level or above in the field of concentration. A minimum of thirty (30) credits in Italian with up to six (6) related credits. Up to six (6) credits in 1000-level courses may be included with prior consent of the faculty advisor.

Requirements include the following core language courses or equivalents: ILCS 3239, 3240. And, at least 21 credits of the following literature, culture, and civilization courses or equivalents: ILCS 3245, 3246, 3247, 3248/W, 3250, 3251, 3253, 3254, 3255W, 3256, 3261, 3262, 3293, 3295, 3298, 3237, 3258W, 3259, 3260W (TOI-2 or TOI-5), 3270, 3295, 3298, and 4279.

It is strongly recommended that students complete a maximum number of courses in their major language, proactively seek out multiple opportunities to develop control of the spoken language, and pursue meaningful study abroad at the earliest feasible time.

3. Complete the following PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDCI 3100/W – Multicultural Education, Equity and Social Justice	3 credits
EPSY 3010 – Educational Psychology	3 credits
EGEN 3100 – Seminar/Clinic: The Student as Learner	3 credits
EPSY 3110 – Exceptionality	2 credits
EDCI 3215 – Teaching World Languages to Elementary-Age Student: Seminar and Clinic	3 credits
EDCI 4010 – Teaching Reading and Writing in the Content Areas	2 credits
EDCI 4205W – Teaching World Languages to the Secondary-Age Student (7-12)	3 credits
EPSY 3125 – Classroom and Behavior Management	3 credits
EGEN 4100 – Seminar/Clinic: Methods of Teaching	3 credits
EPSY 4010 – Assessment of Learning	2 credits
EDCI 4250 – Directed Student Teaching	9 credits
EGEN 4110 – Seminar/Clinic: Analysis of Teaching	3 credits

Students must earn at least 120 credits.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

To earn the University of Connecticut's institutional recommendation for teacher certification, students must additionally successfully complete the requirements for the Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction including a minimum of thirty (30) credits (two full-time semesters) of graduate level course work. Requirements are anticipated to include at least:

Curriculum Electives/Graduate Liberal Arts (6 credits): choose electives from 5000-level or higher Italian courses, and from the content pedagogy or language and cultural diversity courses.

Content Pedagogy: (3 credits): *Choose one*: ALDS 5000 – Foundations of Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies; ALDS 5020 – Second Language Speech Learning; ALDS 5040 – Developing Pragmatic Competence in Another Language: Research and Practice; EDCI 5006 – Comparative and International Education, 5700 – Foundations of Bilingual Education, LING 6160 – Second Language Acquisition; ILCS 5307 – Problems in Italian Literature or Philology, or equivalent.

Language and Cultural Diversity in Education: (3 credits) *Choose one*: EDCI 5006 – Comparative and International Education, EDCI 5715 – Bilingualism and Second Language Acquisition, EDCI 5740 – Latinos and U.S. Education, EDCI 5742 – Sheltered English Instruction for English Language Learners, EDCI 5750 – Language Diversity and Literacy, EDCI 5875 – Multicultural Education, EDCI 5885 – Introduction to Critical Pedagogy, EDCI 5890 – Educational Linguistics, GERM/ALDS/CLCS 5324 – Teaching for Intercultural Citizenship & Human Rights, GERM/ALDS/CLCS 5325 – Teaching for Intercultural Citizenship and Human Rights II

Leadership: EDLR 5015 – Teacher Leadership and Organizations (3 credits)

Practicum: EDCI 5092 (3 credits fall) and EDCI 5093 (4 credits spring)

Seminar: EDCI 5094 (3 credits fall) and EDCI 5095 (3 credits spring)

Research: EPSY 5195 (1 credit fall and 1 credit spring)

Technology: EPSY 5221 – Wise Integration of Technology into Teaching and Learning Environments (1 credit)

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SAMPLE SEMESTER SEQUENCE

SEMESTER 1

ILCS 1003 – Intermediate Italian I	4
ENGL 1007 or 1010 or 1011 or 2011	4
HIST 1501 or 1502 – US History (Also fulfills TOI-5)	3
PSYC 1100 – Psychology (Also fulfills TOI-6)	3
TOI-1 Creativity: Design, Expression, Innovation	3

SEMESTER 3

Q Course	3
TOI-6 Lab (BIOL/CHEM/ERTH/PHYS)	3 or 4
ILCS 3000 Level or Above, Literature	3
ILCS 3239 – Italian Composition/Conversation I	3
**EPSY 3010 – Educational Psychology	3

SEMESTER 5

EPSY 3110 – Exceptionality (fall or spring junior year)	2
EDCI 3100/W – Multicultural Education, Equity & SJ	3
EGEN 3100 – Seminar/Clinic	3
TOI-3 Diversity, Equity and Social Justice	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above, Culture & Civilization	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above	3

SEMESTER 7

EPSY 3125 – Classroom and Behavior Management	3
EDCI 4205W – Teaching WL Secondary-Age Student	3
EGEN 4100 – Seminar/Clinic	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above	3

SEMESTER 2

TOI-2 Cultural Dimensions of Human Experiences	3
TOI-4 Environmental Literacy	3
Q Course (STAT 1000Q or 1100Q – Statistics, suggested)	4
ILCS 1004 – Intermediate Italian 2	4
ILCS 1149 – Cinema and Society in Contemporary Italy	3

***SEMESTER 4 (STUDY ABROAD)**

ILCS 3240 – Italian Composition/Conversation II	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above, Literature	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above, Literature	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above, Culture & Civilization	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above, Culture & Civilization	3

SEMESTER 6

TOI Focus or Theme	3
EDCI 3215 – Teaching WL, Elementary-Age: Seminar/Clinic	3
EDCI 4010 – Teaching Reading & Writing in the Content Areas	2
ILCS 3000 Level or above	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above	3
ILCS 3000 Level or above	3

SEMESTER 8

EPSY 4010 – Assessment of Learning	2
EDCI 4250 – Directed Student Teaching	9
EGEN 4110 – Seminar/Clinic	3

*Summer study abroad is also an option. Please consult with your advisor to determine the best timeline for you.

**Students should take EPSY 3010 prior to semester 5, if possible, but no later than semester 6. The course is available fall, spring, summer and online.

SEMESTER 9 (Master's)

EDCI 5092 - Practicum	3
EDCI 5094 – Seminar	3
EPSY 5195 – Research course	1
EPSY 5221 – Wise Technology (either semester)	1
Diversity course (either semester)	3
EDLR 5015 – Leadership (either semester)	3
Elective	3-6
Content Pedagogy course (either semester)	3

SEMESTER 10 (Master's)

EDCI 5093 – Practicum	4
EDCI 5095 – Seminar	3
EPSY 5195 – Research Course	1
EPSY 5221 – Wise Technology (either semester)	1
Diversity course (either semester)	3
EDLR 5015 – Leadership (either semester)	3
Elective	3-6
Content Pedagogy course (either semester)	3

In some instances, students will be expected to complete an extended or additional study abroad sequence to improve language proficiency in preparation for certification exams.

Teacher candidates in World Languages are required to pass the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Writing Proficiency Test and Oral Proficiency Interview before they can be recommended for state certification. The State of Connecticut has set the ACTFL WPT and OPI passing score for Italian at the Advanced Low level or higher. The Neag School will make every effort to ensure that candidates reach the Advanced Low level. If a candidate does not score at this level, candidates will be required to participate in remediation activities that may include communicating with native and nonnative target language speakers, additional study abroad, proficiency-based courses, and collaborating with instructors specifically on proficiency goals, and participation in target language club activities in the department of Literatures, Cultures and Languages. Candidates will be required to retake the WPT/OPI following the completion of their remediation plans.