

## Careers for Italian Majors/Diploma of Languages in Italian

There are many career fields which relate to studies in Italian. In choosing your career path, it is important to reflect on the skills you have learned through your major, the ones you prefer using and the careers which are most strongly related.

### Skills, knowledge and abilities acquired in the Italian major

- *Skills to communicate effectively in Italian in various social and professional contexts,*
- *Italian literacy - a sound understanding of cultural and social practices in Italy, Switzerland and the Italian-speaking world in general,*
- *Ability to constructively and respectfully engage in intercultural dialogue as a bicultural and bilingual person and as a global citizen*

### Career fields which build on the skills and knowledge acquired through an Italian major

Italian opens up the world to you in surprising ways. Italy has one of the world's largest economies, with a strong export component. But its greatest impact is in language, culture, history, art, design, food, fashion and innovation. Italian language gives you access to all this and more. If you're thinking of selling to or working in Italy you need Italian. If you are considering a teaching career, Italian is in demand. Italian also provides you with a pathway into French, Portuguese and Spanish and the careers and pathways each of these presents.

The table below lists a range of careers which draw on studies in Italian. The list is not definitive; language skills can complement almost any occupational field and create specific opportunities.

The table also provides some information about 'next steps' ie what you might need to do to start a career in the particular field, specifically whether the career field can be entered directly following Bachelor studies, or whether graduate study is required.

There are two employment types for post-Bachelor graduates:

- General employment positions suitable for new graduates
- Graduate Employment Programs

Graduate Employment Programs are offered by some employers – generally large commercial organisations and government. Graduate Employment Program positions are jobs that include a substantial component of training and development. Recruitment for these programs takes place early in the year (around March-May). Final year tertiary students and recent graduates can apply. For some of the career areas discussed, Graduate Employment programs are available. Where this is the case, graduate study may not be required.

For more information on Graduate Employment Programs:

[http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/find\\_a\\_job/professional\\_and\\_graduate\\_work](http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/find_a_job/professional_and_graduate_work)

### ***Language as ‘core business’ – specialist language occupations***

Career options generally fall into two categories – those where language is the core activity, and those where language skill is paired with another skill.

Role	Employers	Next Steps
Translating	Business/multinational companies Media Freelance Government NGO/NPO	MA in Translation Training in programs provided by private institutions
Interpreting	Business/multinational Companies Media Freelance Government NGO/NPO	MA in Translation Training in programs provided by private institutions
Teaching Italian	Private institutions  Primary/Secondary schools	No specific requirements, though qualifications assist eg Graduate Diploma in Italian as a Second/Foreign Language  Master of Teaching
Teaching Italian Studies	Higher Education	PhD in Italian

### ***Careers which make use of language in conjunction with another skill***

Note that language skill can be used to complement almost any other skill to suggest career possibilities. Below are some examples only.

Role	Companion studies	Employers	Next Steps
Diplomacy/international relations	Politics and International studies/European Studies	Government Intergovernmental bodies NGO/NPO Business/multinational companies	Graduate Employment Programs (mainly Australian Government) OR Graduate Studies - International Relations
Academia/research	Any field	University Research Centres	Honours Masters by research PhD
Engineers and Scientists	Any field	Companies	

Musicians / Singers	Especially classical music	Opera companies/orchestras	Graduate studies - Music
Librarian – Italian collection librarian	Arts Italian Studies	Libraries	Graduate Diploma/Masters (Information Management/Library Studies)
International business, in-country business, import-export in Australia	Business Marketing Commerce Economics	Commercial businesses (e.g. fashion, food, manufacturing, agriculture) Trading companies	Graduate employment OR Graduate Studies- International Business
Translation software, language engineering	IT/Computer Science Linguistics	Software companies IT Venture business	Degree in Computational Linguistics or Computer Science
Tourism – in Australia, in the Italian-speaking world	Arts Commerce	Tourism operators Hotel Restaurants Transport (eg. Airline industry)	Graduate employment OR Graduate Studies eg Business, Tourism Management
TESOL	English Education	Teaching in Italy or Switzerland private colleges  Teaching in Italy or Switzerland Universities  Teaching in Australia Universities, Colleges and language schools	Some may require CELTA  MA in TESOL  Master of Education in TESOL (generally required but some private colleges may not require)
Cultural exchange and institutions (project and program management roles)	Arts	Cultural exchange associations, industry groups, museums and cultural centres	Graduate study in various areas may be appropriate eg Marketing, Arts Management and Curatorship
Policy and Public sector Administration	Law Political Science	Consulate and embassy Government Consultant	Graduate Employment Programs (mainly Australian Government) OR Graduate Studies – Public Policy, EMA,

			Law
Defence and National Security		Defence force	Defence Academy

### ***Where can I find out more?***

#### **Further information on career areas:**

[http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/online\\_career\\_tools/exploring\\_your\\_options](http://careers.unimelb.edu.au/student/online_career_tools/exploring_your_options) (Career Exploration - Career Links by Degree – Arts)

#### **Other discussions on careers with Italian:**

European Commission Languages Homepage [http://ec.europa.eu/languages/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/languages/index_en.htm)  
 Network Linguistic Policy for the Labour Market <http://www.lilama.org/documents>

#### **Graduate study at University of Melbourne:**

<http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/courses/graduate>  
<http://graduate.arts.unimelb.edu.au/>  
<http://government.unimelb.edu.au/>

#### **Careers in language teaching:**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/careers/teaching/pages/default.aspx?Redirect=1>

#### **Studying in Italy:**

Many Honours and Research Higher Degree Students spend time in Italy and the Italian-speaking world.

Italian government Scholarships for foreign and I.R.E. students

[http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/BorseStudio\\_stranieri.htm](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/BorseStudio_stranieri.htm)

Information about studying in Italy from the Ministry of Education, University and Research - MUIR <http://www.study-in-italy.it/index.html>

#### **Working in Italy/Switzerland:**

Getting to know Italy

[http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Benvenuti\\_in\\_Italia/Conoscere\\_Italia/](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Benvenuti_in_Italia/Conoscere_Italia/)

Job opportunities information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

[http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Sportello\\_Info/DomandeFrequenti/OpportunitaLavoro/default.htm?LANG=EN](http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Sportello_Info/DomandeFrequenti/OpportunitaLavoro/default.htm?LANG=EN)

Work and Study Opportunities for Foreigners in Italy

<http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/Opportunita/>

Working in Switzerland as a foreign national. Official webpage of the Swiss Authorities

Online <https://www.ch.ch/en/work-switzerland-foreign-national>

**Internships:**

Internship in Italy <http://www.europe-internship.com/find-intern-placement-italy/>

Europe Internship is a free internship website and covers Italy and Switzerland  
<http://www.europe-internship.com>

**Organisations in Australia:**

School of Languages and Linguistics <http://languages-linguistics.unimelb.edu.au/>

NAATI National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters  
[http://www.naati.com.au/home\\_page.html](http://www.naati.com.au/home_page.html)

Italian Cultural Institute of Melbourne [http://www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/IIC\\_Melbourne](http://www.iicmelbourne.esteri.it/IIC_Melbourne)

Co.As.It (Organisation for Italians and Australians of Italian descent)  
<http://www.coasit.com.au/>

ACIS (Australasian Centre for Italian Studies) <http://acis.org.au/>

VATI (Victorian Association of Teachers of Italian) <http://www.vati.vic.edu.au/newsite/>

Italian Chamber of Commerce and industry Melbourne  
<http://www.italchambermelb.com.au/>

Consulate General of Italy in Melbourne  
[http://www.consmelbourne.esteri.it/Consolato\\_Melbourne](http://www.consmelbourne.esteri.it/Consolato_Melbourne)

Italian Embassy in Australia [http://www.ambcanberra.esteri.it/Ambasciata\\_Canberra](http://www.ambcanberra.esteri.it/Ambasciata_Canberra)

Swiss Embassy <http://www.eda.admin.ch/australia>

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade useful links

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/italy/>

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/geo/switzerland/>