When Can I Study Abroad?
Italian Studies majors and minors are eligible to study abroad during the fall or spring semester of junior year, or fall semester of senior year. Students who are diligent in their planning may be able to study abroad for the entire academic year.

What Can I Study While Abroad?
Boston College offers a variety of study abroad programs to match your academic interests and complement the Italian Studies major or minor. For example:

- Students interested in Italian art history can attend the BC in Parma program and enroll directly in the Early Start Art History Program, which takes place in Florence. Once in Parma, students enroll in the BC on-site coordinator’s course, History of Parma.

- Students interested in Italian literature can read and analyze famous works at the University of Parma.

Various BC summer programs are also offered every year in which you may participate as early as the summer after your freshman year.

What Classes Should I Take Before Studying Abroad?
Early planning is essential to make sure that you will meet the requirements for the Italian Studies program and to ensure that you will have a strong background for study abroad and to take advantage of the best offerings at your host institution, including upper level seminars.

At a minimum, Italian Studies students should have completed at least Intermediate II prior to study abroad.

What Classes Should I Plan To Take Abroad?
The ideal type of course is one that fits with the Italian Studies major or minor but is not available at Boston College. Courses that reflect the academic strengths of the host university department are highly recommended.

With departmental approval, Italian Studies majors can transfer up to 3 courses (9 credits) for one semester of study abroad and 5 courses (15 credits) for a full-year program. If three or more courses for the major are transferred from study abroad, then all other courses must be taken in the department. Italian Studies minors are allowed to transfer 2 courses (6 credits) for one semester and 3 courses (9 credits) for a full-year program.

Credit will not be given for courses taught in English. When requesting approval, students must demonstrate how the course abroad will complement their BC program of study since courses taken in Italian will not automatically be approved.

All students must consult with the Director of Undergraduate Studies about course approvals before making their final study abroad plans.

What If I Am Planning To Do An Honors Thesis?
In recent years, many students have used their experiences abroad to help generate or supplement a compelling honors thesis. If you already have a topic in mind, your time abroad provides an excellent opportunity to conduct on-site research and establish contact with faculty at your host institution. All students are strongly encouraged to think about how their semester or year abroad can be integrated into an honors thesis.

If you are planning to do an honors thesis, you are strongly urged to plan ahead. Students are advised to establish a thesis topic and identify a faculty member willing to supervise their work before departing, and to maintain e-mail contact with their thesis advisor while abroad.

How Can I Find Out More Information?
- Visit OIP in Hovey House during business hours
- Go to the OIP website: www.bc.edu/international
- Go to the RLL website: www.bc.edu/schools/cas/romlang/
- Attend OIP “Information Session” to learn about study abroad opportunities
- Visit OIP “Resource Room” at Hovey House to speak with an Advising Assistant about study abroad
- Set up an appointment with an International Study Advisor to discuss specific programs
**University Partnerships with Programs for Students Interested in Italian Studies**

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**Summer Seminars 2014 for Students Interested in Italian Studies**

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