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Gentle Italianist,

The Italian program at Notre Dame is considered one of the best in the country; ND’s Dante program is widely regarded as the best in the world. Do take advantage of them! Suggestions:

1) **Take the intensives**: 2 semesters in one; reach 5th semester courses in one year! The new Beginning Intensive is state-of-the-art and **computer-enhanced**: 3 hours of class per week plus 2 online.

2) **Study in Italy**: either Rome or full-immersion in Bologna. And remember the CSLC and Ravarino summer-study grants! Be aware also of the new **Rome International Scholars Program** (research and intensive immersion in Rome).

3) **Major or Minor in Italian**: 9 options in 2 concentrations, from 5 to 12 courses. You can count at least two courses in English or in an allied field for any of the ROIT majors or minor. See the **Overview of Majors** sheet, or [http://romancelanguages.nd.edu/](http://romancelanguages.nd.edu/) Note: it’s an easy step from a minor to a Supplementary Major!

4) **Take the Conversation one-credit courses**: each semester, to accompany your other Italian classes. These can be taken more than once.

5) **Take the new Italian Seminar**: a capstone fusing language and the panorama of Italian culture.

6) **Attend Italian Studies events**: film series, coffee hours, Italian Club events, lectures, shows, opera broadcasts, readings, concerts, etc… Explore and sign up for email or newsfeed at: [http://italianstudies.nd.edu/](http://italianstudies.nd.edu/)

7) **Study Dante**: many students say it is the real purpose of an ND education, where everything finally makes sense. **Two Dante courses**: ROIT 40114 or 40115 focus on the *Inferno*; 40116 on *Purgatorio* and *Paradiso*.

8) **Study Italian cinema**: courses offered every semester, by some of the leading experts in the field.

“Chi sa due lingue vive due vite.” (Pagliarini) To know two languages is to live two lives. If that other language is Italian, your other life will be full of beauty, art, culture, and the joy of being alive.

Tanti cari saluti,

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