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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 (ROIT10110 and ROIT20215):** 2 semesters in one at both the elementary and intermediate levels; 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 majors or minor. See <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 and to practice your Italian with other language students, while considering specific aspects of Italian culture. These can be taken more than once and are offered at the intermediate and advanced levels.
- 5) **Take the new Italian Seminar:** a capstone fusing language and the panorama of Italian culture. This spring's Italian Seminar offers the opportunity for an in-depth study of Italian life, history, art, and religion, through detailed study of one of Italy's best known and most loved cities: Siena.
- 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/>
- 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*, to be offered this spring.
- 8) **Study Italian cinema:** courses offered every semester, by some of the leading experts in the field. This spring consider taking ROIT40548 – Italian Cinema: Realities of History.

“*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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