The Italian major is a designated capstone major. No later than their senior year, students graduating with a capstone major in Italian will be expected to conceptualize, design, and complete a research project or thesis achieving the learning outcomes listed below. Over the course of their studies at UCLA, graduates awarded the capstone B.A. in Italian will be expected to:

• demonstrate mastery of an area of Italian culture defined as Italian language, literature, traditions, geography, contemporary Italian life, and contributions of Italians to the world.

• demonstrate critical thinking.

• achieve information literacy by identifying and analyzing appropriate primary sources.

• acquire a working knowledge of scholarly discourse relative to specialized topics.

• conceive and execute a project that identifies and engages with a specialized topic in Italian.

• show good written and oral communication skills, evidenced by their research project and by presentation of their work to peers under the guidance of a designated faculty mentor who facilitates discussion and peer review.