Italian Language Program (Italian 280)

The goal of Thatcher Italian (Italian 280) is to practice oral communication in Italian at the intermediate and advanced levels of language proficiency. In this program you will have the opportunity to experience everyday life in Italian: the course is designed to help you to gain confidence in conversational Italian and to expand your critical awareness of historical, social and cultural aspects of Italy. In this course we will take an interdisciplinary approach to Italian studies. We will analyze, discuss, interpret, and perform various multimedia forms of “texts” in Italian. These “texts” range from news articles, songs, movies, TV shows and advertisements to presentations by invited speakers.

Italian 280 meets once a week for two hours. In addition, our community comes together to speak Italian and take part in social and cultural activities in many settings, both in and outside of Thatcher House, ranging from the frivolous to the serious. Activities include: culinary classes, movie viewings, hikes, concerts, and Italian conferences in the Five colleges. There are no exams in this course, but you will be required to attend all events and actively participate in our classroom meetings.

Both Italian majors and non-majors from a variety of disciplines can enroll in the Thatcher Italian Program. Often members become double majors, adding Italian fluency to their professional training. There are a variety of opportunities to prepare for study abroad, as well as a supportive community to return to after studying in Italy.

If you are interested in being part of this wonderful program, please make sure you have read the Thatcher Language and Culture House Program Explanation and then click here for the Application.

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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AT MIDNIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.