If you would like to experience everyday life in Italian, the Italian Language Program is a way to do that right on campus.

The Thatcher Language House offers the opportunity to live in a residence hall dedicated to learning a world language and exploring world cultures. In this hall of 110 students, the majority are a part of one of the six Language Programs.

Participants in the Thatcher House Italian Language Program live together on a floor which includes a classroom/lounge, where they can socialize in the language. Also, they meet in the classroom regularly during the week for a specially-designed, two-credit conversation/culture course. An experienced graduate student from the Italian department teaches the course and organizes social and cultural activities.

A community develops around speaking Italian and taking part in cultural activities, from the frivolous to the serious. Participants gather in the house kitchen to concoct dishes from the various regions of Italy. They view television broadcasts via satellite on fast-breaking news in Italian politics. They take a virtual art and architecture tour through Firenze, Venezia, Milano, Siena. They screen the classics of the cinema of Italian Realism.

Both Italian majors and non-majors from a variety of disciplines make up the Thatcher House Italian Language 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 click here for the Program Explanation and Application.

Be sure to complete the application prior to the February 19th deadline.