

Thank you for your interest in the Italian Studies Ph.D. graduate program. The deadline to submit your application for Fall 2012 is December 14, 2011.

We select our graduate students on the basis of their record of academic achievement in the past, and their promise of future success in scholarship and teaching. A bachelor's degree in Italian is preferred but not absolutely required for admission; however, applicants with degrees in other fields must have already undertaken significant coursework in Italian Studies.

Before you begin your application, be sure you have reviewed the faculty research specialties. These are the individuals who will supervise your graduate education and research; it is important to find a good intellectual fit before undertaking any graduate program.

Each section of the on-line graduate application has specific and detailed instructions to help you successfully navigate. In general though, the complete application will include:

*Statement of Purpose*

*Personal History statement* (These are not the same thing, nor do they have a set length.)

*3 letters of recommendation*

*writing sample*

*scanned transcripts* of all schools attended

*GRE or TOEFL exam registration number* (The *GRE* is required of applicants from US schools, and international applicants from schools at which the language of instruction is English--such as Canada or the UK. We require the *TOEFL* only from all other International applicants; we do not require both.)

Berkeley's Educational Testing Service code is 4833--department codes are no longer necessary. Also, be sure to fill out the domestic or International fellowship information sections.

You are not required to complete the whole application in one sitting. Answers are saved and you may return to edit or finish sections until you actually submit the application. We strongly advise that you review everything after a good night sleep before submitting the application and paying the fee. Once the application is submitted, you are not allowed to go back and make further edits.

The new application system features a status update page for applicants which allows you to see if your official exam scores have been received, and letters of recommendation submitted.

Applicant files are reviewed for completion after the December deadline by the graduate assistant. If there is any problem with your application, you will be contacted then. The faculty admission committee reads and evaluates applications throughout January into early February. Decisions regarding admissions will be announced later in February through mid March. We usually invite prospective admits to visit the department in order to meet the faculty, current students, and their potential co-hort for a few days in early to mid March. The exact timing of this visit is announced in February when students are invited.

If you have specific procedural questions, please write to <[italianadmit@berkeley.edu](mailto:italianadmit@berkeley.edu)>. If you have questions about the academic program please contact the Graduate Adviser for Italian Studies, Professor Mia Fuller, at <[miafull@berkeley.edu](mailto:miafull@berkeley.edu)>.