The study of French and Italian language and culture is more important than ever. Italy and France are core members of the European Union and important players in the global economy. French is spoken daily by an estimated 212 million people worldwide and is an official language in 29 countries across five continents. Italian ranks fifth among all languages studied in the US, while French ranks second. Both languages open up many doors to students interested in international careers.

Education

The Department of French and Italian Studies (FIS) has among the largest number of French majors of any university on the West coast and boasts a vibrant Italian program. Recently revised curricula in both wings of FIS have invigorated undergraduate study, articulating coursework in the department with exciting new areas of study at the UW in Environmental Humanities, Digital Humanities, Socio-linguistics, Translation, and Film and Media.

Nearly 2300 students enroll in FIS courses every year, from elementary through advanced language courses, to upper division courses on Dante and the Middle Ages, Science Fiction, Italian film, Immigrant Cultural Production, and the Cultures of Franco-America, to graduate seminars in Qualitative Research and Textual and Digital Studies. In these courses, students learn language and research skills that are essential to succeeding in the 21st-century global workplace.

In addition, FIS offers exciting study abroad programs and exploration seminars for undergraduates in Paris, Nantes, Martinique, and Italy. Travel support for conferences and research is available to graduate and undergraduate students in FIS.

Research

FIS faculty engage in cutting-edge research in a range of fields and time-periods. This work covers France, Italy, the Caribbean, Francophone Africa, and Québec and employs a range of approaches from ethnographic fieldwork to literary and cultural analysis to archival research. Current projects explore the early manuscript traditions of Dante's works; images of women in Renaissance portrait books; the politics of water usage and consumption in the French Antilles; multilingualism among Senegalese immigrants in Paris, Rome and New York; the history of literacy and typography in the 17th and 18th centuries; French cultural attitudes towards animals; and modern Italian cinema.

Recently books published by FIS faculty include *The Poetry of Place: Mapping France in Sixteenth-Century Lyric*, recognized by the MLA for honorable mention for the Scaglione Prize; *Hollow Men: Writing, Objects, and Public Image in Renaissance Italy; The Literary Market: Authorship and Modernity in the Old Regime*; and *Packaging Post/Coloniality: The Manufacture of Literary Identity in the Francophone World*, as well as two novels recognized as important contributions to contemporary Quebecois literature.

STUDENTS (AUTUMN 2017)

| Undergraduate majors, French Studies | 59 |
| Undergraduate majors, Italian Studies | 9 |
| Graduate students, French Studies | 9 |

DEGREES AWARDED (2016-2017)

| BA degrees, French Studies | 18 |
| BA degrees, Italian Studies | 9 |
| MA degree, French Studies | 1 |
| PhD degrees, French Studies | 2 |

MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS (SINCE 2010)

| Alvord Award | 1 |
| Bonderman Fellowship | 1 |
| Dean's Medals in the Humanities | 3 |
| Dissertation Fellowship Awards | 2 |
| Elizabeth Kerr Macfarlane Scholarship | 1 |
| Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships | 5 |
| Fulbright Awards | 3 |
| Husky 100 Awards | 5 |
| Joff Hanauer Endowment for Excellence in Western Civilization Fellowships | 15 |
| Mellon Fellowship | 1 |
| Teaching Assistant Program in France Awards | 1 |

UW students in Martinique on the Environmental Cultural Studies in the French Caribbean study abroad program.
Faculty
The Department of French and Italian Studies has 14 full-time faculty, with an additional 6 adjunct faculty. Faculty distinctions include:

1 Celebrating UW Women Award
1 Finalist for the Prix Anne-Hébert
1 Finalist for the Prix Marguerite-Yourcenar
2 Chevaliers dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques
1 Harry Ransom Center Research Fellowship
2 Modern Language Quarterly Editorial Board Members
1 Mellon Fellowship
1 PMLA French Advisory Committee Member
3 Newberry Library Fellowships
1 Oxford Studies in the Enlightenment Editorial Board Member
1 renaissance Society of America-Kress Bodleian Library Fellowship
9 UW Royalty Research Fund Recipients
11 Society of Scholars Research Fellowships, UW Simpson Center for the Humanities
2 UW Solomon Katz Distinguished Lectureships in the Humanities
1 Sixteenth Century Society & Conference Literature Prize
1 Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

Numerous Course Development Grants (Center for West European Studies, Canadian Studies Center, Foster School of Business, Center for Teaching and Learning Technology Teaching Fellows Institute)

Outreach
FIS places a high priority on outreach to the Northwest community. Departmental benefactors include distinguished representatives of the regional French and Italian communities. We regularly schedule lectures, conferences, and film series open to the public, as well as workshops for K-12 teachers. We also have assisted local high schools with curriculum development. Our faculty work closely with the consulates for France and Italy and are actively involved in local organizations such as the French-American Chamber of Commerce, the Seattle-Nantes Sister City Association, SIFF, and the Dante Alighieri Society. In addition, many of our graduate students and faculty volunteer for University Beyond Bars.

Endowments
Carmine Smeraldo Endowed Fund in Italian Studies
Di Capua-Magnotto Endowed Fund for Italian Studies
Eugene Vance Endowed Fund
Italian Studies Advisory Board Endowed Fund
Jeff Alfieri Endowment for Italian Studies
Joan Cremin Endowed Fund in French Studies
Joe and Mary Zavaglia Family Endowed Fund for Italian Studies
Mario Pastega Endowment for International Travel
Nesholm Family Endowed Fellowship for French Studies
The Pasquale and Lidia Perrina Endowed Fund for Italian Studies
Pia Friedrich Endowment for Graduate Student Support in Italian Studies
Richard Altig Jr. Family Endowed Fund for Italian Studies
Simone Angelillo Memorial Endowed Fund for Italian Studies
William B. and Alelaide L. Kimball Endowed Fund
Gloria and Daniel Woodward Endowed Fund

FACULTY (AUTUMN 2017)

2 Professors
6 Associate Professors
1 Assistant Professor
1 Principal Lecturer
3 Senior Lecturers
2 Lecturers

AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH

Modern Literature and Culture in France and Italy
Contemporary French and Italian Cinema
Francophone Postcolonial Cultures
Medieval and Early Modern French and Italian Literature and Culture
Environmental Humanities
History of the Book and Textual Studies
Gender and Sexuality Studies
Intellectual and Cultural History
Second Language Acquisition
Applied Linguistics

UW students at the Château de Chenonceau in France.

Carnival in Venice.