

## Application Evaluation: MA in Italian

Criterion	High	Medium	Low
<b>Field-specific preparation in Italian Studies</b>	Demonstrates a broad and deep preparation in the language and cultural production of Italy.	Demonstrates a partial preparation in the language and cultural production of Italy, requiring some remediation.	Demonstrates neither breadth nor depth in the language and cultural production of Italy.
<b>Advanced-level Italian language proficiency</b>	Application materials and interview demonstrate advanced-level (or higher) Italian language proficiency.	Application materials and interview demonstrate lower than advanced-level Italian language proficiency.	Application materials and interview reflect significantly lower than advanced-level Italian language proficiency.
<b>intellectual curiosity (going beyond basic requirements for an academic class, program, requirement, etc.)</b>	Strong evidence, in previous academic or extracurricular work (including experiential learning such as Study Abroad or internships), of intellectual curiosity in the field of Italian Studies.	Some evidence, in previous academic or extracurricular work (including experiential learning such as Study Abroad or internships), of intellectual curiosity in the field of Italian Studies.	Little evidence, in previous academic or extracurricular work (including experiential learning such as Study Abroad or internships), of intellectual curiosity in the field of Italian Studies.
<b>Commitment to a community of learning and/or the pursuit of new knowledge</b>	Demonstrates strong evidence of the independent or communal pursuit of learning and/or new knowledge, and an eagerness to work productively in collaborative environments.	Demonstrates some evidence of the independent or communal pursuit of learning and/or new knowledge and an ability to work productively in collaborative environments.	Demonstrates little evidence of the independent or communal pursuit of learning and/or new knowledge, or of an ability to work in collaborative environments.
<b>Maturity and autonomy in learning and/or teaching and/or research</b>	Application materials show ample evidence of applicant's eagerness to work independently in their learning, teaching, and research.	Application materials show some or uneven evidence of applicant's ability to work independently in their learning, teaching, or research.	Application materials show scant evidence of applicant's record in independent learning, teaching, or research.
<b>Research-mindedness</b>	Demonstrates strong evidence of research-	Demonstrates some evidence of research-	Demonstrates scant evidence of research-

	mindedness in the applicant's engagement with, and development/execution of research questions.	mindedness in the applicant's engagement with, and development/execution of research questions.	mindedness in the applicant's engagement with, and development/execution of research questions.
<b>Openness to new ideas, frameworks, and methodologies within and beyond existing areas of interest</b>	Strong evidence of an eagerness to embrace new ways of thinking about prior knowledge; to make connections between prior and new knowledge; and to engage with new ideas in relation to Italian Studies.	Some or inconclusive evidence of the applicant's eagerness to embrace new ways of thinking about prior knowledge; to make connections between prior and new knowledge; and to engage with new ideas in relation to Italian Studies.	Little evidence of the applicant's openness to new ways of thinking in relation to and beyond prior field knowledge.