What will your curriculum look like?
Italian studies offers an interdisciplinary major and a minor for those who wish to extend their study beyond language to areas of Italian literature, history, film, art history, and music. The study of Italian within a variety of cultural contexts enables students to deepen their understanding of a national heritage beyond the boundaries of a single time frame, region, gender, genre, or academic discipline.

Students in the program work closely with an advisor to develop an individualized plan of study that balances the exploration of a broad range of topics and sectors with a focus on a single discipline or cultural period.

The major requires nine courses:
- One advanced language course
- Three literature courses
- Four Italian-related culture courses
- Completion of either a senior essay or senior thesis

The minor requires five courses:
- One advanced language course
- One literature course
- Two Italian-related culture courses
- One elective

Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad during their junior year, for either one or two semesters. Equivalent or appropriate courses taken abroad may count towards the major.

What else does the Italian studies program offer?
In addition to studying abroad, students are encouraged to take advantage of resources within the Boston Area Consortium (Boston College, Boston University, Tufts University, and Wellesley College).

What kind of career and education options will you have?
Graduates in Italian studies go on to pursue careers in a variety of educational and professional areas in which knowledge of Italian is a central asset. The range of possibilities is unlimited, but past students have taken administrative positions at Italian cultural agencies and major companies, as well as gone on to study Italian at the graduate level. Some have become teachers of Italian or gone into law and business administration.

How can you learn more?
Visit the program website at www.brandeis.edu/programs/interdepartmental/italian or contact the program chair, Professor Richard Lansing, at lansing@brandeis.edu.