

Admissions (Master's in Italian Language and Literature)

Students applying for admission to the graduate program are evaluated on the basis of previous academic performance, letters of recommendation, a personal statement, writing samples, and an interview, either on campus or by telephone, held at the discretion of the Director of Graduate Studies in Italian. Applicants usually hold a BA (or equivalent degree) in Italian. A test of English is required for international students (see below).

All applicants to the graduate program are considered for departmental funding as Teaching Assistantships or for Arts and Sciences fellowships (when applicable). There is no separate application for such funding.

Items Required for Admission to the Italian Masters Program **University of Pittsburgh**

The following checklist includes the required information necessary for admission into the Italian Master's Program:

- 1) Application must be submitted through [Apply Yourself](#)
- 2) Three (3) letters of recommendation in Italian or English accompanied with the recommendation form enclosed or referees can submit recommendation letters online through Apply Yourself. Please be sure your referees submit their letters by the application deadline.
- 3) *Official transcripts* from all institutions attended to the present time
- 4) Official TOEFL exam results for foreign student applications. The required minimum TOEFL score of 90 (with at least a score of 22 in all of the four sections of speaking, listening, reading and writing) will be required for 2013-2014 applicants. The required minimum IELTS score of 7.0 (with at least 6.5 in each of its four sections) will be required for 2013-2014 applicants.
- 5) A personal statement written in English outlining your goals and reasons for pursuing graduate education in Italian
- 6) Two (2) academic writing samples (one in English, one in Italian) such as a paper written for a course in college (topics discussed should be related to Italian culture and its analysis). **Writing samples should be combined in one document and uploaded through the Apply Yourself system, which will only accept one document.**
- 7) A telephone interview is required of all those applying for teaching positions; this may be conducted at a later time.
- 8) A payment of \$50.00 the University of Pittsburgh, either through a check or money order (drawn on a US bank) or by credit card through Apply Yourself.

Completed applications will be reviewed on a rotating basis but must be received in our office no later than **February 1** to be considered for admission in the next Fall Term.

******Additional Supplementary Information for International Students******

- 1) The Information and Supplemental Application form must be completed. The Financial Support Statement must be completed if you are not awarded financial support from the University of Pittsburgh or in the event that you will be bringing a dependent. This form must be completed by someone who would be able to

support you in the event that you could not support yourself with the scholarship money awarded by the university

- 2) While GRE scores are not required for admission to the Italian MA, the official record of your TOEFL examination (test must have been taken within two years of date of application) must be sent to the University of Pittsburgh, Department of French & Italian.

All supporting documentation should be sent to:

**University of Pittsburgh
Assistant to Director of Graduate Studies, Italian
Department of French & Italian
1328 Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, PA 15260**