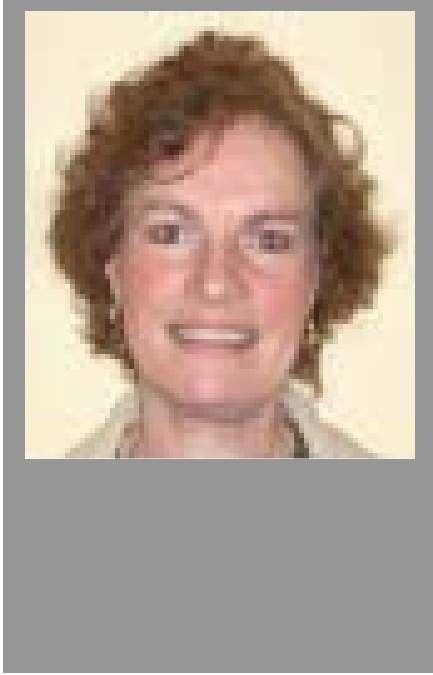




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### Italian Studies

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“For me, studying Italian at La Trobe was a stimulating and fulfilling experience. I originally intended to study only the Italian language because of my desire to return to Italy and be able to speak some of the language. Consequently I chose La Trobe because it was close to home. As a mature age student with no previous experience in speaking Italian I found the enthusiasm and expertise of the teaching staff conducive to creating an optimum learning environment. The quality of the linguistic and literary lectures I attended was exemplary.

The lectures and staff of the department were always approachable and willing to spend extra time with students who had queries or problems. The lecturers were abreast of current aspects of Italian affairs and were able to give the students added insight into all things Italian because of their personal experience in the country. The flexible Study Abroad program can also contribute to a student degree. The Italian program has ties with universities in Italy and offers many opportunities to study in Italy.

Italian is a versatile and worthwhile course for many situations. For example, my Italian studies were a perfect complement to my interest in Shakespeare, and I combined them to complete my honours degree majoring in Italian and English. Currently I am employed as an Italian teacher at a government school where I am able to pass on to the students the information about Italy that I gained by studying

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