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I majored in Italian and Medieval and Early Modern Studies while attending UC Davis. I'm currently a 3rd mate on a tall ship. We do educational sail training for high school and college students. I'm considering school in Italian Studies in the future. My greatest take away from Davis was my study abroad opportunity. I thought it was marvelous and really helped me grow my confidence in my language skills as well as personal skills. My last year of classes were my favorite, I learned it was well worth it to wait for upper division literature discussions in class. Study abroad! If you want to work on your language skills while abroad though, you really have to work hard to find the right opportunities: it's easy to get stuck speaking English with your UCD cohort, and even with the locals. Also, learn to use the library and really get comfortable looking for the sources you want. There are some fantastic (and free) resources to which UCD can grant you access if you know they're available and how to reach them! Speaking to a reference librarian is a great place to start.