

STUDY ABROAD IN FLORENCE



This semester, do something monumental!



Study in Florence

Tucked away in charming Tuscany and steeped in the rich and storied legacy of one of Italy's best-loved cities, the International Studies Institute (ISI Florence) offers semester, year-long, and summer academic programs to US college students. Established in 2001, the ISI is deeply rooted in the liberal arts tradition and is internationally recognized for the high caliber of its faculty and student services team. Among other US college and university partnerships, the Institute hosts a consortium for public universities, including Pennsylvania State University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Virginia, Arizona State University, and the University of Melbourne. ISI is also a proud partner for the Roger Williams University Florence Architecture Program.

With several thousand years of civilization woven into a dynamic contemporary urban texture, Florence embodies all that the Renaissance sought to bring back to life. Bordered by its famous countryside of pine- and cypress-dotted hills, lush vineyards, and olive groves, the Florence of today is an innovative European cultural center, as well as a thriving university city. While living in Florence, students will have the opportunity to walk the same medieval streets as Dante, look upon the great works of Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, stand within the massive halls of the residences of the opulent Medici family, and more.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Institute offers a number of program options in a wide range of subjects. Courses are designed to integrate the local resources and immerse students into the Florentine environment through on-site learning and a variety of co-curricular activities such as field trips, museum visits, academic tours, and artistic performances.

General Studies Program: This program is widely recognized for its diverse curricular options. All students are required to take Italian language for a total of 4 credits. Elective courses taught in English are available in various subject areas.

Architecture Program: The history of design embraces different views—old versus new, traditional versus the creative vision of the architect. The ISI Architecture Programs takes students on a semester-long journey into the heart of this ongoing dialogue. Through a combination of academic excellence and professional experience, students will find a balance between creation and conservation, aesthetics and technical quality, national and international perspectives.

Sustainable Food and Environmental Systems Program:

The program invites students to explore the social, cultural, political, ecological, and economic implications of how food is produced, transformed, distributed, prepared, and consumed in Italy. Students will have the opportunity to learn directly from Italian farmers and producers, sales and marketing professionals, and world-class chefs. Field experiences and tours of the countryside are major components of this program.



Curricular Concentrations: Students may design a program centered on a particular field of research by creating a thematic study plan. If interested in this option, students can consult their advisors at their home institutions to develop a customized curricular concentration to best fit their needs and interests. The complete list of courses to choose from can be found on our website.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Summer Program consists of a variety of elective courses taken from our General Studies Program. While students are not required to take Italian language, they will spend an intensive 6-week period exploring the other classes available to them, all of which are recognized for their highly qualified professors and challenging academic content.

FACULTY

At ISI Florence, classes are taught by international faculty members with a demonstrated passion for their subject. ISI requires that all professors hold a PhD or its equivalent in their given fields, as well as maintain a steady presence in the wider academic world through publications, conferences, and active participation in the research and practical application of their studies.

INSTITUTE FACILITIES

The International Studies Institute consists of two buildings: Palazzo Rucellai and Palazzo Bargagli.

Palazzo Rucellai: The Institute occupies the main floor of Palazzo Rucellai on the centrally-located via della Vigna Nuova. This historic residential landmark was designed in the mid-fifteenth century by Leon Battista Alberti, eminent Renaissance humanist, scholar, and architect.

Palazzo Bargagli: Palazzo Bargagli was one of the patrician residences of fourteenth-century Florence. The palace is located on Lungarno delle Grazie 22, one block away from the National Library and a stone's throw from beautiful Piazza Santa Croce.

STUDENT SERVICES

ISI staff and Student Services actively work toward giving students a strong system of support from the moment of arrival to the day of departure. They provide students with assistance and information needed to explore on their own and make the most of their time while abroad. Furthermore, ISI takes student health and safety seriously. Students are coached in personal safety and behavior with a support staff to address illness, injury, and other needs requiring special attention.



HOUSING, MEALS, AND STUDENT LIFE

Students share apartments with other program participants. All apartments are within walking distance of ISI facilities and come with a fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, bedrooms, and communal living space. All apartments have wireless Internet connection.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A large part of Student Services features organizing different cultural activities around Florence and Italy. These include cooking lessons, language aperitivi with Italian students, citywide soccer tournament, operas, 5k and 10k charity runs, local festivals and fairs, food tastings and more. In addition, course field trips are also an integral part of academic life at ISI Florence. Professors organize course-specific trips in order to supplement in-class activities and engage students in the practical application of their studies.

As part of our initiative to help students gain valuable cross-cultural experience in an international environment, we promote many opportunities for community engagement, including volunteer work and service learning activities in Florence. These projects give students invaluable hands-on experience and an extraordinary out-of-classroom exposure to the culture, language, and people of Italy.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ISI FLORENCE

- State-of-the-art centrally-located facilities;
- Expert and dedicated international faculty and staff;
- Pre-departure and arrival assistance;
- Comprehensive orientation program;
- Informative student handbook;
- Cell phone options;
- Extra and co-curricular field trips;
- Practical Italian language courses and workshops;
- Wi-Fi access in apartments and the Institute; and
- Emergency hotline available 24/7.

The International Studies Institute in Florence offers a variety of programs, perfect for any student who is eager to experience Italian life, culture, and language in one of Italy's most treasured cities. For more information, visit www.isiflorence.org or write to us at info@isiflorence.org.

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