

# Comparative Legal Systems

## *Custom, experiential learning abroad*



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The following lectures and site visits explore legal studies in Florence from historical and contemporary perspectives. During the custom program design process, ACCENT Florence collaborates with lead program faculty to finalize the program calendar, incorporating topical and experiential program enhancements. In the final months before arrival, the Study Center and lead faculty will finalize program logistics, discuss learning objectives for each experience, and confirm the availability of local guest lecturers and site visits.

### *Potential customized lectures and visits*

- Visit to a Florentine **law firm** for discussion linked to course learning goals
- **Trial observation** accompanied by lawyer licensed to practice in both Italy and the state of Washington, USA
- Guest lecture on the **history of organized crime in Italy and its impact on the Italian legal system**; 114 laws to combat organized crime were introduced between 1982 and 1992 alone
- Visit to the **Palazzo di Giustizia**, central courthouse in Florence's Novoli neighborhood inaugurated in 2012
- Introductory **walking tour of Florence with Legal Studies theme**, including relevant sites such as Piazza della Repubblica, Piazza San Firenze, Torre della Pagliazza, the Justice Column in Piazza Santa Trinita, and Piazza della Signoria with entry to Palazzo Vecchio, the city hall of Florence
- **Company visit** including discussion of legal factors associated with launching and operating a business in Italy and the EU, led by local business professor and consultant specialized in manufacturing companies
- Guest lecture on **crime reporting in the Italian Media**, including analysis of a well-known case such as the Monster of Florence or the Meredith Kercher murder
- Discussion on key topics in **Italian labor law** with lawyer from the Florence chapter of CGIL, the most important Italian **trade union**, or similar
- Discussion with a representative of the **Ordine degli Avvocati, the Italian bar association**, on the education and training of lawyers in Italy
- Visit to **Bargello Museum**, today a museum of Renaissance sculpture, but originally built in the 13th century as headquarters of the Capitano del Popolo and later home to the Council of Justice and used as a prison; the walls of the courtyard feature dozens of coats of arms of various Podestà (chief magistrate in Middle Ages) and Giudici di Ruota (judges)

### *Study tour | Rome*

- **Guided walking tour of Rome with focus on Italian law**, viewing Palazzo di Giustizia (Supreme Court of Cassation), Palazzo Madama (seat of Senate), Palazzo Montecitorio (seat of Chamber of Deputies) and Palazzo della Consulta (Constitutional Court)
- Guest lecture on the **historical relationship between Vatican law and Italian law**

