



Study & Intern in Florence

ITALY

Fall Semester
Spring Semester



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English



HOST INSTITUTION

ACCENT Florence Center



HOUSING

Apartment | Homestay



ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA
Sophomores and above
No language prerequisite



WEBSITE

UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/europe/florence



About Study & Intern in Florence

Famous for its Renaissance legacy, Florence is a thriving city with a fascinating mix of historic and modern culture. Explore contemporary and historical issues facing Italy through excursions around Tuscany and a study tour to Sicily.

Housing & Meals

Choose to live with a homestay family or in a furnished student apartment. Living in a homestay will give you a chance to live and learn from a local family and get an inside glimpse into Florentine life. You will have your own bedroom in an Italian home, and breakfasts and dinners will be provided during the week.

If you choose an apartment, you will be housed with other study abroad students on the program. You will live in a shared bedroom in a furnished two-to four-bedroom student apartment. No meals are included, so you will be responsible for cooking on your own.

Learning Outcomes

- Understand how cultural heritage affects contemporary Italian society
- Uncover a more complex understanding of Italy through visits to various geographic regions of the country
- Gain deeper knowledge of Florence and Italian culture through experiential classes and required Italian language learning
- Develop a better understanding of your own values and beliefs through intercultural activities
- Develop critical and analytical thinking skills that can later be leveraged in industry and the workplace



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COURSEWORK

Study in the heart of Florence, one of Italy's most historic cities. Benefit from challenging, interdisciplinary topics that combine courses with unique study tours around Florence and other parts of Italy. The program center is located in a Renaissance *palazzo* in Piazza Santo Spirito, a short walk from several important sites like the Pitti Palace, the Boboli Gardens, and the Arno River.

Your courses will challenge you to explore historical and contemporary Italian issues. Earn 14–18 credits by enrolling in an Italian language class (beginning through advanced) and courses in subject areas such as:

- *Art History*
- *Business*
- *Communications*
- *Cross-Cultural Psychology*
- *Drawing*
- *History of Food*
- *Literature*
- *Photography*
- *Retail Merchandising*
- *Sociology of Crime*

With the exception of the Italian language courses, all courses are taught in English by both Italian and international faculty. Courses are complemented by a study tour to Sicily and site visits around Florence.

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

Engagement opportunities are plentiful. Meet new people and gain a greater sense of the city's personality by volunteering at a local organization, playing on a local sports team, or practicing your Italian with a language partner.

INTERNSHIPS

Gain professional experience, develop language skills, and learn about Italian work culture through a three-credit internship. Possible placements include nonprofit organizations, newspapers, cultural associations, travel companies, and more.

EXCURSIONS

A one-week study tour to Sicily will serve as a cultural contrast to the Renaissance city of Florence. Possible visits within Sicily include places like Syracuse, Catania, and Mount Etna. Site visits around Florence are incorporated into all courses.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Most financial aid may be applied to study abroad. In addition, University of Minnesota students are eligible for \$1.5 million in University of Minnesota study abroad scholarships. For more information about other financial resources, visit the Learning Abroad Center website.

STUDY ABROAD FITS YOUR DEGREE

Study abroad credits can count toward your major, minor, liberal education, and second language requirements. Contact an adviser on your campus to find out how this program fits for you.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

“When you're looking at all the beautiful pieces of artwork, you just feel like you're part of Florence. It's beautiful. I'd recommend it to anybody.”

—Michael

STROLL THE STREETS OF MICHELANGELO, DANTE, & BRUNELLESCHI

All you need is a sense of adventure and a good pair of shoes. Learn Italian while living with Italians. Study art in world-famous museums instead of just classrooms. Engage with the community through a volunteer project or work side by side with the locals as an intern. Explore, discover, and learn while surrounded by endless sources of inspiration. Italy awaits.

