Study Abroad in Florence
Northern California Study Abroad Consortium
Spring Semester 2023
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Contra Costa Community College District:
  • Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College

Los Rios Community College District:
  • American River College, Consumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, Sacramento City College

San Mateo County Community College District:
  • Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Skyline College

Santa Rosa Junior College
• Founded in 1964
• Over 1.6 million students in over 20 countries
• Partnered with the NCSAC colleges since 1988
• Local Program Coordinators & Study Center
• Extensive incident response and crisis management procedures
Why study abroad?

• Less than 10% of US college students study abroad

• Shows college admissions and employers skills such as **intercultural competence, diversity, problem solving, “thinking out of the box”**...

• Personal skills you gain: **independence, creativity, tolerance, openness, initiative, a sense of humor, adaptability, flexibility, values, patience**...

85% of students agree that studying abroad was the most **meaningful experience** of their undergraduate education.
Why Florence?
Ideally situated for travel around Italy & Europe

Cities including London, Paris and Barcelona are a 2-hour flight away on a budget airline
Program Dates

Saturday, February 4, 2023  Depart the U.S.
Sunday, February 5, 2023  Arrive in Florence
Monday, February 6, 2023  Orientation
Tuesday, February 7, 2023  Workshops
Wednesday, February 8, 2023  Classes begin
Sat-Sun, March 18-26, 2023  Mid-Semester break
Monday, April 10, 2023  Easter Monday (no class)
Thursday, May 4, 2023  Last day of class
Friday, May 5, 2023  Depart Florence
Academics

• Courses are UC/CSU transferable
• Meet General Education requirements
• All students enroll in the Italian Life and Culture course plus 3 additional courses for a total 12 credits
• Optional survival Italian course for 2-hours per week
• Florence is our classroom!
Italian Life and Culture course

• Understanding Italian culture and society
• Experiential learning
• Lectures and corresponding field trips on Italian history, art & architecture, politics & society, Italian gastronomy, customs & traditions
• This 3-unit course is required for all students and is subject to college tuition fees
• Student must enroll in the Italian Life & Culture course offered by the campus that processes their program application. This class is the same class for all four schools
• Your US instructor is the teacher of record
Courses offered by Santa Rosa Junior College

Faculty: Lenny Wagner

KINES 1: Introduction to Kinesiology
KINES 5: Sport and Society
KINES 55: Coaching Sports
INTDIS 90*: Italian Life and Culture
Courses offered by Contra Costa Community College District

Faculty: Eric Sanchez

ART 005: The Visual Arts/Art Appreciation
ART 007: Medieval and Renaissance Art History (350-1550 CE)
ART 020: Introduction to Drawing
INTD 100*: Italian Life and Culture
Courses offered by Los Rios Community College District

Faculty: Diane Carlson

SOC 300: Introduction to Sociology
SOC 342: Gender Relations in American Society
SOC 350: Sociology of Popular Culture
ANTH 391*: Italian Life and Culture
Courses offered by San Mateo Community College District

Faculty: Paul Roscelli

ECON 100: Principles of Macro Economics
ECON 102: Principles of Micro Economics
BUS 201: Business Law
SOSC 650*: Italian Life and Culture
Excursion to Siena & San Gimignano
Excursion to Chianti wine region
AIFS Study Center

• 13th Century Palazzo
• Wi-Fi and computer lab
• AIFS Student Advisors
• 24-hour emergency contact service
• Orientation program, welcome reception and guided tour of Florence
Housing

Accommodations in Student Apartments

Equipped kitchens, shared living area & full bath, Wi-Fi, washing machines

No meals are included

20-30 minute walk to the Study Center

Typically 4-6 students in each apartment in double rooms
Included in the Program Fee

$7995

• Shared student apartment accommodations- no meals, kitchenette, living space & bathroom, washing machine

• AIFS Student Center & Staff services including 24/7 emergency contact

• Orientation program & workshops, guided tour of Florence

• Weekly subsidized activities in Florence including visits to museums, monuments, walking tours, wine tasting, cooking class

• Full day excursion to San Gimignano & Siena; full day excursion to Chianti wine region

• Medical insurance

• Pre-departure services and orientation
Expenses not included

• Airfare: Optional flight available or students may purchase their own flights
• Community College tuition fees
• Textbooks
• Personal expenses including passport fees and personal travel
• Meals
• Worldwide Trip Protector Insurance
Optional Meal Plan
$495

• 30 vouchers
• Valid for lunch or dinner
• Various cuisines
Optional Group Flight

• Round trip group flight SFO-Florence
• Airport pick-up by AIFS staff and transfer to accommodations in Florence; return transfer at the end of the program
• Price $tbc ($tbc airfare + $tbc government and airline-imposed taxes, fees and fuel surcharges)
Scholarships

• Benjamin Gilman Scholarships- Open to PELL Grant eligible students [https://gilmanapplication.iie.org/](https://gilmanapplication.iie.org/) *Deadline= First Tuesday in October 2022

• AIFS Ambassador Scholarship- Open to NCSAC students with 12 units completed and a GPA of 2.5 or higher. 1- $1000 scholarship and 2- $500 available. *More information from your study abroad advisor.

• NAFSA Scholarship Database

• Studyabroad.com Scholarship Database
Creative Funding Ideas

- Lifestyle changes - cut down on expenses, gifts of money
- Back to basics ideas - side jobs, sales, garage sales, etc.
- Crowd funding - GoFundMe, Zelle, Venmo campaigns, etc.
For more information and to apply:

Link to Online Enrollment Form

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