



Education Abroad in ITALIAN STUDIES

Benefits of International Experience

The Italian Studies Program views education abroad as an integral component to its students' education. Students majoring or minoring in Italian Studies are encouraged to study abroad in Italy for a semester or year, or at least during the summer. By studying abroad, you will be enriched by the Italian people, customs, traditions and language. Imagine seeing the historical sites you read about in books, or practicing Italian on a daily basis with native Italian speakers. You'll also fast-track fulfillment of the major or minor courses, allowing you more freedom with your Italian class schedule on-grounds, and/or the room to fit in another major.

You'll further enhance your academic degree at UVA, as well as your personal development. Studying abroad helps students develop intercultural skills, such as cross-cultural communication, critical thinking and problem solving, and—of course—language acquisition.

Student Testimonial

"Studying abroad in Italy was not just a vacation: it was an incredible experience that shaped me in almost every facet. Experiencing Italian culture allowed me to analyze the art more deeply and obtain an Italian perspective instead of an American professor's. Going abroad also allowed me to learn a language I probably would have never been able to master in the United States. In Siena, not many people speak English because it is such a small town, and that charming factor forced me to speak Italian in order to communicate...I certainly attribute my experience in Siena to the person I am today."

-Taylor Wilson, Italian Studies and Art History major: UVA in Siena



Academic and Timing Considerations

Depending on the type of education abroad program you select, you may receive direct or transfer credit for the courses you complete abroad. Students who study on a UVA program may count up to fifteen credits per semester of study toward their Italian Studies major, and up to twelve credits toward the Italian Studies minor. Students who study on an outside approved program in Italy may count up to nine credits per semester toward the Italian Studies major or minor. All study abroad courses for major or minor credit must be pre-approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs of Italian Studies. Please note that not all approved programs in Italy will satisfy CLAS Foreign Language Requirement credit and Italian Studies major/minor credit. Students can usually receive elective credit for ITAL and/or ITTR coursework while abroad, but for other credit needs you should speak with the Director of Undergraduate Programs listed on this sheet.

To ensure a well-integrated education abroad experience, the Italian Studies program and the International Studies Office recommend planning early in your academic career. Speak with an education abroad advisor and your Italian academic advisor as early as first year to help you find the best program with the coursework better suited for your academic and personal goals while still allowing you to graduate on time.

Steps to go abroad

- Get a passport
- Complete the online Education Abroad Workshop
- Talk with your department about timing and course requirements
- Meet with an ISO education abroad advisor and explore opportunities
- Learn about funding resources (financial aid, scholarships)
- Research programs and apply online
- Participate in cross-cultural seminars (CORE)

For Italian Studies major or minor course approvals, contact:
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For more information on program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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Interested in other disciplines?
Explore additional major advising sheets online at

International Opportunities in Anthropology

This list is a starting point; you are *not* limited to these options.

Europe

- **Italy:** Arcadia: Italy: Intensive Language and Culture in Perugia
- **Italy:** Arcadia University: Umbra Institute
- **Italy:** Duke: Italy: Rome: Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies
- **Italy:** IES: Italy: Rome Internship*
- **Italy:** IES: Milan
- **Italy:** IES: Rome
- **Italy:** IES: Rome: Language & Area Studies
- **Italy:** Temple University in Rome
- **Italy:** University of Georgia Studies Abroad Program in Cortona
- **Italy:** UVA in Italy: Florence at the Palazzo Rucellai
- **Italy:** UVA in Italy: Siena (in affiliation with CET)



*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available