Study in Florence

is an exciting city in which to live and study. On an afternoon stroll through the streets of Florence, which is set amidst the golden hills of Tuscany, you can admire the architecture of Giotto and the Baroque sculptures adorning the fountains of the city; linger at the Uffizi Gallery with its vast collection of painting and sculpture; view the magnificent Santa Croce where Galileo, Michelangelo and Machiavelli are buried; discuss art with Florentine painters in their studios and explore the book shops near Via Cavour; and visit one of the most popular spots in Florence, the Ponte Vecchio, a 14th century bridge spanning the River Arno.

Program Calendar:

Depart U.S.:
Saturday, February 5, 2022

Arrive Italy:
Sunday, February 6, 2022

Mid-Semester Break:
Saturday, March 19 to Sunday, March 27, 2022

Depart Italy:
Friday, May 6, 2022
Accommodation in apartments in the Historical Center of Florence. Students will be in twin rooms with typically 4 to 6 students per apartment. You will be right in the heart of the city with local Florentines as your neighbors.

Orientation program in Florence consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff covering topics on safety/security and travel, workshops on cultural differences, half-day guided walking tour of Florence, and a welcome reception.

Fully staffed AIFS office in the Study Center including a team of experienced AIFS Student Services staff to provide information, personal advising/counseling and 24-hour emergency contact service. The AIFS staff is there to make sure students get the most out of their time in Florence.

Weekly program of subsidized cultural activities. The program allows students to experience typical Italian pastimes and explore the city in depth. Each semester we offer walking tours, traditional cooking classes, wine lectures, soccer matches, day trip to Pisa and other nearby locations.

Full-day excursion to the Chianti wine region including transportation by private bus, a visit to a winery and a typical Tuscan lunch.

Guided day trip to nearby scenic Tuscan towns of Siena and San Gimignano, including round-trip transportation, a professional, English-speaking guide and an AIFS representative throughout.

Three-day, two-night excursion to Rome including round-trip transportation by train, accommodation in twin-bedded rooms in a centrally located hotel with breakfast, entrances to the Colosseum and Roman Forum and the Vatican Museums with the services of professional, English-speaking guides, and the services of an AIFS representative throughout.

Free wireless Internet access in the Study Center during class hours Monday through Friday. Wireless access will also be available in the apartments.

Italian Life and Culture course, taught by local professors. The course will consist of weekly lectures focusing on historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of Italy and Florence and will include field trips in addition to lectures (course still subject to college tuition fees).

Mandatory police registration.

Farewell reception.

Student medical insurance policy.

FEES

The fee per person is $7,995.

An optional meal plan will be available for $495. The plan includes 30 vouchers for either lunch or dinner in local trattoria in Florence.

The program fee excludes airfare, optional medical insurance upgrade, passport or visa fees, meals other than those listed, personal expenses, any California community college tuition or administrative fees, textbooks, additional field trips or excursions required by the NCSAC faculty and anything not specified.

These fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the $ exchange rate.

OPTIONAL TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

On a space-available basis, students may purchase the optional transportation package consisting of round-trip airfare between SFO and FLR and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the housing in Florence for an additional fee, excluding mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges, for which students will be billed separately.

The following courses will be offered. For complete course listings and faculty bios, please visit www.aifscustomized.com/ncsac.

*Italian Life and Culture: This 3-unit course is required for all students. In addition, students will register for three or four of the following:

OFFERED BY THE CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE DISTRICT:

Faculty: Nicole White

ARTDM 136: Introduction to Digital Photography
ARThS 196: History of Medieval and Renaissance Art

OTHER COURSES: For this program only (Florence Spring 2022), due to the lower selection of courses abroad, you will be allowed to opt to take 3 units of online course from your host school, which would count toward your 12-unit Study Abroad minimum.

OFFERED BY SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE:

Faculty: Anne Marie Insull

ENGL 1B: Literature and Composition (online course)
ENGL 3: Introduction to Poetry
ENGL 4A: Beginning Creative Writing
MEDICAL & LIABILITY INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Cultural Insurance Services International. For more information, please visit https://www.aifssabroad.com/customized/pdf/CFLP-BrCF-CC001390-2021.pdf.

Students are able to opt into Worldwide Trip Protector Plus benefits. This includes the “Cancel for Any Reason” and “Interrupt for Any Reason” benefits. More Information can be found on www.culturalinsurance.com.

AIFS REFUND POLICY

All withdrawal requests must be made in writing either by email or mail to AIFS Study Abroad, Customized, Faculty-Led Programs, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 or by fax to 203.399.5597. Using the postmark, email, or date of fax is considered the official date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student withdraws on or before Friday, November 12, 2021, a full refund will be made less a $150 processing fee.

If a student withdraws after Friday, November 12, 2021, but on or before Friday, December 10, 2021, a full refund will be made less the $450 deposit fee, and any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student’s behalf.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Friday, December 10, 2021, receive no refund of fees paid.

Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. The refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Florence requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

CONTACT US

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FACULTY BIOS

Anne Marie Insull
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Anne Marie earned her B.A. in English at St. Mary’s College and her California Teaching Credential at UC Berkeley. She completed her M.A. in English Literature at Sonoma State University and has been teaching at Santa Rosa Junior College for seventeen years.

Before becoming a college instructor, she was a secondary school teacher in Surrey, England; and then a teacher in several Bay Area high schools. In addition, she has been a long-time English and Creative Writing instructor at the Sonoma County Jail.

Much of her recent travel has been to South and Central America and to Spain -- as both a tourist and as a Spanish-language student. Now, she is thrilled to immerse herself into the culture with her students in one of the world’s most beautiful cities, Florence!

Nicole White
Contra Costa Community College District

Nicole White is a Berkeley-based photographer and has been teaching at DVC since 2016. She holds a BFA from Massachusetts College of Art, an MA in Art History from the University of Connecticut, and an MFA in Studio Practice from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Nicole has traveled extensively on her own, but this will be her first time participating in the Study Abroad program. Most recently, she visited Paris, Santa Fe, New Orleans, Boston and crisscrossed the United States several times on Amtrak. Traveling has become a way for her to better understand the world, to document the world through her camera, and to see artworks of all types in person. She is excited to teach in Florence, a city overflowing with art and architecture that will become the backdrop for her photography and art history courses.

Examples of her artwork can be found at www.nicolewhite.net and @othernicolewhite on Instagram.

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