Florence
ITALY
Syracuse Abroad
Imagine the world differently.
Consider adding an unforgettable traveling seminar to your semester

**EXPERIENCE** a new way of learning—on the move, observing, reading, and writing, all in close conversation with faculty and fellow students

**GAIN** firsthand knowledge of the region of the world you will be living in

**LEARN** about histories, cultures, and politics in comparative ways

**MEET** local politicians, academics, and activists

**DEVELOP** relationships with other students, who come from many different colleges across the United States

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**Greek Odyssey**
HOA/HST/HUM 300.2 (3 credits) pre-semester in fall, post-semester in spring

Travel to Greece and chart the artistic, cultural, and political origins of Western culture—and explore the rise and collapse of Minoan Crete and Homeric Mycenae, Olympian sports, Delphic prophecy, and the birth of democracy in Athens. Optional for all students.

**Eco-City Europe**
ARC 500.3/GEO 300.3 (3 credits) post-semester in spring

Travel to Basel (Switzerland), Hamburg, Munich and Berlin (Germany), Copenhagen (Denmark), and Milan and Trento (Italy) to see how changing transportation, food supply, waste cycle, and energy balance in these cities demonstrates an alternative urbanism. Optional for all students.

Syracuse University Florence
“I was invited to visit Professor Kraczyna’s studio in Barga, Tuscany, with three other students. I could see the strong influence the town had on his artwork. There was a sense of magic and fantasy that he has in many of his pieces. By expressing to us how some of his works were influenced by a specific song or the crest of the mountain, it opened my range of vision for my own work.”

Devyn Passaretti
Illustration major, Syracuse University, Class of 2016

The Villa Rossa is the heart of the Syracuse Florence campus. Centrally located in Piazza Savonarola, the campus contains classrooms, lounges, a computer lab, and a café. The garden is a special favorite of students—a place where you can sip a cappuccino, relax between classes, or enjoy a quiet place to study in the shade.
Choosing your curriculum

When you apply, you’ll choose one of eight options, which vary depending on your academic focus and level of Italian language:

**Florence Center**
Enroll in classes at the Syracuse Florence Center. Take advantage of a broad range of courses taught in English or Italian. You will take a minimum of one Italian language class or literature class, but there is no language prerequisite. Most students choose this option.

**Florence Center & Intensive Language Program at the University of Florence**
Pursue intensive language and cultural studies alongside other international students at the Centro di Cultura per Stranieri of the University of Florence. You will combine these classes with coursework or internships offered through the Syracuse Florence Center. This program is designed for students with intermediate to advanced-intermediate Italian language proficiency.

**Florence Center & Direct Enrollment at the University of Florence (Courses in Italian)**
Learn alongside Italian university students and take selected courses taught entirely in Italian by enrolling at the University of Florence. This option is appropriate for students with advanced Italian language proficiency.

**Florence Center: Architecture (B.Arch)**
Take your required architecture courses in English at the Syracuse Florence Center, and combine them with Italian language classes as well as a professional elective or architectural history course. Designed for undergraduate students enrolled in a professional program who have completed five semesters of design studio. Not open to visiting students.

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Select courses in
- Architecture
- Art history
- Business
- Design
- Engineering
- European politics
- Food studies
- Humanities
- Italian language, history, and culture
- Sexuality, women’s and gender studies
- Studio arts
- Sustainability
If you’re a studio arts major, you’ll have a chance to showcase work from your studio arts classes in an exhibition open to the public.

Florence Center: Studio Arts
Combine studio work in painting, photography, printmaking, drawing, silk-screening, metalsmithing, ceramics, or woven design with coursework in art history and Italian language. This is an option popular with studio art majors and minors.

Florence Center: Engineering
Take your required engineering courses, in English, plus an Italian language course at the Syracuse Florence Center. This program is popular with second-year students in aerospace, civil, environmental, and mechanical engineering. (spring only)

Florence Center: Design
Study collaborative design and contemporary design history at the Syracuse Florence Center. You will complement this coursework with Italian language classes as well as studio or academic electives. This program is for students majoring in industrial and communications design. (spring only)

Florence Center & University of Florence (Courses in English)
Select one or two courses taught in English at the University of Florence, while you take the remainder of your classes at the Syracuse Florence Center. This option is available to students who wish to take courses in economics or political science alongside Italian peers. (fall only)
Living in Florence

While you’re studying in Florence, you’ll live with Italian hosts. Time and again, Syracuse Abroad alumni say this is one of their fondest memories. Living with Florentines allows you to practice Italian learned in class and to gain insight into Italian culture and lifestyle. Your hosts represent all walks of life and professions: large families, retired couples, divorced or single parents, and young couples.

Architecture students may choose to live with Italian hosts or share an apartment with other students in the program. Some studio arts students may also be placed in apartments on a space-available basis.

GOOD TO KNOW

ACF Fiorentina plays in Serie A, the top tier of Italian football. You can catch their games at Stadio Artemio Franchi.

Field trips organized by Syracuse Florence include behind-the-scenes access, private openings, and hands-on experiences at historic monuments and museums.

The garden at the Villa Rossa is a popular study spot for students and also hosts receptions and celebrations throughout the semester.

Gelato was created in Florence. Have fun going from shop to shop to find the best in the city!
“I went to a center for adults with developmental or behavioral disorders two times a week. Alongside a local artist, I would work with them and do art therapy for a few hours. Through my internship, I felt like I was engaging in the culture rather than just trying to go unnoticed and fit in.”

Kathryn Lanza
Psychology and neuroscience double major, Syracuse University, Class of 2015

Florence isn’t all art and fashion! The internship program offers students interested in business and entrepreneurship the opportunity to work for Italian start-ups.
Jump-starting your career

Apply classroom lessons to real work situations, explore career options, and develop professional skills—all while earning academic credit (internships are 1 to 3 credits). Your international work experience will distinguish you as a global thinker and an effective communicator across language and cultural barriers, making you a valuable asset to any employer. For an up-to-date list of internship fields and placements, visit suflorence.syr.edu/academics.

**REPRESENTATIVE INTERNSHIPS**

**Andrea Ponsi Architect:**
Assist with model building and project designs

**Florence English-language newspapers:**
Write short stories about everyday life in Florence

**Villa I Tatti: The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies:**
Organize and update the collection of one of the most prestigious Renaissance art libraries in the world

**Mercato di Sant’Ambrogio:**
Work in this historic market in the preparation and the sales of meat, fish, fruits, and vegetables

**UNESCO–Florence Chapter:**
Organize activities and events aimed at promoting world peace and cooperation among school-aged children in and around Florence

**Medici Dynasty Show:**
Assist in the production and stage management of this multimedia theater piece
“The most valuable part of my time abroad was the class field trips. Taking weekend trips to areas in Italy after discussing them in class pulled everything together. For example, not only did we talk about Herculaneum and Pompeii in my anthropology class, but we were also able to visit Mt. Vesuvius. Our professor was an incredible tour guide, showing us things we would never have seen without him.”

Christiana Chmielewski
Anthropology major, Syracuse University, Class of 2016

Nutrition and food studies students ventured into the Tuscan countryside to visit an organic cooperative, where they learned about beekeeping and honey production.
Maximizing your experience

In Florence
Look beyond the classroom for ways to enrich your study abroad experience! You will be able to take part in a variety of extracurricular activities to gain a greater understanding of Italian life, language, and culture and to get to know your classmates. Keep an eye out for Italian cooking classes, olive oil and balsamic vinegar tastings, volunteering with LGBT youth, and competing against other study abroad programs in a five-on-five soccer tournament.

All-school field trips
There are a number of all-school field trips that give students, regardless of major, the opportunity to appreciate the history, art, and culture of Italy. On any given weekend, you may find yourself climbing the dome of the world’s largest basilica, basking in the sun on the Amalfi Coast, traversing the Apennine Mountains to Ravenna, or floating down the Grand Canal in Venice.

Course-related field study
Field study is an integral part of the Syracuse Florence curriculum. Many courses include a field study component designed to provide firsthand experience of the natural and cultural riches of Florence and Italy. Examples include a four-day volcano excursion for earth science students, visits to Tuscan farms and wineries for food studies classes, overnight trips to study design in Milan, a private visit to view the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel for art history students, and a four-day trip to Sicily for students enrolled in a class about the Italian Mafia.

FIELD TRIPS AND TOURS
Amalfi Coast
Assisi/Perugia
Bologna
Genoa/Torino
Insider’s Florence
Pienza/Montepulciano
Pisa/Lucca
Rome
Siena/San Gimignano
Venice
Making study abroad affordable

A study abroad experience is within your reach. Start by reviewing these affordability basics, followed by specific lists of funding resources based on your status as a Syracuse University or visiting student:

- Student aid is based on the total cost of the program you are attending
- You will keep your institutional aid when studying on a Syracuse Abroad program
- You may be eligible for a need-based grant based on your completed FAFSA and CSS Profile
- You may combine need-based grants with loans and other federal aid to cover the total cost of the abroad program
- When the academic calendars of local universities extend beyond that of the Syracuse Center, the program fee is increased to cover additional room and board costs

For SU students

Need-based grants
Grants are awarded by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs based on need, which is determined by your CSS Profile.

Named scholarships
Friends of the University have made generous contributions that enable us to award scholarships for specific study abroad experiences for SU undergraduate students.

Fall-only supplemental aid
Up to 10% supplemental aid is available, based on the previous semester’s aid and need level for students who study abroad in the fall semester.

Plane ticket loan program
The Syracuse Abroad plane ticket loan program allows students who are fully funded with financial aid to apply their financial aid funds toward the purchase of their plane ticket abroad.

For visiting students

Merit-based scholarships
Eligible visiting semester program students with a GPA of 3.0–3.69 will receive a $600 scholarship. Any student with a 3.70 or above will receive a scholarship of $1,000. The scholarship is automatic, based on cumulative GPA as reported at the time of application to the program.

Need-based grants
Provide Syracuse with access to your FAFSA for financial need review by logging in to your FAFSA account online and adding Syracuse University (code 002882).

Tuition grants
Awarded to students from partner institutions with an existing affiliation agreement in place. Contact Syracuse Abroad for more information.

Continuation of existing financial aid
Verify with your home school the continuation of existing financial aid. Have your school complete a Financial Aid Transfer Form.
Feeling safe and supported

In Florence

Staff and faculty members will support and guide your intellectual pursuits, while the student services staff will help with everything from choosing the best housing situation to health and wellness abroad and how to spend your extra time. They’ll facilitate your immersion and integration into the community through service-learning, internships, and all-school field trips.

The Syracuse Florence Center staff and faculty are led by Dr. Sasha Perugini, who received her Ph.D. from Tufts University in 2001. Dr. Perugini has directed the center since 2011. For more information about center resources, please visit suflorence.syr.edu.

In Syracuse

Syracuse Abroad is committed to providing a safe, caring, and enriching experience abroad. Bridget Demorest, assistant director for student services, works diligently and compassionately to provide you and your parents with the resources you may need to thrive abroad—from health and wellness preparation to adjustment questions and from academic accommodations to safety or cultural concerns.

Dr. Perugini, Syracuse Florence Center Director

Bridget Demorest, Assistant Director, Student Services

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Minimum GPA requirements
Syracuse Florence Center: 2.5
Courses taken at the University of Florence/Engineering: 3.0

Deadlines
Fall semester: March 15
Spring semester: October 1
Summer: February 10

For more information
For complete admissions criteria and application instructions, visit suabroad.syr.edu.

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