



# Experience Syracuse in Florence

Syracuse Florence Center

Syracuse Abroad



# Welcome to Syracuse Florence!

Join our special, customized first-year Syracuse University program on our beautiful Florence campus (established in 1959) where you will:

- Take engaging classes in English with Syracuse University faculty;
- Experience one of the most vibrant cities in Europe, known for its artistic and architectural heritage and its vibrant youth culture;
- Build lasting friendships with other Syracuse University students.





# Semester program dates

Program Milestone	Date
Pre-Arrival online coursework begins	Monday, August 24
Arrival + orientation	Thursday, September 17
Mandatory quarantine*	September 17 - October 1
First day of online classes	Monday, September 21
First day of in-person classes	Thursday, October 1
Last day of class	Friday, November 27
Program end date	Monday, November 30



*\*Please Note: If at the time of arrival, preventative quarantine measures are in place, all students (regardless of citizenship) will be required to quarantine in the student residence for 14 days upon arrival on September 17 until October 1. During this time, you will be able to settle into your regularly assigned student housing, where you will be comfortably supported by local staff, and have three meals delivered each day.*

# Health & Safety in Florence

Our experienced student service team is looking forward to welcoming you to Florence and supporting you through your stay.

At Syracuse University, the safety of our students is our primary concern. While in Florence you will have access to 24/7 emergency and health, safety, and security support.

To learn more, visit:

[Syracuse Abroad Health & Safety Resources](#)

[Florence Health & Safety Medical Services](#)

# Syracuse Florence and COVID-19

While Italy was initially one of the countries most heavily impacted by COVID-19, today it boasts one of the most progressive response plans in Europe, including strong local medical, testing and tracing supports for international students.

Syracuse Florence has also put in place proactive safety measures, including social distancing and other COVID-prevention measures, in line with best practices, Syracuse University SAFE and local Italian guidelines.

While we hope you will not need it, but if you suspect that you have been exposed to COVID-19 while on our program, we will connect you with a medical team trained to diagnose and treat the illness. We have strong quarantine and tracing protocols in place and are prepared to support students through the isolation and in accessing any medical care if necessary.

# The Syracuse Florence experience

As a Syracuse Florence student, you will get to enjoy a wide range of services comparable to Syracuse Main Campus:

- First-class student service support;
- Engaging classes with Syracuse University faculty;
- Range of exciting co-curricular activities and events;
- Experienced and dynamic staff;
- Virtual access to many Syracuse University resources (library, technical support, tutoring etc).



# Why Florence?

## Vibrant Youth Culture

Favored destination for students from Italy and around the world.

## Mediterranean Cuisine

Taste countless traditional favorites or new, experimental and foreign cuisine.

## International Hub

...for artistic & architectural master-pieces, European politics, business and education.



## Diversity of Experiences

Within an hour of Florence, there are beaches, ski-towns, Tuscan vineyards and countless picturesque medieval villages.

## Rich Cultural Heritage

Italy has the highest number of UNESCO heritage sites in Europe

## Italian Social Life

Visit food and cultural festivals, daily and weekly markets and even music festivals!



# Orientation

Ease your transition and meet fellow Syracuse students through an orientation led by experienced staff. Learn more about:

- Course expectations
- Cultural adjustment
- Health and safety
- Cell phone and banking guidance
- Use of local transportation
- Insider tips for exploration...





# At home in Florence

Your home away from home will be a student residential hall located within a walking distance to the Syracuse Florence campus and to the city center.

You will be staying in a comfortable, fully furnished single room with a private bathroom.

Within the facility, you will have access to workspaces, a gym, a shared kitchen, laundry, WI-FI, and 24-hour security.



# Florence Cuisine

Florence is known for its Mediterranean cuisine. Your program fee covers a meal plan, which includes breakfast daily and dinner five nights a week. These delicious meals will be prepared by a local catering company.



# Academics

To support your transition to Syracuse main campus, you will take a combination of residential classes taught by Syracuse University Florence instructors (starting Sept. 21) and virtual classes offered by faculty on Syracuse main campus (beginning Aug.24).

The classes have been carefully selected and cover a range of liberal arts topics and some discipline specific offerings.

All courses will be taught in English by experienced Syracuse faculty. You will receive Syracuse University credit for all coursework you complete while in Florence!





# Engage with the city

- Site visits in the city
- Cooking Classes
- Chocolate Tasting
- Wine & Olive Oil Tasting
- Lecture Series
- Optional range of Italian Language and Culture classes and activities



**It's all about getting out there and learning *in* the city and *through* the city.**

# Tuition and Program Fees

Syracuse University Tuition (12 - 19 credit hours): \$27,135

The Syracuse Florence program fee of \$5,500 includes:

- Arrival logistics and orientation;
- Housing in single rooms in a nearby residential facility;
- Meals: breakfast daily and dinner 5 times a week

Note that if a quarantine is required upon arrival, all 3 meals per day will be provided for the duration of the quarantine;

- Site visits, activities and special events;
- Student services related to emergency health, safety and security support.
- Selected COVID-19 related supplies;

**Our Guarantee:** You may withdraw from the program until July 29<sup>th</sup> without incurring any costs. Students who cancel after July 29<sup>th</sup> will be responsible for the full amount of the housing fee.

# Meet your Center staff

## **Sasha Perugini, Ph.D.**

- Center Director



Dr. Sasha Perugini has devoted her career to supporting students internationally.

She has been the director of the Syracuse University Florence program since 2011.



# Meet your Center staff

## Amy Kleine

- Assistant Director for Health and Wellness



Amy Kleine assists students with physical and mental health and wellness and handles accommodation requests for students with special needs.

If you ever need to call the Syracuse Florence 24/7 emergency number, you may find her on the other end ready to support you!

# Meet your Center staff

## **Bob Vallier, Ph.D.**

- Assistant Director for Teaching and Learning



Dr. Bob Vallier plans courses, supports students with academic questions and works closely with all Syracuse Florence faculty.

In addition to taking care of all of your academic concerns, he is also the resident philosopher.

# Meet your Center staff

## Jessica Volpe

- Assistant Director for Student Life



Jessica Volpe is in charge of the team that can assist with your housing and student life needs.

She is responsible for organizing orientation and supports students by taking a turn answering the 24/7 emergency phone!





# Contact us with questions!

Center for International Services at [international@syr.edu](mailto:international@syr.edu)