WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- To gain independence, confidence, cross-cultural understanding, and valuable travel skills
- To make real connections to what you study in the classroom
- To become a citizen of the world
- To acquire skills that employers and graduate schools find desirable
- To have fun

Program Highlights

Dates
May 14 - June 5, 2018

Locations
Sansepolcro is a medieval walled city in the heart of Tuscany, where Meredith students have studied abroad for over 25 years. You will live in the beautiful and historic Palazzo Alberti, Meredith College’s home in Italy. You will hone your appreciation of cultures and abilities to interact successfully through daily interactions with Italians and through service placements as well as group excursions to Florence, Arezzo, and Rome and independent travel opportunities.

Service Opportunities
There is no better way to learn about cultures than engaging with the local community through service projects! Students will have the opportunity to work with Italians creating programs at the public library, organizing informal English conversation groups or maintaining the Tevere River trail.

Course
IDS 945: Exploring Cultures through Service, 3 credits

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How to Apply
Visit www.meredith.edu/studyabroad under “Application Process.” Applications will be accepted on rolling admission until February 15, 2018.

Program Cost
$4,600 (see reverse for budget)

Scholarships and Financial Aid
Additional study abroad funding is available. Visit my.meredith.edu to access the International Programs scholarship application. Scholarship deadline: February 15, 2018.
Overview of the Program

Understanding cultures, your own and others, is an important key to becoming a strong global citizen. The medieval town of Sansepolcro, Italy will serve as our classroom. Throughout this three-week program in the summer of 2018 we will explore our cultures, including daily rituals and interactions, traditions, and values, while learning the same of Italians. Through coursework, service in the community, and travels we will appreciate how cultures shape us and our daily lives as well as those of Italians.

The experiential nature of the program will facilitate learning by adventuring outside the classroom to the streets, museums, markets, and parks. The focused coursework and service placement will expose you to the variety of ways culture manifests itself and help you to better navigate the global reality in which we live. You will investigate the different cultures within Italy through group excursions to Arrezo, Anghiari, Assisi, Perugia, Florence and Rome.

You will further your understanding of cultures and practice your cultural competence through independent travel. Depending on your interests, you may decide to venture to the mountains or the sea or explore one of Italy’s world-renowned cities such as Venice or Siena. The tools you learn throughout the program will prepare you to gain deep insights about the areas you visit that will shape you as a global traveler beyond your time at Meredith.

Finances

Program Cost (includes): $ 4,600

$100 Application deposit
Tuition for 3 Meredith College credits
Accommodations in Italy
Breakfasts and weekday lunches
Academic excursions
On-site support from Meredith faculty and staff
Pre-departure orientation and resources

Additional Estimated Expenses:

Round-trip airfare $ 1,700
Passport—if applicable $ 150
International health insurance $ 35
Independent travel $ 750
International cell phone plan $ 100
Personal spending money $ 750

Note: Estimates are based on previous student reports. Your spending habits may differ.


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<td>This course will introduce students to the concepts of culture and engagement, while requiring them to analyze this knowledge in order to gain a deeper understanding of how cultures affect our daily lives and interactions. The program will allow students to explore their own cultures and Italian cultures through focused coursework while the service in the community will facilitate stronger insight of the theoretical concepts discussed in class. The course will be very experiential in nature and will require students to explore the town of Sansepolcro, talk with locals, take part in careful observation and critically reflect on their experiences.</td>
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