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

Italian Life & Culture Highlights

Dates
June 4 - July 5, 2018

Locations
Live in the heart of Tuscany, at Meredith’s Italian palazzo in Sansepolcro, Italy! Group excursions include Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, Siena and a three-day exploration of Rome. Multiple independent travel breaks are included. The Italian Arts, Artifacts, and Culture course includes an introduction to international travel skills.

Student Voices
“I made new friendships, I ate new foods, I learned to stress less about the small things, I have fallen in love with the Italian culture, and the list could literally go on forever. At first I am utterly speechless when people ask me about my trip because there is just too much to say and so many stories to tell, so the first thing that comes out of my mouth is, ‘It was life-changing. You HAVE to go to Italy.’ Every. single. time.”
- Bailey Perry, Summer 2016

Courses: 6 credits (both required)
IDS 300: Italian Arts, Artifacts, & Culture, 3 credits
COM 370: Nonverbal Communication, 3 credits

Contact
Faculty Director: Dr. Shannon Grimes, grimessh@meredith.edu
Teaching Faculty: Dr. Carla Ross, rossc@meredith.edu

How to Apply
Visit www.meredith.edu/studyabroad under “Application Process.” Applications will be accepted on rolling admission until February 15, 2018. Application includes an academic interview with Liz Yaros, yaroseli@meredith.edu.

Program Cost
$5,500 (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 Italian Life and Culture

The program begins with four weeks in Sansepolcro, Italy, a small Tuscan town about halfway between Florence and Rome. Your classes will typically meet in the morning and early afternoon, leaving most of your evenings for study and for exploration of Sansepolcro.

Within its sixteenth-century walls, Sansepolcro contains numerous ancient and beautiful buildings—palaces, churches, museums, hotels, restaurants, and shops. Sansepolcro provides a wonderful, comfortable, friendly, and safe place to live and study. Nearby towns make great day trips by bus or train, and you will have designated days free to travel to spectacular places that you have always dreamed of visiting. But after a day or extended time away, returning to Sansepolcro will make you feel as though you have come home.

Group excursions will introduce you to the art and architectural delights of nearby Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, Siena, and Rome. The program will conclude with a three-day exploration of Rome.

Finances

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Additional Estimated Expenses:

- Round-trip airfare: $ 1,600
- Passport—if applicable: $ 150
- International health insurance: $ 70
- International cell phone plan: $ 150
- Independent travel: $ 750
- Personal spending money: $ 750

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


Academics

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<td>IDS 300: Italian Arts, Artifacts &amp; Culture 3 credits</td>
<td>Dr. Shannon Grimes <a href="mailto:grimessh@meredith.edu">grimessh@meredith.edu</a></td>
<td>This course is an introduction to the culture &amp; social life of peoples in continental Europe based upon a study of their arts &amp; artifacts. Students will develop independent travel skills, reflect on the culture through journaling, and visit a multitude of important historical and cultural sites.</td>
<td>Arts and Aesthetics or Cultural Elective and Global Perspectives</td>
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<td>COM 370: Nonverbal Communication 3 credits</td>
<td>Dr. Carla Ross <a href="mailto:rossc@meredith.edu">rossc@meredith.edu</a></td>
<td>Do you enjoy people watching? Observing how people socialize and connect with others through gestures, facial expression, and tone of voice? How people show romantic interest through eye behavior, posture and use of space? Just as each culture has its own verbal language, they also have their own modes of personal and professional nonverbal expression and communication. Italy is particularly known for its expressive and passionate communication style. You will have the amazing opportunity to systematically observe people in Italy, and compare their behaviors to the ones you are more familiar with in the United States.</td>
<td>Social Behavioral Science or Cultural Elective Communication major/minor requirement or elective Very relevant general elective for many majors and minors!</td>
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