

Italian Life & Culture

Fall 2022

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Application Deadline

Program applications accepted until **February 15, 2022**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your online application.

Dates

Early September – Early December 2022

Location

Sansepolcro is a medieval walled city in the heart of Tuscany, where Meredith students have studied abroad for 30 years. In Sansepolcro, you will be immersed in an authentic Italian community while also enjoying easy access to travel. The beautiful and historic Palazzo Alberti is Meredith College's home in Italy. This 16th-century building was renovated in 2009 for Meredith program students and faculty to live and learn together. Our on-site Associate Director is a Sansepolcro native and has served as a teacher and mentor to Meredith College students for decades. The program includes multiple independent travel breaks, as well as group excursions to small towns and large cities throughout Italy.

Faculty

Dr. Jonathan Wade, Department Chair for World Languages and Cultures, wadejon@meredith.edu

Schedule a study abroad advising appointment with Liz Yaros, Associate Director of the OIP, at <http://meredith.edu/oip> under "Book an Appointment"

Courses – 14-17 credits required

Italian Language (3-7 credits, required)

Options include 101, 102, 1-credit Italian Conversation, 205, and 206. Students can fulfill the General Education Foreign Language Requirement with 101, 102, and Italian Conversation. If you have taken previous Italian, you may complete the remainder of your Gen. Ed. sequence in Sansepolcro or enroll in higher levels of language toward an Italian Studies minor at Meredith. If you are fulfilling your FL requirement with another language at Meredith College, you will take Italian 101 and Italian Conversation (or more if you choose) to enhance your cultural immersion and communication.

IDS 202: Italy Today (3 credits, required)

Fulfills Social and Behavioral Science *or* Cultural Elective requirement, Italian Studies minor

You will examine how social, political and economic factors have contributed to the development of the current context in Italy. Through this course, you will gain hands-on experience with Italian culture.

IDS 157: Learn to Travel/Travel to Learn (1 credit, required)

Fulfills Global Perspectives requirement

This course will seek to teach you not only the basic skills needed to become a smart traveler, but also will help you learn to become aware of your surroundings. In doing so, you will develop an understanding of how your experiences contribute to your development as a global citizen.

Elective courses:

Heads or Tails: Understanding the Cultural Exchange between Italy and Spain (3 credits)

Literature elective or Cultural elective

This course examines the cultural cross-pollination between Spain and Italy over the centuries, with special emphasis on the ways that the Italian Renaissance sparked the Spanish Golden Age. Readings include traditional literary genres (narrative, drama, and poetry) as well as film and sporting events.

ART 280: Topics in Art and Architecture (3 credits)

Arts and Aesthetics, Art major elective course

From art created by Italian artists to outside works added to famous Italian collections, and from ancient days to contemporary times, there is no shortage of art in Italy! This course will take advantage of the abundance of art available for students to experience in context.

ENG 200: Critical Reading and Writing (3 credits)

Fulfills General Education requirement

An intertextual course offering continued instruction and practice in reading, writing, and research skills. Students will explore a variety of texts and learn to put them in their literary, social, historical, and cultural contexts.

Cost

Semester cost includes on-campus tuition, fees, room, and board, plus a study abroad fee of \$3000. You are eligible to use existing financial aid and apply for **special Semester in Italy scholarships up to \$5,000!** Sign-up for funding workshops and access the scholarship application at <http://meredith.edu/oip>. **Scholarship deadline: February 15, 2022.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Considerations

The Office of International Programs, in partnership with Meredith's Health Center, will continue monitoring daily the following resources regarding coronavirus and international travel:

- CDC
- U.S. State Department
- Overseas Security Advisory Council
- World Health Organization
- American College Health Association
- NAFSA: Association of International Educators professional listserv and the Forum on Education Abroad (peer institution responses)
- Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) updates
- Email announcements and communications from affiliate study abroad providers

- Multiple news outlets

All study abroad participants are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes recommendations by the CDC and host countries at the time of program departure, including but not limited to boosters, vaccine timelines, etc.