

Italian Life and Culture

Summer 2022

Visit <http://meredith.edu/oip> for Study Abroad 101, Study Abroad Advising, and Funding Workshops.

Application Deadline

Program applications accepted until **February 15, 2022**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your online application. Note: The application process for this program requires an academic interview.

Dates

June 5 – July 6, 2022

Location

Live in the heart of Tuscany, at Meredith's Italian palazzo in Sansepolcro, Italy! Group excursions include Anghiari, Arezzo, Assisi, an overnight trip to Florence, and a multi-day exploration of Rome. An independent travel weekend within Italy is included. See next page for program description, budget, and curriculum.

Student Voices

"This was such an incredible experience in more ways than I ever could have imagined, and I learned so much about myself and about traveling abroad in general. I'm so grateful that I got to do this, and also that I was able to learn so many practical skills along with the incredible cultural experiences." – Katherine Dorn, Summer 2019

Journey Highlights

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 of 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, and Assisi. The program also includes an overnight exploration of Florence, as well as a multi-day trip to Rome.

Note: While this brochure describes what we plan to offer in summer 2022, Meredith College Office of International Programs reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary, program capacity limits, schedule, cost, academic program, etc., as necessary.

Faculty

Director: Professor Cathy Rodgers, '76, Director of Meredith in Italy and Professor of Theatre, rodgersc@meredith.edu

Program Faculty: Professor Holly Fischer, '99, Assistant Professor of Studio Art, fischerh@meredith.edu,

Courses – 6 credits, all required

IDS 300: Italian Arts, Artifacts, & Culture (3 credits)

Professor Cathy Rodgers

Fulfills Global Perspectives, as well as Arts and Aesthetics or Cultural Elective

This course is an introduction to the culture and social life of peoples in continental Europe based upon a study of their arts and artifacts. Students will develop independent travel skills, reflect on the culture through journaling, and visit a multitude of important historical and cultural sites.

ART 949-A: Decoding Images: Gender in Art and Advertisement (3 credits)

Professor Holly Fischer

Fulfills Arts and Aesthetics, Ethical Reasoning, Art elective with Ethical Reasoning for Art majors or minors

This course provides an overview of how gender has been historically represented in works of art and mass culture imagery. Students will be exposed to foundational feminist texts through assigned readings, class discussion, and reflective writing. Students will compare the intersection of gender and image in Italian culture with gender norms and conflicts in the United States.

Cost

\$5,500 includes:

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Tuition for 6 Meredith College credits
- Accommodations in Italy
- Weekday breakfasts and lunches
- Academic excursions to Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, Assisi, and Rome
- Survival Italian language class
- Coach transport to Sansepolcro
- On-site support from Meredith faculty and staff
- Pre-departure orientation and resources

Additional expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare – \$1,700
- Passport (if applicable) – \$150
- International health insurance – \$92
- International cell phone plan – \$150
- Independent travel and personal spending – \$1,000 - \$2,000

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

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Additional study abroad funding is available, including special scholarships for students studying abroad in Sansepolcro. Register for a Funding Workshop 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.