

Politics and Psychology: Italian Style

Spring 2022

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Application Deadline

Program applications are accepted until **November 1, 2021**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your online application.

Dates

January 31 – April 30, 2022

Location

Sansepolcro is a medieval walled city in the heart of Tuscany, where Meredith students have studied abroad for 30 years. 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. Jeffrey Martinson, Associate Professor of Political Science, martinso@meredith.edu

Dr. Gwynn Morris, Professor of Psychology, [morrissg@meredith.edu](mailto:morrisg@meredith.edu)

Schedule a study abroad advising appointment with Liz Yaros, Associate Director of International Programs, 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 courses, you may complete the remainder of your Gen. Ed. sequence in Sansepolcro or enroll in higher levels toward an Italian Studies minor. If you are fulfilling your FL requirement with another language at Meredith, you will take ITA 101 and Italian Conversation (or more if you choose) to enhance your immersion, but you may audit the courses if you prefer.

IDS 202: Italy Today (3 credits, required)

Fulfills Social Behavioral Science *or* Cultural Elective requirement

This course is taught by on-site Associate Director, Sara Andreini, and explores 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:

HIS/POL 949: Crucible of Government: How the Italian Peninsula Shapes Governance Today (3 credits)

Fulfills Cultural *or* Social and Behavioral Science Elective, HIS/POL major or minor elective

This course is an overview of the role Italian history played in the development of various forms of government. Topics will include, among others: Greco-Roman conceptions of democracy; social stratification; medieval feudalism; dialectical materialism and historical determinism; and the “Third Alternative” of Mussolini. Students will compare and contrast these conceptions with the way society is governed today.

PSY 210: Life Span Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

Social and Behavioral Science Elective, PSY major: Social/Developmental requirement or elective, CD major requirement

This course is a study of human characteristics and changes from conception to death. At each developmental stage, major topics covered are physical and motor change, cognitive development, emotional and personality growth, and social development. Emphasis will be on cultural influences on development. Prerequisite: PSY-100 or EDU-234.

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

Fulfills Arts and Aesthetics, Art Major and 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 949: Journey to Italy (3 credits)

Fulfills literature requirement

Italy has always been a special destination for travelers. Italy also lured all the major Romantic and Victorian poets. Many twentieth century English novelists also lived in Italy and produced masterpieces here. This class will explore texts and cultural contexts, personal and social conflicts, and techniques of literature written during Italian journeys.

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: November 1, 2021.**

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.