

Fall Semester in Italy

Fall 2024

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Application Deadline

Early Decision applications accepted until **December 1, 2023**. Apply early decision for study abroad or study abroad *and* scholarships and receive a decision by mid-January 2024. Regular Decision program applications accepted until **February 15, 2024**. Click “[Apply to Study Abroad](#)” to begin your application. *Note: The application process for this program requires an academic interview.*

Dates

September 3 - November 30, 2024

Location

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

Academics

You will earn 14-17 credits in a program designed to give all students at Meredith College the knowledge, skills, and insight to be successful in today’s global workforce. You will fulfill many General Education requirements that are essential for every major, including the Foreign Language requirement.

Travel Opportunities

As part of the program, students complete a one credit “Learn to Travel/Travel to Learn” course to become confident international travelers. The program includes multiple independent travel breaks, as well as group excursions to small towns and large cities throughout Italy.

Faculty

Dr. Kelly Roberts, '91, Professor of English, will serve as faculty in residence and will live onsite in the palazzo. She has led many study abroad programs, including fall in Italy.

Courses: 14-17 credits required

Italian Language (3-7 credits, at least 4 credits required)

Options include 101, 102, 200 (1-credit Conversation Essentials in Italian), 205, and 206. Students can fulfill the General Education Foreign Language Requirement with 101, 102, and 200. 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 200 (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:

ENG 320: Young Adult Literature (3 credits)

Literature Requirement, Degree Requirement for K-6, 6-9 and some K-12 Licensure students

A course in literature for young adults, mixing classics and trends in realistic fiction or problem novels, historical fiction, science fiction and fantasy, nonfiction, and poetry geared toward young adult audiences. For this fall's course, Dr. Roberts will integrate current Italian YA offerings, taking advantage of excursions in the program to highlight where the Italian literature intersects with the cities and towns students visit. She will also compare the YA offerings to U.S. trends and provide a rich context for studying this course in Tuscany. Note: ENG 200 pre-requisite can be waived if students have yet to take it.

PED 148: Yoga (1 credit)

Fulfills 1 Health and Physical Learning credit

This course provides a foundation for beginners. Students learn warm-up and breathing exercises, as well as basic Yoga asanas. Particular attention is given to exploring the internal support for external alignment and posture.

ART 280: Art History (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.

Cost

Semester cost includes on-campus tuition, fees, room, and board, plus a study abroad fee of \$3,000. 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>. **Early Decision scholarship deadline: December 1, 2023 (with study abroad application). Regular Decision scholarship deadline: February 15, 2024.**

COVID-19 Protocols

The Office of International Programs strongly recommends all program participants arrive vaccinated against COVID-19 and up to date with all recommended boosters. The OIP will continue to implement ongoing COVID-19 mitigation and response measures in faculty-led study abroad programs.

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.