

# Florence Program highlights

- Classes are frequently held on site at Florence's many **prestigious museums and monuments**. Local scholars and art conservation specialists visit classes to add their expertise.
- Students and instructors will spend **several days in Rome and Venice**. Field trips to other cities studied in the courses may include Pisa and Siena.
- Courses are rigorous and include **significant research and analysis** presented in scholarly papers and discussions.
- Students have the chance to draw under the direction of a master artist/teacher in a **traditional atelier**.
- The **personal experience of living in an Italian household** provides an excellent opportunity to practice Italian outside the classroom and to acquire basic language skills required for daily living.
- Students enjoy **program excursions** to local events, such as football (soccer) games or wine tastings, and lectures on Italian history and contemporary affairs are offered. Students also can pursue their individual interests in hiking, Florentine arts and crafts, or theatre and music performances.



Florence program participants on the trip to Venice.

*"ACM Florence was an incredible experience for me to develop my knowledge in art, my passion for travel, and my love for Italy. The faculty in Florence make this program a unique experience that changes you as an individual."*

*Trevor Thomas, Fall 2008*

*"Every day I discovered something new about the city, the history of its streets and buildings, and its food culture, thanks to both my instructors and host family."*

*Emma Boast,  
Fall 2007*



Cover: The Ponte Vecchio and River Arno in Florence.

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# Florence

Arts, Humanities, & Culture



For students with interests in:

- Art History & Architecture
- Medieval & Renaissance Studies
- Modern Italian Language & Culture
- Politics, Religion, & History
- Studio Art & Drawing

- Plus: Living in an Italian home
- On-site classes in Florence
- Trips to other Italian cities
- Activities & field trips

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The art and history of the Italian Renaissance can be studied in many places. Only in Florence, though, does the rich interaction between Medieval Europe and classical antiquity — the embodiment of the Renaissance — truly come alive.

Wandering through the winding streets and famous *piazze*, visitors are struck by the harmonious blending of medieval public buildings, Renaissance churches, and swirling baroque decoration.

The ACM Florence: Arts, Humanities, & Culture program takes full advantage of Florence's rich artistic heritage, with opportunities to view firsthand many influential masterpieces of Western civilization.

Students are guided by experts in the history of art and culture, learn to speak Italian, and experience modern Italian culture as they live in an Italian household.



For more details, go to [www.acm.edu/florence](http://www.acm.edu/florence)

**Dates** Fall semester (*late August - early December*)

**Credits** Recommended credit is 16 semester hours or the equivalent.

**Courses** All students take the required Italian language course and enroll in three elective courses. Detailed course descriptions are at [www.acm.edu/florence](http://www.acm.edu/florence).

- **Italian language** Instruction emphasizes spoken colloquial Italian and is most intensive during the first four weeks, so that students may quickly acquire conversational ability. (4 credits, required)
- **Elective courses** Students choose from the six courses offered. Five courses explore various facets of Renaissance art, history, and literature. A studio art course in figure drawing, conducted at the most historic Florentine *atelier* still in active use, is also offered. (4 credits per course, elective)

**Language requirement** No prerequisites. Except for the required Italian language class, all courses are taught in English.

**Enrollment** 25-30 students

**Eligibility** Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible. A background in art history, studio art, modern languages, or the humanities is recommended.

**Living arrangements** After a stay of a few days in a pensione with the group, each student lives in an Italian home. Breakfasts and dinners are provided by the host family.

**Costs** For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to [www.acm.edu/florence](http://www.acm.edu/florence). Students also should check with their Off-Campus Study or Financial Aid Office for information about their college's pricing policies for off-campus study.

**How to apply**

- Access the ACM application at [www.acm.edu/apply](http://www.acm.edu/apply).
- Students should check with their Off-Campus Study Office about their college's application procedures and deadlines.
- ACM must receive completed applications by **March 15**.



## Florence: Arts, Humanities, & Culture schedule

Weeks 1-4	Weeks 5-7	Week 8: Break	Weeks 9-15
Italian language (intensive for first 4 weeks)	Courses (3 electives)	Week 8: Break	Courses (3 electives)
Field trips to sites in Florence and to other Italian cities			Italian language
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Home stay in an Italian household			

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