

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 visit Rome and Venice as part of the academic program. Field trips to other cities are also planned.
- Courses are rigorous and include significant research and analysis presented in scholarly papers and discussions.
- Students have the opportunity 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.
- In addition to the fall semester program in Florence, ACM offers a Florence: Arts in Context winter quarter/trimester option.



Florence program participants at the Colosseum in Rome.

Edmund Burke

"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

"Living with a family was by far the best part. I experienced an intense connection and bond with my family that I couldn't have even imagined beforehand."

Riley Wyman, Fall 2009



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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.



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For more details, go to 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.

- **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 semester credits, required)
- **Elective courses** Students choose three electives from the five courses offered. Four courses explore various facets of medieval and 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 semester 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. 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.
- 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**.

ACM also offers the **Florence: Arts in Context** winter quarter/trimester option — ideal for students at colleges not on a semester calendar. Visit www.acm.edu/lonflo for details.



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
Home stay in an Italian household			