

# London & Florence Program highlights

- Students spend eight weeks in each city, with a one-week break between the two segments of the program for **independent travel**.

## London

- “London as Visual Text” **uses the entire city as a classroom**, meeting at museums, historic districts, and monuments. Students explore the connections between London’s past and present, as manifested in the city’s art and architecture.
- In the **London theatre course**, students learn about theatre productions and performance at venues ranging from the Royal Shakespeare Company to the Fringe theatres, and they meet theatre professionals, critics, and scholars.

## Florence

- Courses encourage students to discover the Florence of Botticelli, Michelangelo, and other masters, and to investigate how their works contributed to the incredible riches of the **Renaissance**.
- Students take numerous field trips in Florence and to other cities, such as **Rome and Venice**.
- All students experience **modern Italian culture** by living in Italian homes. Students can choose to start the program with an intensive three-week Italian language course.

St. Stephen’s Tower (“Big Ben”) and the London Eye.  
(Photo by Lauren Cassat)



Arielle Denis

Overlooking the ruins of the Forum on the program field trip to Rome.

*“Whether you are hanging out at Speakers’ Corner at Hyde Park in London or people watching in a busy piazza in Florence, you are sure to gain a whole new perspective on the world.”*

Lee Homan, London & Florence, Spring 2008

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# London & Florence

Arts in Context



For students with interests in:

Architecture & Urban Design

Art History

Medieval & Renaissance Studies

Modern Italian Language & Culture

Theatre & Performance

Urban Studies

Plus: Living in an Italian home

On-site classes in Florence & London

Trips to other Italian cities

Guest speakers & field trips

[www.acm.edu/lonflo](http://www.acm.edu/lonflo)



The ACM London & Florence: Arts in Context program offers an interdisciplinary panorama of the arts and history, using two great European cities as its “text.”

Nearly every day, field trips and on-site classes take students to museums and galleries, churches and public buildings, urban neighborhoods and nearby towns.

At the same time, students are immersed in the contemporary life of the cities, as they live in the heart of London and study conversational Italian in Florence.

With eight weeks in each city — and field trips to other cities — students gain an understanding of two contrasting cultures while also exploring the similarities of two remarkable cities.



Above: Sculpture in Piazza della Signoria in Florence.

Cover: Along the Thames River in London with the Tower Bridge in the background. (Photo by Lauren Cassat)

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

**Dates** Spring semester (January - late May) or Winter term (early January - mid-March)

**Credits** Recommended credit is 16 semester hours or the equivalent for the 17-week program in both cities.

**Program options** Students choose one of three options:

- *Florence First (20 weeks)* Students who start in Florence begin with an additional three-week intensive Italian language course in January. This option provides additional credit and requires additional tuition.
- *London First* Students who start in London do not take the additional three-week intensive Italian language course.
- *Florence Only/Winter term (11 weeks)* Students who choose this option take the three-week intensive Italian language course in January followed by the eight-week Florence segment; they do not take the London segment. Recommended credit for this option is 11 semester hours.

**Courses** All courses are required. Detailed course descriptions are at [www.acm.edu/lonflo](http://www.acm.edu/lonflo).

- *In London* Students take two courses: one examines the art and architecture of London and the other focuses on theatre and performance (4 credits per course).
- *In Florence* Students take three courses: two explore topics in Renaissance art, history, and literature (3 credits per course) and the other is a conversational Italian language course (2 credits).

**Enrollment** 40-45 students

**Eligibility** Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible. The program is designed for students wishing to augment their general education with an intense study of the arts in a European context.

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

**Living arrangements** In Florence, students live in Italian homes, where they eat breakfast and dinner. Students are housed as a group in London in dormitory-style rooms with access to kitchen facilities.

**Costs** For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to [www.acm.edu/lonflo](http://www.acm.edu/lonflo). 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 **October 15**. Early application deadline: March 15.

## London & Florence: Arts in Context schedule

Early - late January	Weeks 1-8	Week 9	Weeks 10-17
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For students who start the spring semester program in Florence:

Florence	Additional course: Intensive Italian Language	Courses	Break for travel from Florence to London	London	Courses
		Field trips in Florence and a trip to Rome & Venice			Field trips in London and surrounding areas
	Live in an Italian home				Live in a dormitory-style residence

Note: Florence Only/Winter term option does not include the London segment.

London	For students who start the spring semester program in London:	Courses	Break for travel from London to Florence	Florence	Courses
		Field trips in London and surrounding areas			Field trips in Florence and a trip to Rome & Venice
		Live in a dormitory-style residence			Live in an Italian home