

Quarter/Trimester Programs

in Chicago, Costa Rica, & Florence



Chicago

- Arts, Entrepreneurship, & Urban Studies

Costa Rica

- Field Research in the Environment, Social Sciences, & Humanities

Florence

- Arts in Context

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Above: On the Florence: Arts in Context program.
Cover photo: In Costa Rica, a student with his host mother during the field research phase of the program.

Quarter/trimester programs provide calendar options

ACM now has three quarter/trimester programs — in Chicago, Costa Rica, and Florence — tailored for students at colleges that are not on a semester schedule. All offer the excellent curricula, faculty, and facilities that students enjoy on ACM's semester programs at those sites.

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Chicago Program students catching a bus to visit one of the city's many distinctive neighborhoods.

"I don't know of any other study abroad program that my school offers where you can do hands-on research under the close supervision of an advisor and receive help from so many other people. Not to mention the invaluable Spanish skills I gained from my class and from the prolonged conversations with my host family members and my 'Tico' friends.



The paper I wrote was already accepted for a presentation at an international conference and has high chances of being published in a scientific journal, which I believe is a great early beginning for my career as a researcher. I am really glad I decided to join this ACM program in this heavenly country!"

Raluca Oprinca, Knox College
Costa Rica, Spring quarter/trimester 2010

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"So many of the most valuable experiences I took away from my experience [on the ACM Florence program] happened outside the classroom. I didn't realize how deeply my sense of what I 'have' to do with my life would be challenged, and how eternally grateful I am for that."

Mariko Conner, Carleton College
Florence, Winter quarter/trimester 2010

Chicago Program:

Arts, Entrepreneurship, & Urban Studies

Offered in the Spring quarter/trimester

A dynamic city built on innovation and creativity, Chicago boasts a lively and accessible arts scene, a long tradition of community-based leadership and activism, and businesses ranging from small start-ups to major corporations.

Students can focus on one of the Chicago Program's areas of emphasis — Arts, Entrepreneurship, Urban Studies — or participate in classwork and projects across all three.

The program's experiential, interdisciplinary approach enables students to examine the big issues facing cities today and relate those issues to their own lives, education, and career aspirations.



A Chicago Program student at his internship.

Dates Spring quarter/trimester
(mid-March - late May)

Curriculum Students take the **Core Course** (exploring the city's resources, people, and challenges) and a **Seminar** (on a topic in one of the program's areas of emphasis), and choose an **Internship** or an **Independent Study Project**.

Eligibility Sophomores, juniors, and seniors from any major

Application deadline November 15

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Florence: Arts in Context

Offered in the Winter quarter/trimester

There is no better place to study medieval and Renaissance art, history, and literature than in the city where the Renaissance comes alive — Florence. Nearly every day, field trips and on-site classes take students to museums, galleries, palaces, and churches.

At the same time, students experience the beauty and excitement of contemporary Italian culture by living in an Italian household, studying Italian language, and taking excursions in and around Florence and to Rome.

The term begins with three weeks of intensive Italian language instruction prior to the start of the other courses, which are taught in English.

Dates Winter quarter/trimester
(early January - late March)

Eligibility Sophomores, juniors, and seniors

Language requirement No prerequisites

Application deadline October 15

January	February - March
Intensive Italian language course	Courses
	Field trips in & around Florence & a trip to Rome
Live in an Italian home	

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Costa Rica

Field Research in the Environment, Social Sciences, & Humanities

Offered in the Spring quarter/trimester

The spring program in Costa Rica offers independent field research and cultural immersion in a country known for its friendly people, open and democratic government, and ecological diversity.

Students begin the spring quarter/trimester in the capital city of San José, polishing their Spanish and planning their research projects, before spending a month in the field conducting research. They return to San José for the last three weeks of the program to analyze their data and write their final papers.

Prominent research specialists and scholars serve as advisors, assisting students in all aspects of the research process.

Throughout the program, students live with Costa Rican families and participate in a variety of field trips.

Dates Spring quarter/trimester
(early April - mid-June)

Eligibility Juniors, seniors, and advanced sophomores

Language requirement Second-year college coursework in Spanish, taken in the year prior to the start of the program, is recommended.

Application deadline November 15

Weeks 1-4	Weeks 5-8	Weeks 9-11
Field Preparation & Orientation in San José	Field Research at sites throughout Costa Rica	Research Paper in San José
Spanish for Researchers		Spanish Language
Home stay in San José or at the research site		

For course descriptions, research opportunities, and a list of research advisors, visit

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