

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 in 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 become regular theatre-goers 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, Siena, 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.
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Top: A street scene in London.

Above: Program participants eating lunch at Linguaviva, where they study Italian in Florence.

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

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The ACM London & Florence 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.

For more details, go to www.acm.edu/lonflo

Dates Spring semester (late January - late May)

Credits Recommended credit is 16 semester hours or the equivalent.

Program options Students choose one of three options:

- **Florence First** Students who choose to start in Florence begin with an additional three-week program of intensive Italian language instruction in January. This option provides additional credit and requires additional tuition.
- **London First** Students who choose to start in London do not take the additional three-week intensive Italian language class in Florence.
- **Florence Only (11 weeks)** Students who choose this option take the three-week program of intensive Italian language class in January followed by the eight-week Florence segment; they do not take the London segment.

Courses All courses are required. Detailed course descriptions are at www.acm.edu/lonflo.

- **In London** Students take two courses: one examines the art and architecture of London and the other focuses on theatre. (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).

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

Enrollment 40-45 students

Eligibility Seniors, juniors, and advanced sophomores 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.

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 Students are billed tuition and a program fee by their colleges. Students from non-ACM colleges must contact the ACM office in Chicago. For complete information, go to: www.acm.edu/lonflo.

How to apply

- For more information about applying, go to www.acm.edu/apply.
- ACM must receive completed applications (having gone through all on-campus procedures) by **October 15**.

London-Florence Program schedule

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

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

For students who start the program in London:

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