London & Florence Program highlights

• Students spend nearly two months in each city, with a one-week break between the two segments of the program for independent travel.
• A winter quarter/trimester option based only in Florence is also offered.

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, and take field trips to other areas such as Stratford-upon-Avon.
• In the London literature and theatre course, students learn about the city’s position as a center of cultural production. Through readings of literary, historical, and theatrical texts, as well as weekly theatre visits, students examine how writers have both described and shaped London over time.

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 and instructors will visit Rome, Venice, and sites in and around Florence as part of the academic program.
• Students experience modern Italian culture by living in Italian homes, and can choose to start the program with an intensive three-week Italian language course.

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Katharine Caffrey, St. Olaf College

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Living in an Italian home

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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 nearly two months 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.

Courses

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

- **In Florence**: Students take two courses which explore topics in medieval and Renaissance art, history, and literature, plus a conversational Italian language course.

Students participating in the 18-week semester or the winter quarter/trimester take an additional intensive Italian language course for 3 weeks in January.

**Dates**

- 18-week spring semester (early January - May)
- 15-week spring semester (late January - May)
- 10-week winter quarter/trimester (early January - mid-March)

**Program options and credit**

See acm.edu/lonflo for details about credit for each of the program options listed below and for individual courses.

- **18-week semester** (Florence first, with intensive language) Students spend 10 weeks in Florence (the first 3 weeks in an intensive Italian language course) and 7 weeks in London. Recommended credit: 19 semester credits or the equivalent.

- **15-week semester**: Students choose to begin in either London or Florence and spend 7 weeks in each city. Recommended credit: 16 semester credits or the equivalent.

- **10-week winter/quarter trimester** (Florence only) This consists of the Florence portion of the 18-week semester; it does not include the London segment. This option is typically for students at colleges on a quarter/trimester calendar who want to spend only one term off-campus.

**Enrollment**

Maximum of 20-25 students at each site

**Eligibility**

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

**Language requirement**

No prerequisites.

**Living arrangements**

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

**Costs**

For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to acm.edu/lonflo. Students also should check with their Off-Campus Study Office or Financial Aid Office for information about their college’s pricing policies for off-campus study.

**How to apply**

- Access the ACM application at 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.

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**London & Florence: Arts in Context schedule**

**15-Week Semester**

- Students start in either London (as shown) or Florence and switch cities at mid-semester
- **Courses**
  - Field trips in London & surrounding areas
  - Live in a dormitory-style residence
- **Late January - March** (7 weeks)
- **One-week break for travel between the two cities**
- **Late March - May** (7 weeks)
  - Field trips in & around Florence; trips to Rome & Venice
  - Live in an Italian home

**18-Week Semester** (Florence first, with intensive language)

- **3 weeks in January**
- **Courses**
  - Intensive Italian Language
  - Field trips in & around Florence; trips to Rome & Venice
  - Live in an Italian home
  - **Additional course**:
    - Intensive Italian Language
  - **Late January - March** (7 weeks)
  - **Late March - May** (7 weeks)
    - **One-week break for travel from Florence to London**

**10-Week Winter Quarter/Trimester** (Florence only)

- **Courses**
  - Field trips in London & surrounding areas
  - Live in a dormitory-style residence
- **Late January - March** (7 weeks)
- **Late March - May** (7 weeks)
- **One-week break for travel from Florence to London**

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Above: Piazza della Repubblica in Florence.

Cover: In London, by the River Thames and Tower Bridge. (Photo courtesy of Sara Wimmer)

Right (background): Duomo in Florence.