



Cross-Cultural Studies in Italy



The city of Parma, nestled between Florence and Milano in the Emilia Romagna Region of northern Italy, is mostly known for its production of cheese and prosciutto but also happens to lay claim to a 1000-year-old university (with a medical school), Pasta Barilla (you see it on your store shelves), a newspaper, sports teams, and so much more. During this month-long program, students visit a variety of sites to study art history, economics, health sciences, food, and the local culture.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ITAL 254 Special Topics: Cross-Cultural Studies (3 credits)

This survey course will constitute a comprehensive city study in the areas of Art History, Economics/ Trade, Health Sciences, and Local Culture and History. Each week's focus will include guest lecturers from the University of Parma and excursions to important sites.

ITAL 201 - Intermediate Italian I (3 credits)(repeatable)

Grammar review and further development of communicative skills and cross-cultural competence through cultural readings in Italian. Focus on oral proficiency and written expression. Prerequisite: ITAL 112 or equivalent (3 years of high school Italian). *Fall or Spring, as needed.*

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ITAL 202 - Intermediate Italian II (3 credits)

Grammar review and further development of communicative skills and cross-cultural competence through cultural readings in Italian. Focus on oral proficiency and written expression. Prerequisite: ITAL 201 or equivalent (4 years of high school Italian). *Fall or Spring, as needed.*

EXCURSIONS

Excursions are included in the cost of the program and will include visits to castles, cheese factory, and Prosciutto factory.

You will be provided with a TrenItalia Pass for 5 days of travel anywhere in Italy. With this pass, you are free to plan your own excursion and to have a completely unique Italian experience every weekend. You may also explore the city easily by pedaling around just like locals.

I wish I could go back and do it all over again. The month abroad was full of information, adventures, and delicious food. I would go again in a heartbeat. Everyone that went became a family.

Sumer Slebodnick, Health Admin., 2018 Italy Program

DATES AND COSTS

June 2 - July 2, 2020

Program fee is approximately \$3,800 plus tuition for 6 credits. Price subject to change based on airfares.

Program fee includes round trip airfare, housing, excursions, bicycle rental, Trenitalia 5-day pass, insurance, and optional cooking lessons.

Payment Schedule:

- Application and non-refundable application fee (\$300) are due by January 23, 2020
- Preliminary payment (\$1000) due March 13, 2020
- Program balance due April 30, 2020

HOUSING AND MEALS

Students are housed in a residence hall in Parma. Each room normally accommodates two students and is equipped with a bathroom and kitchen. In addition, a free washing machine and maid service is included. The doors of the residence hall are locked at all times and must be accessed with a key.

All sites are easily accessible by bicycle (included in the price of the program) or by bus if preferred.

Meals (not included in the cost of the program) may be purchased at any of the many cafes in Parma or prepared in your own kitchen with local ingredients.

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2020 CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES IN IN ITALY APPLICATION

Return completed application to the Office for Study Abroad (Schwab 205) along with a copy of your passport, and a deposit for \$300 made payable to Saint Francis University. A link to the travel forms will be sent to you upon receipt of your application. When all travel forms are submitted to the Office for Study Abroad, acceptance is considered, (students will be notified if they are denied acceptance). Please see requirements to study abroad listed below.

Name: _____ male female Student ID # _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____
street *city/town* *state* *zip*

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Level at the time of program: Jr. Sr.

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Requirements to Study Abroad

At the time of application students must have a 2.7 GPA for the semester-long program or a 2.5 GPA for any of the short-term programs (anything lower requires approval from the program director). Passing grades (C or better) in key subject areas may also be required. Students must have successfully completed at least one semester, and preferably one year, at Saint Francis University before studying abroad. Students must demonstrate emotional stability and maturity and indicate the ability to lead a responsible and healthy life abroad as a representative of the U.S. and Saint Francis University. Students must submit the application and all travel forms to the Office for Study Abroad (see application process below) before acceptance into any study abroad program will be considered. Previous health, academic, or disciplinary problems, may influence the decision.

Citizenship Status

Reporting your legal resident status is mandatory. Please check where appropriate.

U.S. Citizen Non-Resident Alien
 U.S. Resident Permit (Green Card)
 I have an F-1 student visa
 I will require an F-1 student visa.

Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy

Withdrawal from any Saint Francis University study or service abroad program must be made in writing and delivered to the Office for Study Abroad in person (Francis 15) or certified mailed (Saint Francis University, Office for Study Abroad, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940). The date in which the withdrawal is received at the Office for Study Abroad will determine the amount of refund.

If you withdraw or are withdrawn from your study abroad program you will receive a refund minus: non-refundable application fee, any non-recoverable portion of the airfare, any non-recoverable program costs such as housing payments and deposits, excursion pre-payments, etc. (The closer the program is to the start date, the less recoverable costs will be available). Student withdrawals are not accepted after the start of a program.

If you withdraw from the study abroad program, it is also your responsibility to withdraw from your study abroad courses.

Withdrawals from a study abroad program due to lack of passport and/or visa are held to the same withdrawal policies.

Agreement and Waiver

I certify that the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that on becoming a student in this program, I shall be subject to all rules, regulations, and requirements as to conduct, academic, and financial policies of Saint Francis University, and the national and local ordinances of the country of which I am studying. I understand that Saint Francis University reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student based on unsatisfactory work or behavior.

Saint Francis University and its affiliated institutions, in making arrangements for the program, act only as agents. Neither Saint Francis University, its Trustees, nor any of its employees, nor any other persons, parties, organizations, or agencies collaborating with them, is or shall be responsible or liable for injury, loss, damage, deviation, delay, or curtailment, however caused, or the consequences thereof which may occur during any of the travel or program.

Any misrepresentation on the part of the applicant is cause for non-acceptance, cancellation of acceptance, or dismissal from school if subsequently discovered.

Your signature below indicates your understanding and acceptance of the Study Abroad Withdrawal Policy and of the Agreement and Waiver statement.

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name *date*