

Italy & United Kingdom Whole Program

Summer 2022

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Application Deadline

Program applications accepted on rolling admission until **February 15, 2022**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your online application.

Dates

June 5 – August 5, 2022

Combine the Italian Life & Culture and United Kingdom programs to earn 12 credits in one summer!

Locations

Part 1: Italy

Live in the heart of Tuscany, at Meredith's Italian palazzo in Sansepolcro, Italy! Plans include group excursions to Anghiari, Arezzo, Assisi, an overnight trip to Florence, and a multi-day exploration of Rome. An independent travel weekend within Italy is included.

Part 2: United Kingdom

Based in the heart of London, in beautiful Regents Park. Program excursions include Bath, Parliament, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Windsor Castle. Also includes a long independent travel weekend within the United Kingdom.

Student Voices

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying good-bye so hard," as Winnie-the-Pooh says. I think this embodies how I feel about study abroad very well. How lucky I am to have this experience that I will miss so much. I'd rather have left a piece of my heart everywhere I go than have it all at home. That just means I've had so many great experiences that I'll never forget!" – Sophie Lindem, Whole Program, Summer 2019

Journey Highlights

The program begins with four weeks in Sansepolcro, Italy, a small Tuscan town about halfway between Florence and Rome. Nearby towns make great day trips, and you will have designated weekdays free to travel to spectacular places that you have always dreamed of visiting. Group excursions will introduce you to the art and architectural delights of nearby Anghiari, Arezzo, and Assisi. Program plans also include an overnight exploration of Florence, as well as a multi-day trip to Rome.

You'll then travel to London, and make your home in beautiful Regents Park. You will find an almost overwhelming variety of opportunities in theatre, music, dance, art, museums, and historic sites, including a tour of Parliament. Four weeks in London will not seem long enough for all the experiences you can have!

Note: While this brochure describes what we plan to offer in summer 2022, Meredith College Office of International Programs reserves the right to make changes to the program itinerary, program capacity limits, schedule, cost, academic program, etc., as necessary.

Faculty

Faculty Director: Professor Catherine Rodgers, rodgersc@meredith.edu

Italy Teaching Faculty: Professor Holly Fischer, fischerh@meredith.edu

UK Teaching Faculty: Dr. Jason Andrus, andrusja@meredith.edu

UK Teaching Faculty: Dr. Kelly Roberts, robertsk@meredith.edu

Courses – Earn 12 credits in one summer!

IDS 300: Italian Arts, Artifacts & Culture (3 credits, required)

Professor Cathy Rodgers

Fulfills Global Perspectives, as well as Arts and Aesthetics or Cultural Elective

This course is an introduction to the culture & social life of peoples in continental Europe based upon a study of their arts and artifacts. Principle assignment is an in-depth travel journal.

ART 949: Decoding Images: Gender in Art & Advertising (3 credits, required)

Professor Holly Fischer

Fulfills Arts and Aesthetics, Ethical Reasoning, Art elective with Ethical Reasoning for Art majors or minors

This course provides an overview of how gender has been historically represented in works of art and mass culture imagery. Students will be exposed to foundational feminist texts through assigned readings, class discussion, and reflective writing. Students will compare the intersection of gender and image in Italian culture with gender norms and conflicts in the United States.

IDS 301: Arts, Artifacts & Culture – UK (3 credits, required)

Professor Cathy Rodgers

Fulfills Arts and Aesthetics or Cultural Elective and Global Perspectives

This course provides an introduction to the culture and social mores of the peoples in the UK based on a study of their arts and artifacts. Principle assignment is an in-depth travel journal.

Choose one:

ENG 230: Thank You, JK Rowling: The Rise of Young Adult Literature (3 credits)

Dr. Kelly Roberts

Fulfills Literature Elective & Writing Intensive, Elective for English majors, required course for most teaching licensures

What better place than the UK to immerse ourselves in this new genre, made all the more popular by Harry Potter himself. Surely we will study the classics—Tolkien, Lewis, etc., but each sub-genre will be accompanied by a great contemporary piece as well.

BIO 949: Scientific Expeditions – London (3 credits)

Dr. Jason Andrus

Fulfills Math/Science Elective, Biology major/minor Elective

London is the setting of some of the most important discoveries in science. This course is designed to expose students to the scientific locations, personalities, and ideas originating from England, and how they have shaped the culture, politics and outlook of modern UK society. Best of all, you get to plan the science lover's week in London!

Cost

\$10,250 includes:

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Tuition for 12 Meredith College credits
- Accommodations in Italy and London
- Weekday breakfasts and lunches
- Academic excursions

Additional expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare – \$1,750
- Passport (if needed) – \$150
- International health insurance – \$126
- International cell phone plan – \$200
- Independent travel – \$1,500 - \$2,500
- Personal spending money – \$1,500 - \$3,000

Note: Estimates are based on previous student reports. Your spending habits may differ.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Additional study abroad funding is available. Register for a Funding Workshop and access the scholarship application at <http://meredith.edu/oip>. **Scholarship deadline: February 15, 2022.**

COVID-19 Health and Safety Considerations

The Office of International Programs, in partnership with Meredith's Health Center, will continue monitoring daily the following resources regarding coronavirus and international travel:

- CDC
- U.S. State Department
- Overseas Security Advisory Council
- World Health Organization
- American College Health Association
- NAFSA: Association of International Educators professional listserv and the Forum on Education Abroad (peer institution responses)
- Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) updates
- Email announcements and communications from affiliate study abroad providers
- Multiple news outlets

All study abroad participants are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes recommendations by the CDC and host countries at the time of program departure, including but not limited to boosters, vaccine timelines, etc.