

# Art in Italy

## Summer 2023

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### Application Deadline

Early Decision program applications accepted until **December 5, 2022**. Apply early decision for study abroad or study abroad *and* scholarships and receive a decision by mid-January 2023. Regular Decision program applications accepted until **February 15, 2023**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your application.

### Dates

July 5 - August 2, 2023

### Location

Live in the heart of Tuscany at Meredith's Italian palazzo in Sansepolcro, Italy! Group excursions include Anghiari, Assisi, and multi-day explorations of Florence and Rome. An independent travel weekend within Italy is included. See reverse for program description, budget, and curriculum.

### Student Voices

*"I learned so much about the art and culture that would be difficult to fully comprehend in a classroom. There's a level of connection when you see places and art in person. Studying abroad became an enriching part of my life I will always remember."* - Kimberly Jarvis, Fall 2021

### Courses: 6 credits required

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

Fulfills Global Perspectives requirement, Arts and Aesthetics requirement, Ethical Reasoning requirement, Art major/minor Arts Elective with Ethical Reasoning thread

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.

**ART 270/370: Fibers I or II** (3 credits, required)

Fulfills Arts and Aesthetics requirement, Art major/minor Arts Elective

This course will focus on traditional textile techniques, like weaving and embroidery, with a contemporary spin. By researching the great history of women's work in Italy, we will explore traditions while incorporating concepts of the 21st century. Students will be encouraged to find inspiration in the art, landscape, and culture of Italy through sketches, embroidery, and weaving. (Studio fee included in program cost.) Pre-requisite: ART 101, ART 110, or by permission of instructor.

## Faculty

**Director: Professor Emily Howard, '01 and Sansepolcro study abroad alumna**

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## Program Overview

This four week program is based in Sansepolcro, Italy, a small Tuscan town about halfway between Florence and Rome. Your classes will typically meet in the morning and early afternoon, leaving most of your evenings for study and for exploration of Sansepolcro.

Within its 16th-century walls, Sansepolcro contains numerous ancient and beautiful buildings—palaces, churches, museums, hotels, restaurants, and shops. Sansepolcro provides a wonderful, comfortable, friendly, and safe place to live and study. Nearby towns make great day trips by bus or train, and you will have designated days free to travel to spectacular places within Italy that you have always dreamed of visiting. But after a day of extended time away, returning to Sansepolcro will make you feel as though you have come home.

Group excursions will introduce you to the art and architectural delights of nearby Anghiari and Assisi. Multi-day excursions to Florence and Rome will include visits to several museums and expose you to many iconic works of Italian art.

## Cost

**\$5,700 includes:**

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Tuition for 6 Meredith College credits, with ART 270/370 studio fee included
- Accommodations in Italy
- Weekday breakfasts and lunches
- Academic excursions to Anghiari, Assisi, Florence, and Rome
- Survival Italian language class
- Coach transport to Sansepolcro
- On-site support from Meredith faculty
- Pre-departure orientation and resources

Additional expenses include:

- Round-trip airfare: \$1,700
- Passport, if applicable: \$165
- International health insurance: \$50
- International cell phone plan: \$100
- Independent travel and personal spending money: \$1,000-2,000

**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>. **Early Decision scholarship deadline: December 5, 2022 (with study abroad application). Regular Decision scholarship deadline: February 15, 2023.**

## COVID-19 Vaccination

All study abroad participants are required to be up to date on vaccinations and boosters against COVID-19. This includes any future recommendations by the CDC and host countries.

*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.*