

# Education in Italy

## Spring & Summer 2023

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### Application Deadline

Program applications accepted until **November 1, 2022**. Click "[Apply to Study Abroad](#)" to begin your application.

### Dates

**On-campus course at Meredith:** Spring 2023 semester  
**International travel to Italy:** May 14 - May 28, 2023

### Location

This program takes place in the heart of Tuscany, at Meredith College's Italian home in Sansepolcro. The program includes excursions to Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, and Rome, as well as visits with educators and students in Italian schools.

### Eligibility

The Education in Italy program is limited to 14 students and is only open to current Teaching Scholars or students formally admitted to the Education Department. Priority will be given to students in the Class of 2023 or 2024, as students from other classes will have the opportunity to participate in 2025.

### Student Voices

*"I will definitely implement some of the strategies I saw in Italian schools in my classroom. I would like to find an effective way to implement more choices for the children in my classroom like the Italians do."* - Summer 2019 participant

### Course

**EDU 170: Education in a Global Context** (1 credit, requires Spring 2023 course registration)

Fulfills Global Perspectives requirement

During this course, students will study the education system in Italy as well the larger culture of Italy that informs the educational context. Students will also discuss Montessori and vocational education as they relate to the more general approaches to schooling. The seminar will enable students to further critically examine their assumptions regarding school and schooling, building upon previous coursework in EDU 232, 234, and methods classes. Through course readings, special trips, guest speakers, and travel to Sansepolcro, Italy, students will see a

different perspective on education. We will have school visits, meetings with teachers and families, and experiences within the city of Sansepolcro to help us understand education from this perspective. Course meetings prior to departure will also focus on preparation for the program and all that we will experience in-country.

## Faculty

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## Program Overview

The program is based in Sansepolcro, Italy, a small Tuscan town about halfway between Florence and Rome, in the heart of the Tuscan province of Arezzo. Within its 16th-century walls, Sansepolcro contains numerous ancient and beautiful buildings, such as palaces, churches, museums, hotels, restaurants, and shops. Sansepolcro provides an opportunity to experience an authentic Italian life. It is a wonderful, comfortable, friendly, and safe place to live and study.

You will participate in what has come to be called "*la bella vita*" and learn about Tuscan culture from the Middle Ages to today. You will also meet with educators and students in Italian schools in Sansepolcro and neighboring towns. Group excursions include Anghiari, Arezzo, Florence, and two nights in and around Rome.

In addition to the 14-day program in Italy, students will participate in a 1 credit hour course in the Spring 2023 semester. This course is mandatory and meets from 4:00-4:50 p.m. on Wednesdays.

## Cost

### **\$2,000 includes:**

- \$100 non-refundable application deposit
- Tuition for 1 Meredith College credit
- Accommodations in Italy
- Weekday breakfasts and lunches
- Academic excursions
- 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: \$50
- Independent travel and personal spending money: \$500

**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: December 5, 2022.**

## 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.*