

Italian Life & Culture Semester

Fall 2023

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Application Deadline

Early Decision 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. *Note: The application process for this program requires an academic interview.*

Dates

September 3 - November 30, 2023

Location

Sansepolcro is a medieval walled city in the heart of Tuscany where Meredith students have studied abroad for over 30 years. In Sansepolcro, you will be immersed in an authentic Italian community while also enjoying easy access to travel within Italy. The beautiful and historic Palazzo Alberti is Meredith College’s home in Italy. This 16th-century building was renovated in 2009 for Meredith students and faculty to live and learn in together. Our on-site Associate Director is a Sansepolcro native and has served as a teacher and mentor to Meredith College students for decades.

Academics

You will earn 14-17 credits in a program designed to give all students at Meredith College the knowledge, skills, and insight to be successful in today’s global workforce. You will fulfill many General Education requirements that are essential for every major, including the Foreign Language requirement.

Travel Opportunities

As part of the program, students complete a one credit “Learn to Travel/Travel to Learn” course to become confident international travelers. The program includes multiple independent travel breaks, as well as group excursions to small towns and large cities throughout Italy.

Faculty

Dr. Beth Mulvaney, Professor of Art, will serve as faculty in residence. Dr. Mulvaney is a specialist in Italian late Medieval and early Renaissance art and has most recently conducted research on Franciscan and Venetian art.

Courses: 14-17 credits required

Italian Language (3-7 credits, required)

Options include 101, 102, 200 (1-credit Conversation Essentials in Italian), 205, and 206. Students can fulfill the General Education Foreign Language Requirement with 101, 102, and 200. If you have taken previous Italian, you may complete the remainder of your Gen. Ed. sequence in Sansepolcro or enroll in higher levels of language toward an Italian Studies minor at Meredith. If you are fulfilling your FL requirement with another language at Meredith College, you will take Italian 101 and 200 (or more if you choose) to enhance your cultural immersion and communication.

IDS 202: Italy Today (3 credits, required)

Fulfills Social and Behavioral Science *or* Cultural Elective requirement, Italian Studies minor

You will examine how social, political and economic factors have contributed to the development of the current context in Italy. Through this course, you will gain hands-on experience with Italian culture.

IDS 157: Learn to Travel/Travel to Learn (1 credit, required)

Fulfills Global Perspectives requirement

This course will seek to teach you not only the basic skills needed to become a smart traveler, but also will help you learn to become aware of your surroundings. In doing so, you will develop an understanding of how your experiences contribute to your development as a global citizen.

Elective courses:

ART 323: Picturing Medieval Communities: Siena, Florence, and Padua (3 credits)

Fulfills Arts and Aesthetics requirement, Informational Literacy requirement, Art History/Studio Art/Graphic Design major course, Art History/Studio Art minor elective course, Italian Studies minor

This course will focus primarily on Italian art of the Late Middle Ages and Early Renaissance. Selected city-states in Italy will form the basis of our studies, using examples from painting, sculpture and architecture to define the cultural role of art in the formation of these early modern communities. We shall map the changing conception of Medieval communities by analyzing the new and adapted art forms, styles, structures and subject matter that were created in response to patrons and civic identity. We will travel to these cities to more fully understand the underlying principles and functions of the work of art, and as much as possible, we shall try to understand the outlook of those who made the art, and that of the audience for which it was made.

PED 148: Yoga (1 credit)

Fulfills 1 Health and Physical Learning credit

This course provides a foundation for beginners. Students learn warm-up and breathing exercises, as well as basic Yoga asanas. Particular attention is given to exploring the internal support for external alignment and posture.

ENG 200: Critical Reading and Writing (3 credits)

Fulfills General Education requirement

An intertextual course offering continued instruction and practice in reading, writing, and research skills. Students will explore a variety of texts and learn to put them in their literary, social, historical, and cultural contexts.

Cost

Semester cost includes on-campus tuition, fees, room, and board, plus a study abroad fee of \$,3000. You are eligible to use existing financial aid and apply for **special Semester in Italy scholarships up to \$5,000!** Sign-up for funding workshops 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.