Florence Study Abroad Information

This program brings students from IU East to Florence, Italy for studies at the Florence University of the Arts. The program will be open to all IU students, but specially geared toward students studying the humanities. Students will earn 3 credits through the FUA in a course selection of their choice, and those credits will be counted at IU East through course ITAL-M396 Foreign Study in Italy. Students will also enroll in the 3-credit online course MUS-Z 320 Special Topics – “Connections: Music, Art, Literature of Florence” through IU East in the Spring semester. The IU East course will incorporate enrichment activities that will take the students to concerts, museums, and other cultural organizations in the region during their time in Florence. The goal of the program is to give students an immersive learning experience that incorporates the intersections between music and art in Italian culture over time.

Study

Our studies will be with the Florence University of the Arts. Participants may choose from any of the courses taught in the 9am or 12pm time slot, listed here:

- Food, Culture, and Society in Italy
- Health and Fitness in the Mediterranean
- Intensive Italian for Three Credits (Beginner)
- Introduction to Renaissance Art
- Introduction to Watercolor
- iPhoneography*
- Italian Language Intermediate I*
- Landscape and Architectural Photography*
- Music studies (guitar, piano, voice only)
- The Marketing Mix: Product, Price, Place and Promotion
- Visual Merchandise and Display
- Wanderlust: the Physical and Emotional Art of Walking

* These courses have equipment or pre-requisite requirements. See website for details.

To get the credit for this FUA class choice, students will register at IUE for ITAL-M396. This will count as an upper level elective course toward an IUE degree.

All students will also register for MUS-Z320, a special topics course that Dr. Raposo will teach online in Spring 2018, and with enrichment activities in Florence (after FUA classes at 3pm and on Fridays). The focus will be on Art, Music, and Literature in Florence. This course can be applied to the Foreign Language and Culture requirement of an HSS BA degree (begun prior to April 2016) or an upper level elective for any undergraduate degree.
General calendar:

Pre-trip: MUS-Z320 course work, Spring 2018 semester
Depart: Saturday, May 12
Arrive: Sunday, May 13
Orientation: Monday, May 14... start of classes
Depart: Friday, June 1
Post trip: Final course work submissions

Eligibility:

- Registration in MUS-Z320 (Spring) and ITAL-M396 (Summer I)
- Minimum GPA of 2.75
- Accepted application
- Full payment
- Minimum of 8 students; first maximum of 15 students (above this at the discretion of the director, if accommodations can be made)
- Physically able to walk a few hours a day, climb stairs (please inquire if accessibility options need to be explored)

Costs:

IU East Study Abroad in Italy Program Fee: $4550
Includes FUA tuition, housing, flight to Florence, enrichment activities

Optional programs and activities (organized by FUA):
- Variety of meal plans: $60-350
- Weekend day excursions: $56-134
- Full weekend excursions: $279-500

Anticipated additional expenses for students:
- Tuition and fees for IU East courses
- Passport expenses
- Travel Health Insurance (offered through IU: typically c. $30. Required to participate in all IU Overseas Studies programs)
- Textbooks/supplies for courses
- International phone plan, if desired
- Other personal expenses (including food if meal plan not purchased)

1 Not sure you’re physically ready for the trip? Consider taking a health class in the spring semester – search under the “HPER” course subject heading.
Scholarships and Fees Information:

We have two scholarships currently available for degree-seeking IUE students:

IUE Travel Scholarship: $750, for up to 15 students enrolled in both courses
HSS Scholarship: $1500, for up to 12 students enrolled in both courses

IU East students can also individually apply for the David Starr Jordan, Eleanor Turk, and Allmayer-Williams scholarships. Depending on availability, awards typically range from $250-500; students typically only receive one of the three scholarships. Information available at [http://www.iue.edu/studyabroad/finaid.php](http://www.iue.edu/studyabroad/finaid.php). Students from other campuses should contact their study abroad offices for other campus scholarships.

Each of the two courses has a $410 “field trip fee” attached to it; this $820 is also applied to the program fee and can be incorporated into available financial aid.

Application and Fee Schedule:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Deadline</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>W, November 1</td>
<td>Fee deposit (non-refundable unless student is not selected for the program) Program Application paperwork due</td>
<td>$50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F, November 10</td>
<td>Acceptance letters e-mailed to selected participants (who will then be allowed to register for the classes)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F, December 8</td>
<td>Registration in MUS-Z320 and ITAL-M 396 (students not registered by this date in both courses may forfeit their spot to any students on a waiting list)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F, January 12</td>
<td>Deposit into trip account</td>
<td>$800</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January/February</td>
<td>Scholarship and field trip fees applied to balance</td>
<td>Varies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F, February 16</td>
<td>Application paperwork to FUA due</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W, February 28</td>
<td>Final program fee payment due</td>
<td>balance</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Dates subject to change

---

2 Applications will still be accepted after this date if there are spots available.
**Application details:**

To apply for the program, complete the following:

1. Letter of Interest: in your letter, include:
   - Name, program of study, year in school, phone number, email address, student ID # (for enrollment permission and to verify GPA)
   - How study abroad will contribute to your overall academic/career goals
   - Anticipated long-term effect of study abroad on your study and/or career plans
   - Academic strength and preparedness, maturity, and adaptability
   - 2 faculty references (including contact information)

2. Deposit: $50 to the bursar's office, into account 23-686-05, and let them know this is for the study abroad in Italy program (call 765-973-8345 for information on how to pay over the phone if you cannot do so in person)

Submit the letter of interest and scanned/copied receipt from the bursar's office as proof of payment to Dr. Jessica Raposo, Springwood Hall room 223 by November 1 or emailed to jraposo@iue.edu. (Note: credit card payments over the phone do not get a bursar receipt, so a credit card statement showing the transaction will qualify as proof of payment.)

**Travel Information:**

The program fee includes the cost of a round trip flight to Florence, departing from one of the three airports closest to IU East: Dayton, Indianapolis, or Cincinnati. The trip typically involves one or two stops before arriving in Florence. As of the October information meetings, the best option available departs from Cincinnati and only involves one stop, but this may change. Participants are responsible for arriving at the airport at the designated meeting time and place (though we will try to organize carpools before the trip). Officials from FUA will arrange for our pick up from the airport in Florence.

Any participants not from the east-central Indiana or western-Ohio region (distance/online students or students from other campuses) may elect to depart from a different airport. Any participants who wish to continue traveling in Europe after the program completion may elect to adjust their return trip dates. These accommodations are subject to availability through our university travel agencies, and participants are responsible for any additional costs. Also, be aware that Indiana University and the program director are not responsible for what happens during travel outside of the program.

**More information on the Florence University of the Arts:**

FUA is a year-round institution open to students from all over the world, offering multiple study abroad programs ranging from 1 week to 1 year in length. Courses are taught in English.
Our program is designed for their 3-week Summer I program. Your program fees include your:

- Tuition and course fees for one 3-credit course
- Accommodation in shared apartments, shared rooms in the center of Florence. (These are fully furnished and stocked with linens, dishes, and pots and pans. The last time we did the trip, the apartments had a washing machine and a clothes-drying rack. Wi-Fi was included as well. The student apartment had a balcony. (Mine, sadly, did not.))
- Student services fees (similar to our Campus Life fees – various activities are planned through FUA)
- 24/7 health and safety emergency support
- Use of school library, gym, and computer facilities during business hours
- FUA certificate of course completion and transcript

We’ll arrive in Florence on a Sunday. On Monday, FUA will provide an orientation that includes information on the school and the city, as well as maps and how to access health and transportation resources. They’ll also take us on a walking tour that reviews the history of music in Florence. Classes will begin on Tuesday.

**Things to ask yourself about studying abroad:**

- Why do I want to see another country?
- Am I comfortable trying new things?
- Do I get homesick easily?
- How do I handle unfamiliar situations?
- Do I like scheduled, structured activities, or can I go with the flow?
- Do I like city environments?
- Can I see past immediate concerns to positive potential experiences?
- Can I take the time off work?

**Useful websites:**

Florence University of the Arts:  [http://www.fua.it/](http://www.fua.it/)
FUA summer courses:  [http://fua.it/Academics/academic-schedule.html?period=309](http://fua.it/Academics/academic-schedule.html?period=309)
Study Abroad scholarships:  [http://www.iue.edu/studyabroad/finaid.php](http://www.iue.edu/studyabroad/finaid.php)
FUA Student Life site:  [http://studentlifeflorence.it/](http://studentlifeflorence.it/)
FUA educational field trips:  [http://studentlifeflorence.it/Current-Upcoming-Destinations/](http://studentlifeflorence.it/Current-Upcoming-Destinations/)