

# Study with Smith in Florence

## **The Jewel of the Renaissance**

Situated on the banks of the Arno River among the Tuscan hills, Florence is a historic city of uncommon beauty and importance in European history, arts and humanities. While enjoying the magnificent art and architecture of the Italian Renaissance, you will also experience contemporary life in Italy. Smith has been providing opportunity and inspiration to students in Italy since 1931, when it was the first American program to locate in Florence.



## **Faculty Director and Smith Center**

The Director in Florence, a regular member of the Smith College Faculty, provides academic advising and cultural guidance throughout the year. The Smith Center is located in the heart of medieval and modern day Florence.

## **Academic Calendar**

The Smith in Florence program is a full year program that begins in mid-September and runs through early June.

## **Eligibility**

Women and men from four-year colleges with at least a 3.0 GPA and two years of college Italian are invited to apply.

## **Application Deadline**

February 1 for Smith students; March 1 for guest students. Application online.



## **Why choose Smith in Florence?**

### **A Full Year of Study**

Gain real fluency in Italian and deep familiarity with Italian culture by spending the academic year in Florence.

### **Homestay**

Experience Italian life and culture first-hand by living with a Italian family.

### **Academic Rigor**

Study topics such as Italian Literature, Art History, or Opera at the Smith Center, and enroll in courses at the University of Florence in a variety of areas including math and science. Art students may also enroll at various artistic studios. All course work is done in Italian.

### **Pistoia Early Childhood Education Internships**

Intern at an innovative public early childhood school in the city of Pistoia, about 45 minutes from Florence. Interns spend one day each week at their school, interacting with students and teachers, and learning by experience about the curriculum heavily focused on the integration of the arts and the natural environment in early learning.

### **Other Internship and Volunteer Opportunities**

Pursue an internship in a museum, library or scientific laboratory, or volunteer with a service organization to make connections beyond the classroom.

### **Orientation**

Acclimate to Florence during your three week orientation, which includes language classes, cultural activities in and around Florence, sessions about university life, and health and safety guidelines.



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