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## 1-Week / 3-credit Field Learning Program

### About the Program

FUA's 1-week, 3-credit field learning course, [FWFSIF200 Cultural Introduction to the Italian Family](#), provides an in-depth study of the social dynamics and interpersonal communication behaviors of the modern Italy family. The weeklong field learning course features on-site learning and assessment in direct contact with Italian families in order for students to strengthen and challenge their perspectives of Italian culture and society.

Course content is compatible with several areas of study such as food, family, and consumer sciences; Italian cultural studies; sociology; community service; and experiential learning.

### Available Sessions

#### SUMMER

##### Session E - 1 Week

The program start and end days are Sun-Sun. The field learning week is offered for 3 credits once every summer season, and can be continued as a 6-credit program by continuing for an additional three weeks in Florence.

Please consult session dates at [fua.it/Utility/academic-calendar-detail.html](http://fua.it/Utility/academic-calendar-detail.html)

### Field Learning Week Details | Daily Coursework

(Detailed syllabus available upon request. Please note: Family types may vary according to the home stay assignments. Not all families are located in the city center; some locations may require a short bus ride to the historic/central areas.)

#### DAY 1

- Arrival in Florence
- Check-in: Meet Your Italian Family
- Presentation and Family Dinner

#### DAY 3

##### Lecture

- The Family Network: generations, relations, social circles that the family belongs to
- Relationship dynamics across generations and relations
- Impact of society and social relationships on the Italian family

##### Field Learning Itinerary

- "Eat Like a Local" activity
- Interview with a specific generational member of the family, relative, or close acquaintance
- Dinner with your family

#### DAY 5

##### Lecture

- Work-Life Balance
- Family economies and occupations
- Balancing personal and professional life rhythms
- The role of the workplace in Italian society

##### Field Learning Itinerary

- "Eat Like a Local" activity
- Job shadowing: Accompany a host parent to his/her workplace. Observe the professional environment and the host parent's role/responsibilities at work, in order to compare and contrast work and home lifestyles.
- Dinner with your family

#### DAY 2

##### Introduction to the Italian Family

- Orientation with instructor
- Getting to know your family: roles, facts, interests
- Family and place: the neighborhood

##### Field Learning Itinerary

- "Eat Like a Local" activity
- First steps in Florence, exploring the city and your neighborhood
- Dinner with your family

#### DAY 4

##### Lecture

- Meal Planning and Management
- Grocery shopping for Italian family menus
- Meal preparation in Italian homes
- Dining culture: what "stare a tavola" means today

##### Field Learning Itinerary

- "Eat Like a Local" activity
- Visit a sample of the city's supermarkets, grocery stores, and outdoor farmer's markets
- Meal prep and dinner with your family

#### DAY 6

##### Lecture

- Italian Education
- School systems and practices
- Educational resources for young Italians

##### Field Learning Itinerary

- "Eat Like a Local" activity
- Visit to a local school/university, interview of educational system employee, or visit to a local library where Italian students study.
- Dinner with your family

## DAY 7

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### Lecture

- Community: Religion and Recreation
- Religion and spirituality in Italy today
- Civic participation
- Celebrating local festivities, fairs, and holidays

### Field Learning Itinerary

- "Eat Like a Local" activity
- What types of community involvement does your family have? Attend an activity such as a religious service, community function, local event/festival, etc. with a family member.
- Dinner with your family

## DAY 8

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### Lecture

- Family Farewell Event – final meal preparation and lunch

### Course conclusion and overview

## Additional Program Options

The FWFSIF200 field learning week can be taken alone for 3 credits or combined with an FUA 3-week summer course for a total of 4 weeks and 6 credits. The 4-week program is an advisable option for students who wish to continue with the course topic in Florence\*.

### **FWFSIF330 Cultural Introduction to the Italian Family** **4 Weeks/6 credits (Field Learning week + Florence course):** **Summer Session VII**

\*Please note that an additional, non-conflicting course from the FUA schedule may be added to the 3-week session in Florence. Course offerings may be viewed upon the publication of the Summer 2018 schedule of classes at [fua.it/Academics/academic-schedule.html](http://fua.it/Academics/academic-schedule.html).

### **Semester option**

The **3-credit Florence-only course option** is also offered in a semester format with courses held once a week, FWFSIF320 Cultural Introduction to the Italian Family. Students may also opt for a **4-credit service learning format**, FWFSIF324 Cultural Introduction to the Italian Family - Service Learning, which requires an additional 30 hours of community engagement as a part of the course. See the above academic schedule link to view when the semester courses are scheduled in the Fall/Spring.







### Program Includes

Academic coursework, accommodation, transportation, and breakfast and dinner provided during family stay.



### Contact Info

For further details, questions, or to request a copy of the syllabus, please contact [admissions@fua.it](mailto:admissions@fua.it).