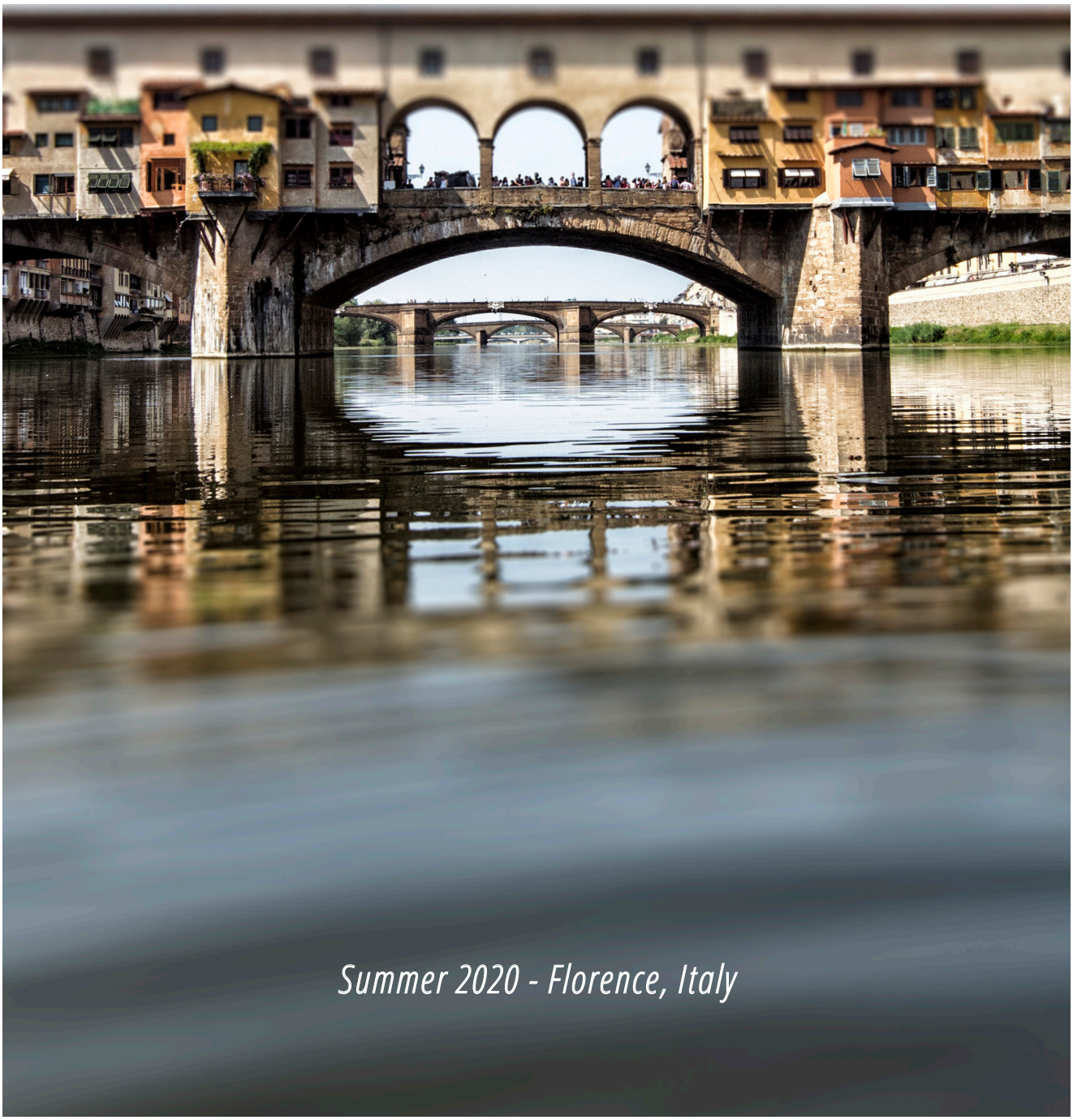
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

FUA FLORENCE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Florence University of the Arts - The American University of Florence is offering a unique opportunity for high school students to participate in its cultural and academic offering. During the 3 or 4-week program, students can earn college credit, selecting from an exciting range of courses held at FUA's academic campuses located in the historic center of Florence. Courses are designed to prepare students for college entrance and the transfer of credit, whilst participation in field learning and extra-curricular activities will engage and immerse students in the Italian culture.

ADVANTAGES OF STUDYING AT FUA

Studying at FUA is characterized by our projects based on cultural integration. The institution's position in the center of Florence places FUA in direct contact with the city's culture, movements, and events. Our mission is to offer a unique academic experience, as well as an active understanding, participation, and contribution to the city by our students from all disciplines, personal backgrounds, and nationalities.

Our Pre-College Program includes:

- Program Tuition
  - 3-week program option: two 3-credit courses
  - 4-week program option: 3-credit Cultural Introduction to Italy field learning week followed by two 3-credit courses
- Centrally located accommodation
- Dedicated live-in Resident Assistants for guidance, counseling, and assistance
- Two meals per day
- Daily extracurricular activities designed to assist students in discovering Florence and experiencing Italy through a native perspective
- Comprehensive orientation session and information folder

Please note: For safety reasons students are required to have a working phone with an international plan or an Italian SIM card.

PROGRAM DETAILS

This program is aimed at students wishing to design their own curriculum prior to college entrance. Students may opt for a 3 or 4-week program. The 4-week program begins with a week of Cultural Introduction to Italy field learning experience in various locations prior to the 3 weeks of coursework in Florence. All 3 and 4-week students select two courses from the offered curriculum at the FUA campus in Florence. FUA offers full School of Record credits for all coursework completed at an extra cost. Please see below for course descriptions.

CULTURAL INTRODUCTION TO ITALY

TRAVEL WEEK

(for 4-week program only)

The course aims to provide students with an in-depth introduction to Italian culture and to broaden one's awareness and understanding of the role of cultural heritage in customs and lifestyles. Led by an FUA professor, students will be on assignment as travel scholars, starting in Rome and moving north through the region of Tuscany. Lectures will provide students with an organized, focused, and academic understanding of Italian history, art, architecture, food, religion, and culture. The course provides additional enrichment through basic notions of Italian language and terminology along with assigned readings and a final paper. On-site teaching is a significant part of this course and aims to provide the student with an incomparable experience of studying important sites of artistic, architectural, and social relevance in present-day Italy. Students are encouraged to observe the sites through active participation and to discuss their observations using specific and analytic social assessment skills.

COUNSELING SERVICE

In collaboration with our Student Life and Development Department, the program provides live-in Resident Assistants dedicated to the safety and welfare of the high school students. FUA Resident Assistants have previous study abroad and living in Florence experience, and so are well-equipped to assist with the transition to life in Florence. As well as general assistance to help each student achieve their personal, academic and social goals, RAs are on call 24/7 for health and safety emergencies.

ACCOMMODATION

Student accommodation is located in the historic city center, just a few steps from the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and school facilities, allowing students immediate access to the various museums, squares, restaurants, cafes and markets that Florence has to offer.

Students enrolled in the program are offered safe and relaxing accommodation, fully equipped and monitored 24/7 by their live-in RAs. In some cases, depending on enrollment numbers, housing in a hotel may be an option.

MEALS

The program includes two meals per day: Breakfast in the residence and lunch or dinner at GANZO Restaurant - FUA's culinary learning lab and local Florentine restaurants.

GROUP FLIGHTS

Pre-coordinated group flights out of a New York area airport are available for each session. Flights are coordinated by a US-based travel agency and chaperoned by a representative of FUA International.

2020 CALENDAR DATES

3-WEEK PROGRAM

Pre-College I (FUA Session III)
Sunday June 28 Students arrive
Monday June 29 Orientation
Tuesday June 30 Classes start
Thursday July 16 Classes end
Friday July 17 Housing check-out (by 10AM)

Pre-College II (FUA Session IV)
Sunday July 19 Students arrive
Monday July 20 Orientation
Tuesday July 21 Classes start
Thursday Aug 6 Classes end
Friday Aug 7 Housing check-out (by 10AM)

4-WEEK PROGRAM

Cultural Intro to Italy + Pre-College I (FUA Session VII)
Sunday June 21 Students arrive (Rome, by 5pm)
Monday June 22 Orientation
Monday June 22 to Sunday June 28
- Cultural Introduction to Italy
Sunday June 28 Students arrive in Florence (by 2pm)
Monday June 29 Orientation
Tuesday June 30 Classes start
Thursday July 16 Classes end
Friday July 17 Housing check-out (by 10AM)

Cultural Intro to Italy + Pre-College II (FUA Session VIII)
Sunday July 12 Students arrive (Rome, by 5pm)
Monday July 13 Orientation
Monday July 13 to Sunday July 19
- Cultural Introduction to Italy
Sunday July 19 Students arrive in Florence (by 2pm)
Monday July 20 Orientation
Tuesday July 21 Classes start
Thursday Aug 6 Classes end
Friday Aug 7 Housing check-out (by 10AM)

COURSES OFFERED

All students are required to select two courses from the following curriculum. Classes are held daily. Each course includes a Field Learning activity or Experiential Learning project (see next section for details). Course schedules and descriptions can be viewed by visiting fua.it/Academics/academic-schedule.html and selecting the Summer 2020 Pre-College schedule.

Pre-College I (FUA Session III)	Pre-College II (FUA Session IV)
Introduction To Accessory Design: Shoes, Bags And Belts	Introduction to Travel Photography
Fashion, Media, And Culture	Introduction to Film Photography
Style And The City: Florentine Fashion Walks	Visual Communication Design Fundamentals Studio I
Fashion Design Studio I	Sketching and Rendering Accessories
Ceramics (Beginner)	Sewing and Construction Techniques I
Florence Sketchbook	Introduction to Fashion Marketing
Food, Health, And Wellness In Italy	Introduction to Film Photography
Food, Culture, And Society In Italy	Florence Sketchbook
Florence Food And Culture Experience	Food, Health, and Wellness in Italy
Cultural Introduction To The Italian Family	Introduction to Nutrition
Italian Renaissance Architecture	The Florence Food and Culture Experience
Introduction To Product Design	Cultural Introduction to Italy
Introduction To Marketing	Introduction to Event Management
Cultural Introduction To Italy	Intensive Italian for Three Credits (Beginner)
Intensive Italian For Three Credits (Beginner)	Italian Language Intermediate I
Italian Language Intermediate I	Magazine Editing and Publishing I
Travel Writing	Introduction to Art History

COURSE ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

Courses in the schedule may feature one of the following two FUA learning methodologies that are an integral and mandatory component of the academic coursework. The methodologies are intended to engage students within the local culture and community through academically structured initiatives.

Field Learning - All-day weekend activity, see academic schedule for date and destination.

Field learning at FUA is a method of educating through first-hand experience. Skills, knowledge, and experience are acquired outside of the traditional academic classroom setting and may include field activities, field research, and service learning projects. The field learning experience is cultural; because it is intended to be wide-reaching, field-related content is not limited to the course subject but seeks to supplement and enrich academic topics. Students will have the opportunity to integrate theory and practice while experiencing Italian culture, art, and community within the Italian territory. Faculty will lead students in experiencing Italian culture through guided projects and field experiences as planned for the course. Field learning will be developed through classroom preparation, follow up projects, and guided learning outcomes. Field learning will provide students with the opportunity to develop skills and appreciate the multifold components of Italian Culture through direct experience. Field education will advance student learning as a relationship-centered process.

Experiential Learning - Ongoing project for community integration throughout the duration of the course.

In addition to regular lecture hours, students will be involved in learning by doing through real projects and integration with the local population and territory in order to remove cultural and learning barriers as well as to develop a strong likelihood for success in life. The experiential learning hours are fully supervised by instructors who track students step by step during their learning experience, monitor and advise according to student needs, and support student initiative. This unique learning model allows students to benefit from an all-encompassing educational experience based on theory and practice in real enterprises, learning of comprehensive operational processes, problem-solving, leadership, and management.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

The Student Life Department offers a rich and varied calendar of extracurricular activities in order to offer an array of experiences that will suit the diverse needs and interests of our student body. Activities will include, but are not limited to:

Connecting Cultures City Walks

Through guided walks through the most significant neighborhoods of Florence, students gain an understanding between the past and contemporary Florence, maximizing their experience by venturing into areas they might not explore on their own and connecting with the community.

Sports Night

This activity is a great way to keep in shape while expanding your knowledge of Italian fitness culture. Soccer is the mainstay of Italian athletics and the focus of our sports night. Even if you are not an athlete, everyone is welcome to both have fun on the field or just cheer on your classmates from the stands.

Musing Club

This activity offers an opportunity for students to explore the world of music and performing arts in Florence. Opera events, visits and performances are all part of this special club. Interested in expanding your knowledge of music or just seeing an exciting performance? This activity is for you!

Aperiganzo/Aperiart

This weekly appointment is dedicated to culture through AperiGanzo. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow classmates, FUA professors and members of the Italian community, as well as to taste the creations of FUA culinary arts students at the Ganzo school restaurant. The same event is also offered weekly at AperiDora at Fedora, the FUA school pastry shop.

Blending Journalism

BLENDING is a journalistic collaboration that offers students the opportunity to express ideas through investigative and creative writing and photography. Writers, photographers, copy editors, and graphic designers who are excited about publishing their experiences and perspectives gained in Florence, as well as novice writers that just looking for a format to document their experience in Florence are all welcome. Summer editions include two newsletters.

CONTACT

For further details and information on how to apply, please contact **admissions@fua.it**.

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