Semester in Florence

with City College of San Francisco

Program dates:
September 1 - November 26, 2003
March 1 - May 28, 2004
Welcome to the Semester in Florence program. ACCENT works with City College of San Francisco to provide a challenging academic program with extensive overseas support. On the Semester in Florence program, participants live in student apartments while attending Italian Grammar and Conversation classes at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci, as well as Art History and Humanities classes with local faculty. In addition to the academic program, the ACCENT Florence Center staff organizes a cultural activities series, and provides support and guidance to students studying abroad.

Once you have completed and turned in the initial application form, you will receive more detailed application forms as well as a student handbook. If you have questions about any aspect of this program, please feel free to contact us: ACCENT (800) 869-9291 or Jill Heffron, City College of San Francisco Study Abroad Office at (415) 239-3778.

The Semester in Florence program is offered every spring and fall, and two consecutive semesters may be combined for an academic year program.

Florence, Italy

Student Services: The ACCENT Centers
ACCENT is a study abroad organization that works with over 50 colleges and universities to provide academically challenging and culturally enriching overseas study programs. ACCENT has fully-staffed Centers in Paris, Florence, London and Madrid that serve as a home base to program participants. The San Francisco Center assists students with enrollment and pre-departure preparation. The staff in all five ACCENT Centers has extensive personal experience in travel and overseas study, and is available to answer questions throughout all phases of the program.

The fully staffed ACCENT Florence Center, located in the historic city center near the Piazza del Duomo, serves as a home base to program participants. The ACCENT Center is open during the week for students to use the resource and lending library, ask questions, collect their mail and take advantage of a variety of other student services.

Transferable Academic Credit
The Semester in Florence program is offered for transferable college credit through City College of San Francisco, which will provide a transcript upon request for the coursework completed overseas. City College of San Francisco is a regionally accredited two-year college. All coursework and credit awarded are lower-division, undergraduate. All courses transfer to the California State University system. All courses except Italian Conversation transfer to the University of California system. Please verify the transferability of courses with your advisor or registrar before you apply.

Application and Enrollment
The Semester in Florence program is open to participants that are 18 or older at the time of application. Program space is limited. Students who meet eligibility requirements should send in the attached application with the $250 non-refundable first payment as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your application and first payment, ACCENT and City College of San Francisco will send you additional application and enrollment forms. Applications must be received by May 23, 2003 for the fall and November 21, 2003 for the spring. Beyond these dates, limited enrollment is allowed, when space permits. For more information, please contact ACCENT at (800) 869-9291.
The Academic Curriculum

Italian Language classes are held in Florence at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci, an Italian language school located in the heart of Florence's historic city center, and a short walk from the Duomo. The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci faculty are native speakers of Italian who are specially trained to teach Italian to foreigners. The Scuola Leonardo da Vinci is a member of the Accademia Italiana di Lingua (AIL).

Art History and Humanities classes are held at the ACCENT Center and include on-site lectures at museums, monuments and historical sites within and outside of Florence.

Students on the Semester in Florence program may choose from the following courses. Beginning Italian students can expect to be in class a minimum of four hours per day, four days per week; Intermediate/advanced Italian students can expect to be in class a minimum of four hours per day, five days per week.

**Fall Program Timetable**
- **Application due:** with first payment
- **Second payment due:** May 23
- **Final payment due:** June 20
- **Predeparture orientation:** July (TBA)
- **Departure from U.S.:** August 31
- **Arrival in Florence:** September 1
- **Overseas Orientation:** September 2
- **Classes Begin:** September 8
- **Return to U.S.:** November 26

**Spring Program Timetable**
- **Application due:** with first payment
- **Second payment due:** November 21
- **Final payment due:** December 19
- **Predeparture orientation:** January (TBA)
- **Departure from U.S.:** February 29
- **Arrival in Florence:** March 1
- **Overseas Orientation:** March 2
- **Classes Begin:** March 8
- **Return to U.S.:** May 28

Cultural Program

Cultural learning is an integral part of the Semester in Florence program. Participants attend on-site lectures at museums and historical sites within and outside of Florence. In addition, students take part in a cultural activity series that includes an evening concert, opera or ballet performance. Two one-day excursions outside of Florence and a weekend in Rome are included in the program. Excursions are chosen based on the academic curriculum and are subject to change.

Program Faculty

Linda Reynolds received her B.A. in Italian Studies from the University of Reading, England and her M.A. in Art History, with a specialization in the Italian Renaissance, from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Ms. Reynolds has taught Art History classes for ACCENT programs in Florence since 1988.
Spend a Semester in Florence, one of the world’s centers of art and culture. Immerse yourself in the language and culture of the Renaissance in a city still adorned with the paintings, sculpture and architecture of Leonardo, Michelangelo and Brunelleschi. Florence is your classroom as you study Italian Language, Art History and Humanities with on-site lectures at the many galleries, museums and cultural sites throughout the city. The Semester in Florence program offers a unique opportunity to expand your educational experience while earning transferable college credit through City College of San Francisco.

Students on the Semester in Florence program live in student apartments and attend classes at the ACCENT Center and the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci. The ACCENT Florence Center, a five-minute walk from the Scuola, organizes a number of cultural and social activities for program participants, as well as day and weekend excursions outside of Florence.

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ACCENT, in conjunction with City College of San Francisco, is responsible for the coordination and administration of the Semester in Florence program. Together, ACCENT and City College of San Francisco are committed to providing international opportunities that foster the understanding of different cultures.

“How much beauty is here, when, on a fair clear morning, we look from the summit of a hill, on Florence! See where it lies before us in a sun-lighted valley, bright with the winding Arno, and shut in by swelling hills; its domes and towers, and palaces, rising from the rich country in a glittering heap, and shining in the sun like gold!”

– Charles Dickens
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Please note that ACCENT does not accept credit cards.

I have carefully read the brochure for the Semester in Florence program and wish to apply. I agree to the payment and refund policies stated in the program brochure. The applicant shall be the client of ACCENT for all purposes. Any applicable refunds will be returned to the applicant regardless of the source of payment. Please type or print clearly in black ink.

- Fall 2003
- Spring 2004
- Academic Year 2003/2004*

Name

Signature

School Attending

Year in School

Major

Current Address

How long can you be reached at your current address?

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Please indicate the best times to reach you and at which number

Email

Social Security Number

Gender

Permanent Address

City

State

Zip

Permanent Phone

Country of Citizenship

Date of Birth (participants must be at least 18 years old at time of application)

Emergency Contact

Home Phone

Work Phone

Address of Emergency Contact

I hereby authorize ACCENT representatives to contact and discuss with the persons listed above my status in the study abroad program.

Signature

Date

How did you hear about this program? (please be as specific as possible)

Have you previously attended an ACCENT program? If so, which program?

- I would like to use Financial Aid awarded through my school to pay for this program; please contact me to discuss my eligibility for the ACCENT Deferred Financial Aid Payment Plan.

Please return this application with the $250 non-refundable first payment, made payable to ACCENT, to:

ACCENT    •  870 Market Street, Suite 1026    •  San Francisco, CA 94102

*Academic Year students may sign up for two semesters in succession before leaving the United States or while overseas.

Please submit a $500 non-refundable first payment for the two semesters.
Program Price: $5150

plus a $200 refundable security deposit

Program Price Includes

• Double room in a shared student apartment in Florence; double/triple/quad rooms on overnight excursion
• Tuition at the Scuola Leonardo da Vinci
• Two day excursions outside of Florence including transportation and guided visits
• Three-day/two-night excursion to Rome, including transportation, hotel stay and guided visits
• Cultural activity series including one evening ballet, opera or concert performances
• Orientation program and walking tour of Florence
• Overseas information and resource center with ACCENT Florence on-site staff
• Transfers from and to the Italian airport for group flight participants
• International Student Identity Card with limited overseas travel and accident insurance

Program Price Does Not Include

• Round-trip airfare (estimated airfare: $600-900)
• CCSF enrollment fees and tuition (see description)
• Optional $500 single room supplement
• Meals
• Required medical insurance
• Personal expenses, books, passports, visas, and anything not listed as included

Payment Schedule

Fall Semester
Non-refundable first payment $250
Second payment due May 23, 2003 $2550
Final payment due June 20, 2003 $2550

Spring Semester
Non-refundable first payment $250
Second payment due November 21, 2003 $2550
Final payment due December 19, 2003 $2550

The above breakdowns include the $200 refundable security deposit. Participants who do not follow the payment schedule are subject to immediate cancellation from the program. Payments arriving at ACCENT after June 20, 2003 (fall) or December 19, 2003 (spring) are subject to a $100 late payment fee. All prices and fees reflect exchange rates current at time of publication and are subject to change (12/02).

Student Housing

Students may choose to live in double or single rooms in student apartments. The supplement for a single room in a shared apartment is $500. Apartments are located throughout Florence, within walking distance of or a bus ride from the school and city center. Student apartments include shared kitchen facilities. Housing is provided from the first day of the program (September 1, 2003 for the fall semester or March 1, 2004 for the spring semester).

Transportation

All participants must arrive in Florence September 1, 2003 (fall) and March 1, 2004 (spring) between 9am and 5pm (Note: most transatlantic flights depart one day before their arrival date). ACCENT will organize an optional round-trip group flight on a regularly scheduled airline from San Francisco. Group flight participants will be met at the airport in Italy and transferred to their housing. Group flight participants returning to the U.S. on the group return date will receive transportation to the Italian airport. Group flight reservations must be made at least 90 days before departure. Estimated airfare: $600 – $900.

CCSF Tuition and Fees

Academic credit for this program is awarded by City College of San Francisco. An $11 per unit (credit hour) enrollment fee, plus a per-semester fee of $11, must be paid to CCSF at the time of registration. Non-residents of California pay $141 per unit (credit hour), plus a per-semester fee of $11. Fees are set by the State of California and are subject to change. For more information, please contact the CCSF Study Abroad Office at (415) 239-3778.

Financial Aid

Students currently attending City College of San Francisco may be eligible for grant or loan assistance through the Financial Aid Office. For an application please visit www.ccsf.edu/Financial or call (415) 239-3575. Students who have completed at least 12 units at CCSF may apply for scholarships ranging from $50 - $1000. For further information and an application, please call the Study Abroad Office at (415) 239-3778. Financial Aid students must submit the $250 non-refundable first payment with their application and may contact ACCENT to discuss possible deferment of remaining payments. Financial Aid is not available through ACCENT.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be made in writing to ACCENT and City College of San Francisco and are effective the date of receipt. Participants are liable for payments until written cancellation is received.

Cancellation Fees:
90 days or more prior to start of program $250
60 to 89 days prior to start of program $500
30 to 59 days prior to start of program $1000
8 to 29 days prior to start of program $2000
0 to 7 days prior to start of program No Refund

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ACCENT is not responsible for the academic segment of the program except as specified in the contract between ACCENT and City College of San Francisco. Nor is ACCENT responsible for airline delays of any kind, or for expenses or loss incurred as a result of such delays. With regard to transportation/travel, regardless of the type of vehicle, ACCENT acts for the passenger as agent only. ACCENT assumes no liability for accident, injury, damage, or loss in any vehicle, or as a result of default by any person or company engaged in transporting the passenger. CST #1013432-40.

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