

UIC

Study Abroad

ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN SIENA



The Palazzo Pubblico was completed c. 1326

Dates: TBD

Program Description

This six-week program is ideal for students who want to continue their studies in Italian and learn more about Italian culture. Students study at the Dante Alighieri Society and earn 7 hours of UIC credit. Students travel to other Italian locations for further study. A UIC instructor will teach an Italian Language course and accompany students in Italy.

Courses

Students will take the appropriate level of Italian Language and *Survey of Italian Culture from the Middle Ages to the Present*. The Survey class may count towards the Humanities, Elective, or Major/Minor requirements.

Ital 102: Elementary Italian II

4 credits Prerequisite: ITAL 101

Ital 103: Intermediate Italian I

4 credits Prerequisite: ITAL 102

Ital 104: Intermediate Italian II

4 credits Prerequisite: ITAL 103

Survey of Italian Culture from the Middle Ages to the Present

3 credits

This course will examine the major figures, works, and movements in Italian culture from its origins to the present day. Combining the studies of history, art history, literature, and film, the course will provide an overview of the cultural landscape, allowing students to understand the often-intertwined processes of change in Italian arts and society. Class lectures will be augmented by frequent referral to the primary texts, as well as by visits to many of Italy's most famous museums, and to the cities that have served as the cradle for the development of the Italian civilization.



The Duomo in Siena is famous for its black and white marble stripes.

Special Features

- Intensive study of Italian language in the heart of Tuscany
- Led by a UIC instructor
- Two pre-departure orientations
- Excursions to Florence and other Italian cities for additional study
- Classroom visits to the Duomo, Palazzo Pubblico, Ospedale di Santa Maria della Scala
- Housing placements in furnished apartments
- Optional cooking course

Orientation

Students will meet for pre-departure orientation sessions in Chicago. The meetings will cover basic logistical information and introduce students to Italy. Upon arrival students will receive an orientation that includes health and safety recommendations, cultural information, and a tour of Siena. Attendance at all orientations is mandatory.

Housing / Meals

Students will be placed in shared rooms in a furnished home with other program participants in Siena. Students will share modest hotel or youth hostel accommodations while on study tours. Meals are not included in the program fee. Students may prepare their own meals in their apartments or take advantage of reasonably priced *trattorias* throughout Siena.

Eligibility

Participants must have successfully taken Italian 101 or the equivalent. UIC students who have established an overall UIC GPA of 2.5/4.0 with at least 12 hours of credit on campus, and are currently enrolled in a degree program are eligible to apply. Students who will graduate in May 2009 are not eligible.

Cost

The Program Fee of TBD includes tuition, housing, orientations and some excursions. Additional expenses include: airfare, meals, personal expenses and optional travel.

Financial Aid may be applied. Scholarships available!



Contrada members celebrate the Palio

Financial Aid

Eligible students may apply for financial aid to cover the costs of this program. Scholarships are also available for UIC students studying abroad. A budget will be sent to Financial Aid after the completion of the UIC Study Abroad application for the Siena program. Financial Aid is based upon the Study Abroad budget that includes expenses such as airfare, insurance, housing and tuition. Students on Financial Aid must meet with Irina Krymova to discuss payment and have a budget forwarded to the Financial Aid Office.

Contact Academic Advisor

For More Information, Please Email:

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Priority Deadline: TBD

Final Deadline: TBD



Italian Language and Culture in Siena Application Instruction Form

Students must attend a First-Step meeting before applying to any study abroad program. After attending the First-Step and completing the application, please make an appointment with Irina Krymova for your advising meeting. All application materials should be turned in at this meeting. If you have questions regarding the program or application process, you are welcome to make a consultation meeting prior to application.

- ❑ Fill out general UIC Study Abroad Application.
- ❑ Submit essay as outlined in the general UIC Study Abroad Application.
- ❑ Administrative Fee

Also due at the time of application is a **non-refundable** administrative fee of \$85, payable to UIC Study Abroad Office. If a check is returned due to insufficient funds, the applicant will be responsible for the amount of the check, plus any applicable service fees.

- ❑ Program Deposit

Applications must be accompanied by a **non-refundable** program fee deposit of \$250 payable to UIC Study Abroad Office. The amount of the deposit will be deducted from the cost of the program. If the program is cancelled or if the applicant is not admitted, the fee will be refunded.

- ❑ Submit a copy of your current UIC transcript with Fall 2008 grades.
- ❑ Submit a money order or cashiers check for \$67.00 payable to CISI for international health insurance.

RETURN TO:

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