Multidisciplinary: Gardens of Knowledge and Delight
Arezzo, Italy; Multiple Cities, Italy (Outgoing Program)

Program Terms: Summer

Program Description:

Highlights

- Experience the great gardens of the Renaissance with OU Landscape Architecture Professor Tom Woodfin and Geography Professor Bruce Hoagland
- This is an experiential learning program that takes place in the botanical and pleasure gardens built by popes, cardinals, scholars and leading families of the Renaissance
  - We walk the botanical gardens of Padua, Pisa, Lucca and Florence to trace the fascinating history of economically-important plants
  - We experience the Renaissance villas of Florence and Tivoli where the scientists, painters, sculptors and poets gathered together during the great flowering of Western culture
- We tour an herb museum for spice history and holistic plant use in Italy near Arezzo
- Classes will be held in the gardens and in beautiful Arezzo in the heart of Tuscany
- This program is OPEN to ALL MAJORS!
  - Geography and Environmental Sustainability majors will learn of the landscapes and physical environment of the Mediterranean.
  - Biology majors will realize the beginnings of natural history collections.
  - Health sciences students will appreciate the Palazzo Bo and Anatomical Theater in Padua where medical students observed surgeries from 1575 to 1872.
  - Design students will comprehend the scale of Renaissance architectural design
  - EVERY participant will benefit from the biophilia induced from spending time in remarkable gardens…

Beginning in Venice and Padua, we will trace the early spice markets and apothecaries in Venice then to the earliest Western botanical garden in Padua, the church complex and garden in Pisa and the Medici villas in Florence at Fiesole, Castello and Petraia. Hadrian’s Villa in Tivoli outside Rome provided statuary for Cardinal d’Este’s villa a thousand years later. Villa Lante in Bagnaia has been called the most beautiful garden in Italy.

Requirements

In addition to meeting the [study abroad eligibility requirements](#), you will also be required to have the following:

- 2.50 GPA
- Passport (valid through six months after return from study abroad)

Program Dates
June 4 - 30, 2018

Academics

Earn 3 credit hours of Upper Division General Education credit
Housing
We will be in hotels in Padua and Arezzo. The hotels have breakfast included. Meal vouchers for an assortment of Arezzo restaurants will be provided for 17 lunches/dinners.

Money Matters
This budget is an estimate. It is each applicant's responsibility to communicate cost information about the program to family so that everyone understands how the payment system works. The budget does not include personal expenses or personal travel outside Arezzo on the Free Travel Weekend.

- OU Tuition & Fees: normal in-state or out-of-state rate (financial aid, scholarships and/or banked hours may apply)
- Program Fee: estimated $2900 (includes housing, in-country transportation, admission and entry fees, all breakfasts, 17 lunch/dinner vouchers at Arezzo restaurants, excursions and activities, tour guidance)
  - A non-refundable $500 deposit is due by Friday February 23, 2018
  - The remainder of $2,400 is due in equal payments of $834 on March 1st, April 1st and May 1st, 2018.
  - Program fee payments may be made by check, cash or card to Emalee Lemke, Sarkeys Energy Center 510D, 325-6524, elemke@ou.edu
- Airfare: ~$1000-1500
- Education Abroad Application Fee - $50 (charged to your Bursar account)
- College of Architecture Study Abroad Fee: $100
- Additional meals: $200-300

Please note: the program deposit of $500 may be refunded up to March 1st. Maximum refund of program fees after March 15th is $1000.

Scholarships
There are a number of scholarships available for study abroad students. Below is a partial list to get you started.

- Presidential International Travel Fellowship, an OU need-based scholarship for airfare
- CASH - OU academic and study abroad scholarship hub
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship - a nationally competitive award for Pell Grant recipients
- College of Geographic and Atmospheric Science and College of Architecture scholarships may be available - check with these colleges for more information!

Get Started
Start by attending a Study Abroad 101 information session to learn the basics about study abroad as well as your next steps. Then, please email either Professor Hoagland (bhoagland@ou.edu) or Woodfin (twoodfin@ou.edu) to arrange a meeting to discuss the program and answer any specific questions you may have.

Click the Apply Now button at the top or bottom of this page to begin your application at any time.

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