

Honors in Italy: The Opportunity of a Lifetime

Would you like to read the works of great writers on a hillside in Tuscany this summer? Would you like to explore the secrets of Italian culture and its influence on American thought? Would you like to walk the streets of Florence, Venice, and Rome with an art historian? If the answer is yes, then Honors in Italy might be for you.

Academics

Honors in Italy is built around two courses:

1. HON 3970-101 "Imagining Italy," which is taught in the charming Tuscan town of Arezzo. For three weeks in June, you will discover how Italian culture has influenced writers, filmmakers, and artists from Mark Twain to Martin Scorsese, as well as looking at some of the great films and novels of modern Italy. Dr. Randolph Lewis, an Associate Professor in the Honors College, teaches the course with an ideal blend of intellectual challenge and enjoyment. "Our classroom is all of Tuscany," Dr. Lewis says. "What could be better?"

2. AHi [course # TBA]. Honors in Italy includes almost two weeks of trips to Florence, Venice, and Rome, where art scholar Kirk Duclaux will lead students on walking tours of the art and history of Italy. Students will receive 3 hours of upper-division general education credit if they complete a paper after their return.



Important Dates:

Honors in Italy takes place in June, usually beginning around May 30th and ending before July 1. Students meet in Rome for several days before heading to Florence, Arezzo, and Venice. The program does not conflict with the two three-hour courses in Honors at Oxford. Classes in Arezzo usually meet Monday through Thursday each morning, leaving plenty of time to explore Italy.

Costs

Although we do not have the fees for the next year yet determined, last year Honors in Italy cost approximately \$3200. This amount includes in-country travel, housing, some meals, guided tours, and on-site advising and assistance. Not included would be the OU enrollment costs for which you would be charged OU tuition and fees. Please note that all standard OU scholarships, tuition waivers, and financial aid would be applicable. International travel costs are not calculated in the above total, but accepted students are eligible for the President's International Travel Fellowship.

Travel

While international travel costs are not calculated in the above total, all accepted students would be eligible for the President's International Travel Fellowship program. This award could fund your travel up to \$1000 and is provided through the gracious support of President David L. Boren.

Application

We will have several information sessions in fall 2008 (all HC students will be notified of when/where by email). Applications can be picked up in the Honors College main office (room 160). Please return the application to the Honors College by February 1, 2009. Applications should be sent to Lisa Tucker (ljtucker@ou.edu), Application Coordinator, Room 100, David Boren Hall. Phone: 325-9088 / Fax: 325-7109. Any questions about the academic side of things should be directed to Dr. Lewis at rlewis@ou.edu or at 405-325-5348.

Testimonials from OU Honors students

"I really enjoyed the "Imagining Italy" course because it allowed me to learn about Italy not only inside a classroom, but also by exploring the streets of Arezzo. It was not like any ordinary class that is taught in a building at OU. Instead, it was filled with exciting adventures at vineyards, sanctuaries, and jousts. It made the learning experience one that is unforgettable. The trip was amazing for all of us. I remember all the great times I had in and out of class."

"I thoroughly enjoyed the course. I am amazed at the amount I learned in such a short period of time. I liked the thought-provoking readings. The applied learning/teaching methods blended smoothly into knowledge of Italian culture. The readings and writing assignments tied in nicely with the things I saw on the streets and offered a glimpse of what lies behind closed doors."

Honors in Italy Application

HON 3970 101 / Ahi (course # TBA)

Due February 2, 2009

Honors College contact person:

Lisa Tucker (litucker@ou.edu)
Application Coordinator
Room 100 David Boren Hall
Phone: 325-9088 / Fax: 325-7109

You must be in good standing in the Honors College to apply for our summer program

The following items are required from each applicant:

1. Complete Honors in Italy application
2. Current official transcript
3. Statement of purpose
4. One academic reference
5. \$35 non-refundable application fee (check or money order ONLY payable to OU)
6. A copy of your passport or proof of application for a passport.

The following item is optional from each applicant:

President's International Travel Fellowship Applicants: All students accepted to participate on an exchange program are eligible to apply for a PITF award. An application for the PITF is included in this packet. If you wish to be considered for the award, submit it with the exchange application. If you do not wish to apply for the PITF, please initial this paragraph and omit the form. _____ **Initials**

Honors in Italy Application

Last Name: _____ First: _____ M.I.: _____

Local Address (include city, state & zip code)	Permanent Address (include city, state & zip code)

Phone #1: () _____ Phone #2: () _____

Check type: cell home other _____ Check type: cell home other _____

OU EMAIL ONLY: _____ Sooner ID # _____
(Attach copy of OU ID)

Sex: M ___ F ___ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
month / day / year

Passport ID # _____ Date of Expiration: ____/____/____
month / day / year

A copy of the picture ID page of your passport or proof of application for a passport is required with this application

College: _____ Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____ G.P.A.: _____ Honors College: yes no

Classification: Fr. Soph. Jr. Sr. Grad. Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

A current official transcript is required with this program application

Please check the boxes that reflect your citizenship and residency status:

Resident of Oklahoma

Non-Resident of Oklahoma

U.S. Citizen

Non U.S. Citizen

For non-U.S. Citizens only:

Do you have Permanent Residency status in the United States? Yes No

Country of Citizenship: _____

Emergency Contact Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: () _____ Evening phone: () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Emergency Email: _____

The following information is voluntary and is requested for reporting purposes only.

Which group best describes you? Please check all that apply:

American Indian / Alaska Native

Asian / Pacific Islander

Black / African American

Hispanic / Latino(a)

White / European American

Other _____

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Have you applied for a program before? Yes No

Are you receiving financial aid? Yes No

Please specify any financial aid or scholarships you are receiving (e.g. Nat'l Merit, Pell, etc.):

List any honors, recognition or achievements, campus or extracurricular activities, hobbies, and previous travel experience:

Please list the courses you are currently enrolled in:

1. _____

4. _____

2. _____

5. _____

3. _____

6. _____

Name of your academic reference: _____

Email of your academic reference: _____

Honors in Italy: Academic Reference

Please email your reference to Lisa Tucker, Application Coordinator,
Honors in Italy program, at ljtucker@ou.edu or campus mail it to
David Boren Hall Room 100. Fax: 325-7109

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Referee: _____ Title: _____

This form is due in Room 100 of the Honors College by **February 2, 2009**

This section to be completed by referee:

1. I prefer that my comments **will** / **will not** (circle one) be held in confidence.
2. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please comment specifically on the applicant's motivation, emotional maturity and stability, self-reliance and independence, academic abilities, and professional goals as they relate to study abroad. Your impressions of the student's ability to adapt to a different cultural environment, his/her linguistic preparation, and any other factors which you believe may have a bearing on the candidate's successful experience overseas would also be useful.

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**PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP 2009
STUDENT APPLICATION**

Awards will be given on a competitive basis to qualified undergraduate and graduate students whose programmatic and financial needs are not being met by other channels. Priority will be given to applicants who participate in semester or year-long programs at institutions abroad with which The University of Oklahoma has exchange programs. PITF recipients, upon returning to OU, will be obligated to one or more of the following: **1)** Promoting study abroad programs in classroom presentations, Study Abroad Fairs and information sessions. **2)** Assisting OU students in their consideration of and preparation for study abroad, including participation in candidate interviews and pre-departure orientations. **3)** Participating in programs that demonstrate the University's support of International students on campus, such as OU Cousins, International Awareness Month, assistance to new international exchange students, etc.

DEADLINE: This form is due with your Honors in Italy application before 5:00pm on Friday February 2, 2009.

Section I: General Information

Last Name: _____ First: _____ M.I.: _____

Student ID: _____

Permanent Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Classification: Fr. Soph. Jr. Sr. Grad.

Combined Retained GPA: _____

Section II: Financial Information

Have you filed a financial aid application for the period you will be abroad?
Yes No

Have you received an award letter or other official estimate of your eligibility?
Yes No

If yes to either questions in Section II, were you approved for financial aid?
Yes No

Please list below the amounts and types of financial assistance you are receiving, or have been awarded:

Loans: _____
Grants: _____
Dept. Scholarships: _____
Nat'l Merit/Regents: _____

Family Support: _____
Self Employment: _____
Other: _____

TOTAL FROM ALL COLUMNS: \$ _____

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Section III: Statement of Financial Need

Please provide a brief description of financial needs pertinent to your exchange program, including expected resources and expenses.

I affirm by my signature that the information submitted with this application is accurate and complete. I understand that submitting false information will make my application for the Fellowship, as well as any application, subject to denial.

Signature_____ Date_____

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