

Baylor in Tuscany

May 17-June 22, 2017

INTRODUCTION

Baylor in Tuscany is a summer program offering students the opportunity to earn six hours of college credit in the beautiful and historic city of Florence. Baylor faculty direct the entire program, and an Italian staff provides administrative support. Students live and share meals with Italian families who live in the city.

ADVANTAGES

This summer program boasts four major advantages: study within academically accredited courses, immersion in the language and culture of Italy, homestays with Italian families, and visits to places of interests in Florence and its surrounding region.

LOCATION

Florence provides an ideal location for summer study owing to its importance as a Medieval and Renaissance cultural center, its proximity to other historic and cultural sites, and its temperate climate. Beaches on the Tirreno are within easy access. The Baylor in Tuscany classes are held in the Centro Fiorenza, only a few steps from the Ponte Vecchio and the Church of Santo Spirito. Students are also within walking distance of the Palazzo Vecchio, the Uffizi, the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the train station.

HOMESTAYS WITH FAMILIES

Students of the program have the rare opportunity to live and interact with Italian families. These are middle-class families who have been carefully screened and selected by our Florence staff. Many of them have previously hosted American students. Living with Italian families is mandatory. During the program, students have a demi-pension arrangement with their families – they eat breakfast and dinner *a tavola*. Students are partially reimbursed for lunch and can either eat in a café or buy provisions from a grocery store or delicatessen in the area.

COURSEWORK AND CLASSES

Students register for two courses in intermediate or advanced Italian. Course offerings include Italian 2310 and 2320 (2nd year grammar, reading and conversation), and two upper level courses, Italian 3320 (Conversation and Composition in Tuscany), and Italian 3348 (Florence and Its Cultural Treasures).

Since students meet their families on May 18, an orientation will take place on May 19. Classes will begin on May 22 and are held every day from 9am to 1pm at the Centro Fiorenza. Afternoons are generally reserved for group visits or for leisure time. Final exams will be given in all classes.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply to the program, students must have completed two semesters of Italian by May 2017 and must be enrolled in an Italian course during the spring term. Students who have completed two semesters of Italian will enroll in Italian 2310 and 2320. Those who have completed four semesters will register for Italian 3320 and 3348. For admission to the program, students must have at least a “C” average in Italian. Students who receive a final grade lower than a “C” in their spring, 2017 Italian course will be unenrolled from the program and will forfeit their \$500 deposit.

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Students register for six course hours. The regular tuition per credit hour applies and is payable directly to the university registrar one month prior to the departure date. Those who are not current students at Baylor should contact the program directors regarding summer admission to the university.

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Baylor in Tuscany will take day-long trips to the cities of Siena and Assisi. In addition, the group will take an overnight excursion to Venice and will spend the last five days visiting Rome. In Florence, students will have the opportunity to visit major museums and points of interests such as the Uffizi, the Palazzo Vecchio, and the Galleria dell'Accademia, and to take cooking classes at the association *In Tavola*.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Student advisement, counseling and enrollment will be provided to all participants on a continuing basis before leaving for Italy by Dr. Pesce, who will direct the program. Neither the University nor faculty in charge assumes any responsibility for personal injury or loss of property. The director reserves the right to modify or change any part of the program (including trips and excursions) if necessary. Applicants will be required to sign a waiver of liability regarding Baylor University and the program director. No refund can be given to students who terminate their stay with the program before the end of the session, or whose health does not permit them to participate in the program. All students must enroll online in a health insurance plan provided by Baylor in order to ensure coverage while in Italy. Information on this plan is available on the Baylor website under Study Abroad and Exchange Program.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM ITALY

For the summer of 2017, Baylor in Tuscany is arranging a round-trip group flight. Departure date is May 17. Students are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this arrangement which can represent a significant savings over regular fares to Italy. Moreover, traveling as a group will greatly facilitate matters upon arrival in Italy. The director should be notified if, for any reason, one cannot travel with the group. Since the group will be meeting the families on May 18, any student arriving before this date will have to arrange hotel accommodations in Florence. Orientation meetings for the program will be held beginning in January. Further information pertaining to the group flight, packing, the Florentine lifestyle, Italian family life, excursions and other activities will be discussed at those meetings.

APPLICATION

An application form is available from the director and the BearsAbroad website. A completed application with a \$500 deposit should be submitted by March 15, 2017, to secure a place in the program. Deposits are refundable until February 15, 2017. The deposit is also refundable should the program be cancelled by Baylor University. However, since program arrangements in Florence are made early and are contingent upon the number of

participants, subsequent cancellation by the student after February 15 will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. All deposits will be directly applied to the program fee.

The balance of the payment is due April 5, 2017, unless other arrangements have been made with the director. Checks should be made payable to *Baylor University*. Unless payments are made promptly, a place in the program cannot be guaranteed.

ESTIMATE COSTS

\$4,100 PROGRAM FEE – covers room and board with an Italian family for four weeks, all instructional costs, trips, and excursions outlined above, hotel and travel expenses for weekend excursions, health insurance, food allowances (approx. \$10 for daily lunch and \$15 for dinner during weekends), cooking classes and a welcome and farewell dinner. In order to maintain this fee, inflation and fluctuation exchange rates may require modifications to the program.

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* Based on 2016 rate for 6 hours. Summer rate for 2017 may be subject to change.

AIRFARE EXTRA

FACULTY

Dr. Roberto Pesce, full-time lecturer in Italian, is the director of the Baylor in Tuscany program. He received a Dottorato from Università Ca' Foscari in Venice and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

Mrs. Serena Dal Pont is a temporary lecturer in Italian and the assistant director of the Baylor in Tuscany program. She received her M.A. in Comparative Literature, with a specialization in Italian, from the City University of New York.

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