

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 directs the entire program, while Italian staff provide administrative support. Students live and share meals with Italian families who live in the city.

ADVANTAGES

This summer program boasts four major advantages: it offers 6 credit hours in 5 weeks, numerous opportunities for immersion in the language and culture of Italy, homestays with Italian families, and visits to places of interest in Florence and the 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 Tyrrhenian sea are within easy access. Baylor in Tuscany classes are held in the Centro Fiorenza, only a few steps away 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

Program participants 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 receive food subsidies 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 24, an orientation will take place on May 25. Classes will begin on May 28 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 courses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to apply for the program, students must have completed two semesters of Italian by May 2018 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 2018 Italian course will be unenrolled from the program and will forfeit their \$1000 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. Bratu, who will direct the program. Neither the University nor faculty in charge assume 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 2018, Baylor in Tuscany is arranging a round-trip group flight. Departure date is May 23. 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 24, 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 on the group flight, packing, the Florentine lifestyle, Italian family life, excursions and other activities will be discussed at those meetings. Our return to the US is scheduled for June 28.





APPLICATION

Students may submit applications to the Baylor in Tuscany Program on the Center for Global Engagement website under Study Abroad. A nonrefundable deposit of \$1000 must be submitted by March 1st, 2018 to secure a place in the program. We encourage students to submit their application and make the deposit as early as possible in order to secure their place with Baylor in Tuscany. All deposits will be directly applied to the program fee. The balance of the fee is due April 2, 2018.

ESTIMATED 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.

\$400 – UNIVERSITY FEE

\$7,722 – BAYLOR UNIVERSITY TUITION
AIRFARE EXTRA

FACULTY

Dr. Cristian Bratu, Associate Professor in the Division of French & Italian and director of Baylor in Tuscany 2018, holds a Ph.D. degree from New York University. Dr. Bratu, a big fan of Italy and Italian culture, has been teaching French at Baylor since 2007. His research interests are in medieval chronicles and histories.

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