

**Florence, Italy Study Abroad  
Summer 2007**

**Please note, information below is preliminary  
and therefore subject to change.**

**On-Campus Courses mid-May TBA  
Italy Travel – May 15-May 27, 2007  
(Requires May 14 departure)**

Students will have the opportunity to enrol in either one or two seminars in the Florence, Italy Study Abroad course. Students enrolling in one seminar will receive 3 units or credit and students enrolling in two seminars will receive 6 units of credit. The two seminars: *Art in the Time of Dante* (Professors Caroline Bruzelius and Jodie Mariotti) will meet in the mornings and *Florence in the Age of Dante and Boccaccio* (Professor Diskin Clay) will meet in the late afternoon/early evening. Site visits in Florence and day trips out of Florence will be shared by both seminars. These courses are research seminars that will take place on site in Italy over a 12-day period of travel and study. There will be on-campus seminars prior to departure. Please see [www.mals.duke.edu](http://www.mals.duke.edu) for seminar details.

All participants (students and alumni) will commit themselves to a research project on one aspect of a site that they will present orally during our trip through Italy and in written form due a month after our return. (There will be no extensions.) The research project will be determined well in advance of departure so that the preparatory work can be done. Students taking the course for credit will submit a final research paper(s).

Participants should expect to spend most days with the group on site visits. This is a rigorous, fast-paced course. If you have concerns about the physical demands of the course, you should discuss them with the professors prior to submitting an application. All applicants must submit a Study Abroad Statement of Authorization and Consent Form with their application. (Forms available at [www.mals.duke.edu](http://www.mals.duke.edu)).

## **Practical Information**

At present, MALS is negotiating housing in apartments in Florence. Accommodations will be shared bedrooms (two-three students per room). There will be kitchen and laundry facilities available in each apartment. Wireless internet will also be available. The following preliminary budget is based on apartment accommodations.

**Fees:** The fee (excluding tuition) for students will be approximately \$1,170. The fee includes: room, two dinners, admission fees, travel by coach, train, and bus to sites as indicated in syllabus. The fee for alumni (not earning Duke credit) is \$2250. Please note that preference is given to students enrolling in the course for credit.

Tuition for each course is \$2808.00. If students opt to enroll in both seminars, tuition cost will be \$5616.00.

\*\*The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program reserves the right to adjust cost due to increase in exchange rate.\*\*

**n.b. In the event MALS is unable to secure apartment accommodations, the cost will be adjusted to reflect daily hotel charges. Any change in cost due to housing will be announced prior to the application deadline.**

Students receiving MALS tuition scholarship or Duke tuition assistance should note that scholarship and tuition assistance is applicable to the tuition portion only (\$2808/\$5616). Payments noted below will be applied to the non-tuition portion of the cost only.

Additional expenses include air transportation, transportation to and from airport, meals (except where noted in itinerary), baggage portage, course texts, and any personal expenses.

Students should budget between \$900-1200 for airfare.

Students should budget between \$50-\$75 per day for additional meals and incidentals. This is based on a moderate budget (i.e. the cost would be more for a diet of caviar and champagne!).

### **Payment Schedule:**

**Payment Schedule (does NOT include tuition):**

	<b><u>Current Students</u></b>	<b><u>Alumni</u></b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>\$750 Initial non-refundable deposit</b>	<b>\$750 Initial non-refundable deposit</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>

**Tuition is due according to summer 2007**

\* The initial deposit will be refunded in the event the course is cancelled due to low enrollment.

### **Airfare**

Students are responsible for airfare and making their own travel arrangements. If you plan on using frequent flyer miles, you are advised to make your reservations as soon as possible as seats are limited and demand is high. We recommend that you shop around for fares. MALS will pass along via email any good fares beginning in February. You are also encouraged to check several websites or a good travel agent.

**Guests:** Guests cannot be accommodated during the course. If you would like to travel with another person, we recommend you arrive before the course or stay after for additional travel.

**Early Arrival/Late Departure:** If you choose to arrive before the course or depart after the course, you are responsible for making your own arrangements.

**Travel Insurance:** Please note that cancellation penalties for the non-tuition expenses are quite high due to the nature of the travel arrangements. You should consider purchasing travel insurance. The cost is quite reasonable.

**Medical Insurance:** Participants must provide proof of medical insurance.

**Passport:** If you have a passport, be sure it is current. If you do not have one, you should apply for one as soon as possible.

**Language:** You are not required to be proficient in Italian to take this course. However, some knowledge of Italian is highly encouraged.

**Currency:** The official currency in Italy is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate is approximately (\$1.30 = €1).

**Packing:** As the date of departure gets closer, you will want to check weather reports in Italy to help you plan your wardrobe. Recommendations on type of dress will be discussed at the orientation. As a general rule, pick two comfortable pairs of shoes and plan your wardrobe around them. Keep color combinations basic so you can mix and match. **PACK LIGHT!**

All of this information is preliminary and by no means an exhaustive list. More detailed information will be provided to participants at a later date. You might consider exploring Italy through various websites and travel guides.

**Tentative Itinerary**  
(Arrival/departure dates are set. Daily itinerary subject to change)

- Monday, May 14**     **Depart for Florence**
- Tuesday, May 15**     **Arrive in Florence**  
**Opening Dinner**
- Wednesday, May 16** **Florence**  
9-12 Professors Brurzelius and Mariotti  
The Babtistry  
The Duomo  
  
4-7 Professor Clay
- Thursday, May 17** **Florence**  
10-12 Professors Brurzelius and Mariotti  
Uffizzi  
  
4-7 Professor Clay
- Friday, May 18**     **All day trip to Assisi via coach (Both classes)**  
Porzinucula  
San Francesco  
San Damiano  
Sta. Chiari
- Saturday, May 19**     **All day trip to Bologna via train (both classes)trip to Bologna**  
San Domenico  
San Petronio
- Sunday, May 20**     **Florence**  
Morning free  
  
4-7 Professor Clay
- Monday, May 21**     **Florence**  
9-12 Professors Brurzelius and Mariotti  
Sta. Maria  
Novella  
  
4-7 Professor Clay
- Tuesday, May 22**     **All day trip to Pisa and Lucca via train (both classes)**

**Wednesday, May 23 Florence**

9-12 Professors Brurzelius and Mariotti  
Sta. Croce

4-7 Professor Clay

**Thursday, May 24 All day trip to Siena via public bus (both classes)**

Cathedral  
San Domenico  
San Francesco

**Friday, May 25 Florence**

9-12 Professors Brurzelius and Mariotti

4-7 Professor Clay

**Saturday, May 26 All day trip to Orvieto and Todi via coach (both classes)**

Final dinner

**Sunday, May 27 Free to return to Durham or travel on your own**