

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are available online only at <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu>. Your completed application is due Friday, Nov. 4 and should be turned in to the Study Abroad Programs Office. You will be notified November 23, 2005 via e-mail if you have been chosen to participate.

What Happens If I am Accepted?

If you are accepted you will be immediately required to pay a \$300 deposit. The deposit amount of \$300 will be billed to your University Fiscal Account. You need to pay this amount at the Cashier's Counter in the Pavilion (First Floor) with cash, check, or credit card. You can also use American Express, Discover or MasterCard on the online AggiePay system (<http://aggie-pay.tamu.edu>). The program liaison will be in contact with you via e-mail over the course of the fall semester. **You may want to consider applying for a passport early.**

How Will I Prepare for My Program?

During the spring semester everyone accepted on the program will be required to attend orientation sessions (dates and locations to be announced). These orientations are designed to give you more information about your program and on being a foreign student. Topics covered include: Financial aid/scholarships, safety, health, packing, budgeting abroad, Italian language/culture, and many others.



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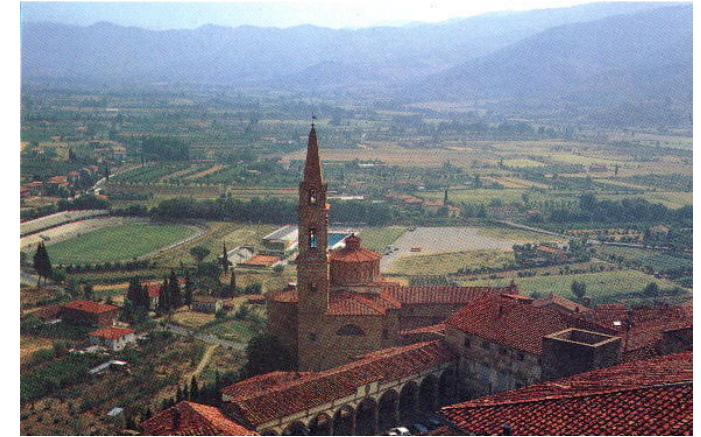
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Italy Summer 2006



Santa Chiara Study Center
Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy

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WHAT COURSES WILL I TAKE?

All students are required to take six hours of TAMU credit.

Three hours MUST BE:

ARTS 350: Arts and Civilization (3 hrs)

Professor Paolo Barucchieri

Students will have their choice for the remaining three hours between the following courses:

PHYS 489: Renaissance Astronomy
(3 hrs), Professor R. Allen

POLS 475: Government and the Economy (3hrs),
Professor D. Wood



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any student who is in good standing with Texas A&M University and has at least a 2.5 GPR

Students who are “borderline” during the selection process may be invited to an interview.

Special emphasis in the selection process will be placed on your written statement as to why you wish to participate in the program. Juniors and Seniors will be given priority.

Applications are due by November 14, 2005 and should be turned in to the Study Abroad Programs Office.

IS THERE A LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT?

No. All classes will be taught in English. Students who are selected for this program are encouraged to take advantage of the beginning Italian course offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Knowing even a little bit of the language will show your host country some respect and will help you in your shopping and travel.



WHERE WILL WE STAY?

All students and faculty will live and study at the Santa Chiara Study Center located in the medieval hill town of Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy. The 3 story U-shaped structure surrounds a handsome courtyard and sits on the southeast edge of the walled city, overlooking the vineyards and olive groves of the Val di Chiana. The center includes dormitory accommodations with private facilities, classroom space, theatre, student lounge, design studios, small library, administration offices and a dining room where you will enjoy authentic Italian cuisine.

Where Will The Group TRAVEL?

Proposed scheduled trips include: Florence, Siena, Assisi, San Gimignano, Pienza and extended trips to Rome, Venice and the Dolomites. Some free time will be included for independent trips to surrounding areas. On most weekends, you will be free to travel.

WHAT WILL THE PROGRAM COST?

The student cost for the Summer 2006 Italy Program is still under negotiation. The program will cost approximately \$4,500. This cost includes the initial \$300 deposit, accommodations and meals at Santa Chiara, hotels and travel while on field trips, insurance, and one or two day trips a week. The balance of the program fee is payable in three installments, due in February, March, and April.

Expenses that are NOT covered by the program cost include airfare (\$800-\$1,200), TAMU tuition and fees (\$1,000), textbooks and course supplies, passport application and passport pictures (\$85), spending money, souvenirs, personal travel, and some meals on the weekends and field trips.



IS THERE FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

Students may apply for their regular financial aid, as well as for special TAMU Scholarships/Fellowships for study abroad. Applications for the International Education Fee Scholarship and the Study Abroad Fellowship will be posted to the Study Abroad website in November. A list of other scholarships available is available in the Study Abroad Programs Office.