

guide for partner universities

connect with the italy center

We invite you to learn more about this exceptional opportunity. Stop by your study abroad office for more information or come see us at the study abroad fair at your school!



SPRING HILL COLLEGE
ITALY CENTER

Social Justice • Italian Immersion • Travel

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CIAO!

Take a look to see how our team works closely with students and study abroad staff to ensure a smooth application process.

Admissions & Visa

The Spring Hill College Italy Center provides an opportunity for your students to live and study like a local in one of Europe's most vibrant cities, Bologna, Italy.

The Italy Center integrates social justice learning through immersive, community-based experiences, travel excursions to non-traditional locations and both classroom and on-site instruction.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit our online application to be considered. Our staff will reach out to your study abroad office to confirm they have met all the necessary requirements of your office to study abroad before accepting your student.

We understand that many offices have different application processes and deadlines. We can work with you if your timeline is different than ours.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring Semester.....October 15
Fall Semester.....March 15
Summer Session.....April 1

STUDENT VISTA

All non-European Union citizens must obtain a student visa for semester long programs. Our staff is here to be a resource for your students when applying for a student visa. We will walk them through the process and are here to troubleshoot if they have any difficulties through the process.

MEET OUR PARTNERS

Berry College
Creighton University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans
Regis University
Rhodes College
Rockhurst University
Santa Clara University
St. Louis University
Xavier University

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live in a state-of-the-art residence hall with 100 Italian students
- Live within a small community of only 40 Americans from campuses across the US
- Travel and serve in Italy, Eastern Europe, The Balkans, and the Middle East
- Deepen one's studies in human rights, peace studies, and global issues
- Integrate into Europe's oldest University towns – 100,000 college students
- Intern and cultivate extraordinary leadership skills
- Take advantage of Bologna's 2 airports providing low-budget flights to 55 destinations
- Capable of meeting students' community outreach and service requirements while abroad

La dotta. La grassa. La rossa.

"The Learned One"
home to the oldest university in Europe.

"The Fat One"
home to some of the best Italian cuisine.

"The Red One"
home to porticos and red roof tops
throughout the city.

FAST FACTS ABOUT BOLOGNA

- 1** Home to more than 100,000 university students and less than 500 are American.
- 2** Culinary Capital of Italy- Bolognese sauce, lasagne, balsamic vinegar, tortellini.
- 3** Medieval architecture - 40 kilometers of porticoes, 600 arches, 12 city gates, and towers
- 4** UNESCO City for Musics- great music scene of all types- indie, rock, jazz, electronic, folk
- 5** Urban feel - hipster bars, street food, urban art, bookstores, cafes, sports...



LOCATION

Bologna is located in northern Italy in the Po River Valley, between Florence and Venice. This beautiful medieval city is known for its unrivaled cuisine, never-ending porticoes, and vibrant culture.

Home to the oldest university in Europe, the University of Bologna attracts students from all over Italy and the world. With this student focus, it makes it the perfect place for students to study abroad.



BOLOGNA

*A city you come to be a local,
not a tourist.*



COURSE OFFERINGS

Art History
Communications
Business
English Literature
History
Theology
Italian Language (*beginner, intermediate, and advanced*)
Philosophy
Political Science
Human Rights
*Internship Course
*Undergraduate Research Course



Please see our Academics tab on our website (www.shc.edu/italy) to see the full list of courses and syllabi. *Internships & Undergraduate Research have applications that are available after a student is accepted into the program.

ACADEMICS

Students may enroll in various courses belonging to the humanities, social sciences, and business realms.

learn through experience

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In addition, we also offer Internships and Undergraduate Research for academic credit for students who really want to immerse themselves and/or need specific course credit while their semester abroad. The Italy Center provides logistical coordination and academic oversight to mature students who are willing to integrate and apply skills in an internship or a research project. Students are assigned to a faculty and in many cases to a community leader who will assist the student in guiding the student through the experience.

FALL SEMESTER

Art History 299: Northern Art in the Renaissance Period
Art / Communications 253: Introduction to Digital Video Production & Human Rights
Business/Philosophy 309: Environment, Business, and Ethics
English 295: Literature–Mediterranean Place, Race, & Language
History 322: Europe Since 1945
Humanities 295: Directed Undergraduate Research
Humanities 490: Social Justice Internship
Italian 101 & 102: Elementary Italian
Italian 201: Intermediate Italian
Italian 381: Advanced Italian
Philosophy 214: Environmental Ethics
Political Science 375: Terrorism, Revolution & War
Social Science 395: Immigration and Globalization
Theology 261: World Religions

SPRING SEMESTER

Art History 311: Renaissance to Modern Art
Art/Communications 253: Introduction to Digital Video Production & Human Rights
Business 320: International Business
English 321: Italian Literature–Dante in English
History / Political Science 315: Understanding the Mediterranean
Humanities 295: Directed Undergraduate Research
Humanities 490: Social Justice Internship
Italian 101 & 102: Elementary Italian
Italian 201: Intermediate Italian
Italian 381: Advanced Italian
Philosophy 214: Environmental Ethics
Political Science / History 315: Understanding the Mediterranean
Political Science 375: Terrorism, Revolution & War
Social Science 295: Human Rights & Global Change
Theology 261: World Religions

live through experience



One of the most exciting aspects of the Spring Hill College Italy Center is the opportunity for American students to share a community with a group of Italian college students.

Very few study abroad programs in Italy offer this opportunity to live like a true Italian college student. It is cultural immersion at its absolute best.

The residence hall at Camplus Alma Mater, offers services comparable to what students find in the most modern American campus residence halls. All rooms (private, double or triples) have a view of a garden area, yet students live within minutes of the bustling University of Bologna District. Alma Mater includes a conference hall, study rooms (with computers), a library with newspapers and periodicals, garden, private gym, laundry facilities, TV room, music room, and an outdoor basketball court.

Spring Hill College students either share a room with one or two fellow Americans who are also attending the Italy Center or can select the privacy of a single room.

In the residence hall setting, students will be encouraged to participate in recreational activities and communal life initiatives, including dinners and athletic tournaments with Italian students.

Approximately 100 Italian and a few European students reside at the Collegio Alma Mater each semester. The residence hall is staffed by an Italian team of student life professionals and provides a 24/7 receptionist. The grounds are secured with video surveillance day and night. The Alma Mater building is located in an area of town in which large numbers of students from the University resides.



HOUSING

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SOCIAL JUSTICE & TRAVEL



A study abroad program focused on the Social Justice philosophy rooted in human to human interaction with communities in Italy & Europe.

experience beyond the books

The SHC Italy Center leverages its relationships with activists, community organizers, and academics allowing students experience and engage with authentic Italian communities.

Your students will have the opportunity to learn more about the issues facing Italy and the rest of Europe through our classes, travel, and service opportunities.

Due to the fact that Bologna is such a diverse city full of opportunities, we have created many partnerships with local immigrant communities, political groups, non-for-profit organizations, NGO's, and everything in between. Students who have scholarships that require service hours to retain will be able to do so while in Italy. In adherence to the Jesuit tradition, our goal at the Italy Center is

to help students grow as compassionate, mature, fuller individuals, who will bring positive change to the community around them, and the world.

Nearly all American-Italy based study abroad programs offer some form of travel for their students, yet the majority of them focus on traditional Western European. Our program fees include an orientation trip (2-3 days) and a mid semester tour (5-7 days).

Travel with the Italy Center isn't based upon any guidebooks - it's based on current events, local knowledge, our experiences and connections made with the people we meet. Our trips are designed to deeply explore the real issues facing out travel destinations and the people in the communities we visit.

**Student travels pictured include: Auschwitz in Poland, Mt. Etna in Sicily, & Chamonix in France.*

**Please see our Travel tab on our website (www.shc.edu/italy) to see the travel opportunities for the upcoming semesters.*

PREVIOUSLY VISITED DESTINATIONS

(along with topics)

- **Bosnia-Herzegovina & Croatia** *(Peace & Reconciliation)*
- **Greece** *(Climate Change & Refugee Crisis)*
- **Puglia, Southern Italy** *(Immigration & Anti-Mafia)*
- **Poland** *(Human Rights Conference & Historic WWII Tour)*
- **Malta & Sicily** *(Refugee Crisis & European Response)*
- **Italian Alps** *(Environmental Service Project)*
- **Venice** *(Tourism & Global Warming)*
- **Morocco** *(Islam & Democratization)*
- **Israel & Palestine** *(Holy Land Tour)*

