INTRODUCTION

Baylor in Tuscany is a summer study-abroad program that offers Baylor students the amazing opportunity to visit Italy and earn six hours of college credit. Baylor faculty directs the entire program, while Italian staff provide administrative support. Students live in fully-furnished apartments (double occupancy rooms) within the city of Florence.

ADVANTAGES

This summer program boasts numerous advantages: it offers 6 credit hours in only four-and-a-half weeks, numerous opportunities for immersion in the language and culture of Italy, and visits to places of interest in Florence, Rome, Venice, Murano, Burano, Siena, Assisi, and Fiesole.

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 Palazzo Guadagni, a 16th century landmark home of the Florentine Renaissance, located in Piazza Santo Spirito. Students are within walking distance of the Ponte Vecchio, Palazzo Vecchio, the Uffizi, the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the train station.

FULL IMMERSION IN ITALIAN CULTURE

Program participants have the rare opportunity to experience Italian life, culture and traditions through cooking classes, artisan tours, concerts, and volunteer experience. Some meals will be provided, including a welcome and a farewell dinner.

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 arrive in Florence on July 1, an orientation will take place on July 2. Classes will begin on July 4 and are held every day from 9am to 1pm at the Palazzo Guadagni. 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 2022 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 2022 Italian course will be unenrolled from the program and will forfeit their 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 a three-day, two-night excursion in Venice and a three-day, two-night excursion Rome. In Florence, Venice, Rome, Siena, and Assisi students will have the opportunity to visit major museums and points of interest.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Student advisement, counseling and enrollment will be provided to all participants on a continuing basis before leaving for Italy by Dr. Tiziano Cherubini, 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 ARRANGEMENTS

Students will be responsible for booking their own flight. Orientation meetings for the program will be held beginning in February 2022. Further information on the Italian culture, the Florentine lifestyle, excursions and other activities will be discussed at those meetings.
$3,000 PROGRAM FEE – covers a double-occupancy room in apartments, all instructional costs, museums, trips, and excursions outlined above, hotel and travel expenses for weekend excursions, health insurance, cooking classes, artisan tours, a concert, some meals including a welcome and a farewell dinner.

$1,448 /credit hour – BAYLOR TUITION
$400 – UNIVERSITY FEE

APPLICATION
Students may submit applications to the Baylor in Tuscany Program on www.bearsabroad.baylor.edu. Baylor in Tuscany fills on a first come, first served basis. All students must pay a non-refundable $1,000 deposit to secure their space in the program. Once the program is full, all accepted students who have not deposited will be withdrawn from the trip. The $1,000 will be directly applied to the program fee, and the remaining balance will be due with the summer bill.

FACULTY
Dr. Tiziano Cherubini, Lecturer in Italian and director of Baylor in Tuscany 2021, holds a master’s degree from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. degree from Rutgers University. He is an author of Italian grammar and vocabulary books.

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