



Summer Study Abroad in Italy For Education Majors

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Tentative Dates: May 4 – May 31, 2018

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Overview: During the fall semester, approximately 40 education majors across several universities will be selected to participate in a unique summer study abroad program based in Carpi, Italy, a town of approximately 69,000 in Northern Italy near Bologna. During the study abroad, each student will stay with and become a part of an Italian host family. Each student will also be placed in a classroom to work mornings with teachers and children in an Italian preschool, elementary or middle school (~ 70 hours/program). This program provides a deep and memorable cross-cultural experience that exposes participants to Italian culture and to an education system well known for innovative approaches to education (e.g., Montessori and Reggio Emilia).

Credit: C&T 649/749 An International Teaching Experience, 3 credits, from the University of Kansas
or C&T 491: TESOL Practicum for KS State endorsement

Language requirement: Prior knowledge of Italian is not necessary. However, participants are encouraged to sign up for a non-credit Italian language class through a local organization or to engage in self-study. In most cases at least one member of a host family will speak some English and many participants will work with an English teacher during part of their time in a classroom (English is a required subject in most schools in Northern Italy beginning in preschool).

Activities: The study abroad program is primarily field based in classrooms during the mornings with individual and small-group assignments and projects. However, there will be many whole-group activities during the program as well as free time with host families and *limited* independent travel to nearby cities such as Modena, Mantova, Verona, and Bologna (independent travel *after* the conclusion of the program is encouraged). Arrangements will be made for a whole-group trip to Florence one weekend and Venice another weekend with much free time for independent exploration. Several field trips are also planned including tours of special schools of interest and visits to cultural sites. A traditional highlight is a final party for all participants, their teachers, and host families.

Tentative Future Dates: May 4 – May 31, 2018



Florence

Faculty:

Dr. Barbara A. Bradley barbarab@ku.edu

Dr. Bradley has been involved with this program since its inception in 2000 and has been taking pre-service teachers to Carpi in 2001.



Venice

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Estimated Cost: Cost will vary depending on whether a participant is a KU student or not, or enrolls in undergraduate or graduate credit; as well as, fluctuations in airfare and exchange rate, etc. However, the *estimated* cost for a KU student taking 3 undergraduate credit hours is approximately \$5,600, which includes all basic expenses (e.g., tuition; fees & course materials; round-trip airfare; in-country transportation; lodging & most meals). This costs *does not* include your passport (~\$135), if needed, or a non-credit Italian language class that may be offered in the spring (~\$60). It also *does not* include other expenses such as small gifts for your host family and class (~\$50), pizza for your host siblings during group dinners (~\$50) or meals during trips to Florence and Venice, souvenirs, and other incidentals (~ \$600 is recommended). Finally, optional tours in Florence and Venice may be arranged at an additional cost (Florence: Uffizi Museo ~\$25; Accidental Tourist – hiking or cooking in Tuscany ~\$120. Venice: Palazzo Ducale ~\$25).

Accommodations: Lodging and most meals are provided by volunteer host families. Families are carefully selected and matched to participants' special needs and interests by the Victoria Language Centre, a local organization in Carpi with many years of successful experience in arranging home stays for American students with Italian families. Many families have previously hosted American students.

Requirements:

- Education major in good academic standing
- Personal interview conducted after a screening of online applications in the fall (late Oct/early Nov)
- Commitment to prepare for the study abroad program during the spring semester (e.g., several group meetings, several readings and assignments, informal study of the Italian language)
- Office of Study Abroad Orientation mandatory meeting in April (Saturday morning)

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Applications are due on or before: Monday, October 23, 2017

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Please email Dr. Bradley (barbarab@ku.edu) if you are planning to apply to this program so that she may inform you about upcoming events or other important information

For information about financial aid or scholarships, please contact the Office of Study Abroad: (785) 864-3742 or osa@ku.edu