



STUDIO  
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COLLEGE  
INTERNATIONAL

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES FLORENCE & VENICE ITALY



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## UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

SACI'S UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS offer rare opportunities to experience one of the greatest artistic and cultural centers of the world.

In Florence, you'll engage with a thriving art community, rich in Renaissance and contemporary art. Partnerships with local museums, galleries, and artists will provide you with hands-on experience through class projects. SACI-supported volunteer opportunities will connect you with the local community. You'll also have numerous travel opportunities as part of class field trips with faculty to cities throughout Italy.

FRONT COVER: FLORENCE'S SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE CATHEDRAL  
BELOW: SACI MX STUDENT PRESENTS DESIGN WORK  
BACK COVER: DETAIL OF PHOTO BY CLARE PERRY, SACI '18



## INTRODUCTION

Located in the historic center of Florence, jewel of the Renaissance, Studio Arts College International (SACI) activates the Renaissance spirit through innovation and excellence in art and design, scholarship in art history, scientific dedication in conservation, and in fostering creative interdisciplinary collaboration.

SACI's extensive range of fully-accredited studio and media arts, design, conservation, art history, Italian culture and language courses provides you a breadth of class options to meet your individual educational needs and connect you directly with the rich cultural heritage of Italy. Immersion in the art, design, and culture of Florence will enable you to broaden and deepen the scope of your scholarship and allow you to build a portfolio of inspiring work.

The majority of our study abroad students are enrolled in degree programs at colleges and universities throughout the USA. SACI also welcomes students enrolled outside of the US, as well as independent students.

Since 1975, over 12,000 students have benefited from the life-changing educational experience provided by SACI.

## FLORENCE, SACI, & YOU

At SACI, you will be immersed in the rich art and design culture of Italy:

- SACI's facilities are located in the heart of Florence, just steps away from Michelangelo's renowned sculptures in the Medici Chapel, Fra' Angelico's masterpieces in the Museum of San Marco, the colorful Central Market, and Brunelleschi's great Duomo.
- In addition to traveling to many famous Italian cities, you will visit Florentine museums and historic sites on numerous SACI sponsored field trips.
- You will go to artists' and designers' studios, private collections, galleries, art fairs, and theaters.
- You will have special access to modern and historic art collections, research libraries, and contemporary art museums.
- You will have opportunities to create artwork as part of collaborations with local institutions, and to restore major art

treasures that are a part of Italy's cultural heritage.

- You can volunteer for such activities as assisting in the teaching of English at elementary schools, serving as an English-language museum guide, or working at a human rights agency.

## ACADEMIC YEAR/SEMESTER ABROAD

In both Fall and Spring, you can enroll in four or five courses for a total of 15 credits. If you are an advanced student, you may be eligible for credited internships at design firms, museums, or galleries.

SACI has two beautiful palaces in the center of Florence, and you will have the opportunity to exhibit your artwork in SACI's unique galleries. Both the Fall and Spring semesters culminate in major exhibitions which provide students the opportunity to display their work to the public.

While studying at SACI, Florence will become your classroom. Field trips throughout Tuscany and elsewhere in Italy are an integral and deeply rewarding part of the SACI experience. Sites that are typically visited include Venice, Rome, Milan, Naples, Bologna, Pisa, Lucca, Ravenna, Siena, and many more.

You will have the opportunity to attend numerous field trips with your classes as well as additional trips open to all students enrolled in the program. Tuition covers the cost of all required class field trips and museum entrances.

## FLORENCE SUMMER ABROAD

SACI's **Summer I** term runs for 5 weeks from mid-May through June, and SACI's **Summer II** term is a 4 week program that commences in late June and extends through July. You can take two courses for a total of 6 credits per term. A third term, **Full Summer**, is offered over a 10-week period from mid-May to late July and allows you to receive 12 credits for four courses earned over a two-block period. This session provides a price discount making a Full Summer in Florence financially accessible. Florence possesses among the the world's finest artistic treasures, and Florentine weather is at its best in these summer months. Combine this with a surrounding Tuscan landscape of vineyards, olive groves, and villas framed with cypress trees, and Florence provides an ideal environment for a transformative personal and educational experience.

Field trips and course related outings offer visits to major museums and historical sites in Florence and beyond with the opportunity of taking day-trip excursions to such locations as Pisa, Luca, Siena, and San Gimignano.

## VENICE SUMMER ABROAD

Each summer term SACI offers a special 4-week **Summer Venice** program, in a city renowned for its artistic masterpieces as well as for its celebration of innovative contemporary art with works from art makers from around the globe. You earn 3 credits for Digital Photography and 3 credits for Contemporary Art (either Contemporary Art: Biennale and Beyond or Contemporary Art in Historic Venice - in alternating years based on when the Venice Art Biennale takes place). You also have the option of a **Full Summer Florence + Venice** term where you first spend 5 weeks, from mid-May to late June in Florence and then shift to Venice for 4 weeks, from the end of June to late July. This option provides an opportunity for you to live and learn in two of the world's most evocative cities for art and culture.

This program offers an exceptional opportunity to participate in among the most prestigious contemporary art and architecture events around the globe—the Venice Art Biennale in odd-numbered years and the Biennale of Architecture in even years. You will explore Venice's storied museums and visit contemporary art, design, and architecture exhibitions while learning the fundamentals of digital photography. You will have the chance to take part in photo shoots during class field outings and be encouraged to develop your personal artistic vision and an awareness of photography as a language while creating a high-quality portfolio.

## COURSES

The following courses are offered by SACI though courses may be limited each term and on the basis of student registration.

### 2D Studio Art

Drawing • Etching • Fresco Painting  
Painting • Serigraphy

### 3D Studio Art

Ceramics • Sculpture

## Crafts

Batik • Book Arts  
Jewelry Design • Weaving

## Art Conservation

Conservation Law, Business & Management  
Conservation of Archaeological Artifacts  
Diagnostic Techniques for Conservators  
Mural Conservation  
Painting Conservation

## Design

Architectural Drawing • Design Internship  
Graphic Design • Illustration • Infographics  
Interactive Art & Design • Interior Design  
Italian Fashion Design • Typography  
Visual Design

## Multidisciplinary Studio

Body Archives  
Installation & Performance Art

## Art History, Museology, and Cinema Studies

19th-Century European & Italian Art History  
Baroque & Rococo Art History  
Contemporary European & Italian Art  
Contemporary Art Theory & Criticism  
Early Renaissance Art History  
High Renaissance Art History  
History of Italian Cinema  
Modern European & Italian Art History  
Museology • Museology Internship  
Renaissance Art History Survey  
Women & the Arts in Italy

## Visual Media

Animation • Digital Multimedia  
Photography • Video

## Language & Literature

Creative Writing Workshop  
Italian Language

## Summer Venice

Contemporary Art: Biennale & Beyond  
Contemporary Art in Historic Venice  
Digital Photography

### INTERNSHIPS

In the Fall, Spring, and Summer I terms, advanced students can undertake a Design Internship for 3 credits. In the Spring term, students who have completed Museology at SACI can undertake a Museology Internship for 3 credits. SACI Internships are limited and highly selective.

If you have completed at least one advanced-level course in the proposed area of the Internship, you can be considered for a Design Internship in one of the following areas:

- Architecture
- Communications
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Interior Design
- Lighting Design

Museology Internships enable SACI students to gain direct museum experience and learn firsthand how a world-class museum functions. Internship opportunities are offered at the Marino Marini Museum in Florence. A working knowledge of Italian is required.

### COLLABORATIONS

Beyond the classroom, institutional collaborations and community outreach in Florence and Tuscany are the staples of SACI life and learning. SACI's collaborations connect students with some of Italy's most renowned museums and institutions, blurring boundaries among art, design, fashion, anthropology, science, and history to develop independent and innovative artists with a deep knowledge and awareness of contemporary and historical culture in a rapidly changing world.

SACI study abroad students enrolled in specific courses have collaborated in projects with the Galleria dell'Accademia, Bargello Musei, La Specola Museum of National History, the Museum of Anthropology, Museo del Tessuto, Museo degli Innocenti, the Pergola Theater, the National Archaeological Museum, the Salvatore Ferragamo Museum, Palazzo Strozzi, and the Marino Marini Museum.

### HOUSING

SACI apartments are located in Florence's historic center, near SACI's educational facilities. Many are notable for their murals and Old-World charm.

They are fully furnished and will enable you to live independently. All apartments have living rooms, bedrooms, bathrooms, washing machines, and kitchens equipped with stoves, ovens, refrigerators, dishware, and cooking utensils. Units also include WiFi. Reasonable use of utilities is covered by SACI's Housing Fee.

You can choose to stay in a double or single bedroom in a shared apartment. There is a supplemental Housing Fee for students who select a single bedroom.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO SACI

If you are an undergraduate student in good standing at any college or university, and possess a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 or equivalent, you are eligible to apply to any of SACI's study abroad programs.

If you are an independent US or international student who meets equivalent standards, you are also eligible to apply.

SACI STUDENTS IN FRONT OF PALAZZO DEI CARTELLONI





SACI STUDENT IN A SACI PAINTING STUDIO



SACI STUDENTS ON A FIELD TRIP TO SAN GIMIGNANO



SACI STUDENT EXHIBITION IN THE SACI GALLERY



SACI STUDENTS IN THE SACI CONSERVATION LABORATORY



SACI STUDENT IN THE SACI SCULPTURE STUDIO

### APPLICATION PROCESS

The following is a list of requirements for a complete application:

- The completed online application form including a \$70 US non-refundable processing fee.
- An official copy of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.
- A completed Study Abroad Advisor Form. (Check the SACI website for other requirements if you are not currently enrolled in an academic institution, if you

*have been out of school for more than three years, or if your native language is not English.)*

You are automatically eligible for courses at the Intermediate or Advanced level or for courses with prerequisites if your home school's transcript lists the required prerequisites for these courses.

When the prerequisites have not been met, a portfolio of at least 6 artworks is essential so SACI can determine if you are eligible for the course.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Study abroad is an investment in your future from which you will achieve lifelong rewards. SACI strives hard to make study abroad an achievable goal for every student. Typically financial aid received from a US college or university can be transferred to cover fees for study at SACI.

SACI additionally awards scholarships both on a merit and needs basis to students each term. Applicants to all SACI for-credit programs may apply for SACI scholarships. For more information about SACI scholarships, please visit our website at: [www.saci-florence.edu](http://www.saci-florence.edu)

### DEADLINES

All applications are reviewed on a rolling admissions basis. Applicants improve their prospects for admission by submitting applications early.

Applications received beyond the indicated deadlines will only be considered if space is still available in the selected term/study program.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Fall Semester**  
(including Academic Year Abroad Program)  
June 15

**Spring Semester**  
November 1

**Summer I / Full Summer: Florence**  
**Full Summer: Florence + Venice**  
April 1

**Summer II / Summer Venice**  
May 15

### SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES

**Fall Semester**  
(including Academic Year Abroad Program)  
March 15

**Spring Semester**  
October 15

**Summer I / Full Summer: Florence**  
**Full Summer: Florence + Venice**  
March 1

**Summer II / Summer Venice**  
March 1



### SACI IS

A United States non-profit 501(c)(3) educational entity incorporated in 1976

A directly accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)

Affiliated with Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in Ohio, which is accredited by NASAD and by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

Recognized in Italy by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Universities as a foreign non-profit university-level program

*Students who would like to receive a copy of SACI's accreditation, licensure, and/or approval should send a signed request for such material to SACI's Dean.*

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