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“Every language embodies a form of life, a unique perspective on existence. Yet among all the countries of Europe, Italy has long been celebrated for its remarkable language and culture. Go there with EAP and see what makes Italy so very special. If you take advantage of this opportunity to study in Italy, you will have a chance to live, speak and think as Italians do--and chances are that your own way of living, speaking and thinking will never be the same again.”

Jon R. Snyder
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STUDY ABROAD FOR ITALIAN MAJORS/MINORS

The French and Italian Studies Department strongly urges its students to complete some portion of their undergraduate study abroad through the University's Education Abroad Program in Italy. You will enhance your knowledge of Italian culture and the Italian language by participating in EAP Italy. Living and studying in Italy and Europe will expand your horizons, improve your critical thinking, increase your independence and better prepare you for a career in an increasingly internationally competitive world.

Why study abroad?

Being an Italian major, you have already shown that you have international interests. Why not take that interest a step further and have a transformative and life-enriching experience? Go live in Italy, enroll at an Italian university and experience Italian language and culture firsthand.

Improve your knowledge of the language you have already studied by using it for everyday life as well as in school. Learn how to better express your thoughts on complex topics and follow your interests in Italian. Participate more fully in national and international politics and events. Discover greater access to Italian films, music, and the visual and dramatic arts.

Italian majors and minors who study abroad find that a term, or better yet, a full year spent in Italy not only is critical for their language fluency, but that the experience of adapting to another academic and cultural world expands their self-understanding and gives them a keener sense of the political, cultural, and social differences in today's world.

The intellectual and personal growth students experience during their time abroad will serve them well throughout their lives. Participating in EAP provides further advantages when it comes to the challenges of graduate school and the competitive job market.

Where should I study abroad?

Go to Italy, of course! And go for as long as you can, yet still graduate on time. EAP offers a variety of year-long and short-term programs in multiple locations in Italy, including:

- [University of Bologna](#) – Study with Italians in Italian at Europe's oldest university. Great internship opportunities. Our favorite EAP program! Go for the year!
- Language & Culture, UC Center, Florence ([semester](#) or [quarter](#)) – Beginning and intermediate Italian students improve their language skills inside and outside the classroom. Do a homestay!

Special Focus Programs:

- [Business and Economics](#), University of Commerce Luigi Bocconi, Milan - for students with strong backgrounds in economics, as well as mathematics
- Rome Through the Ages, UC Center, Rome - Italian language study and courses taught in English. Small class sizes, local instructors, and site visits.
- European Transformations, Rome & Madrid ([semester](#) or [quarter](#)) - Live and study in both Rome and Madrid. Courses taught in English; 10-week internship on the semester option.
- Art, Food and Society, UC Center Rome ([Semester](#) or [quarter](#)) - UC courses in the social sciences and humanities taught in English. Small classes visit sites in Rome.

When should I study abroad?

While it is possible for students to go abroad at almost any point in your

EAP Program Search and Course Catalog

Find programs which offer particular disciplines and search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years by subject, keyword and/or location, on the UCEAP website: eap.ucop.edu

STUDY ABROAD FOR ITALIAN MAJORS

Go Virtually Anywhere!

EAP provides students the opportunity to study in one of over 30 countries located on six different continents!

“The academic experience of studying abroad for Italian studies majors is something incomparable to university learning in the States. Being fully immersed in the culture, language and people makes you feel a stronger connection with what you’re studying while abroad. Also, being able to physically visit the monuments, ruins and art that you study is something you don’t get to experience while on campus in California.”

Nick Buonfiglio
UCSB Italian major

The Cost of EAP

Studying abroad through EAP can be comparable to the cost of study at UCSB. EAP participants continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. EAP students are also eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC and other sources.

academic career, the particular year, semester or quarter that you study abroad depends on what courses you plan to take. Students wanting to fulfill upper-division major requirements should, in most cases, go abroad in your junior or senior year. Students interested in language and culture programs, or in fulfilling major preparation and General Education requirements, can participate as early as your sophomore year.

PLAN AHEAD! Applications are typically due six months to a year prior to the program’s start date and some programs have academic or language prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the EAP website for application deadlines: <http://www.eap.ucsb.edu>.

What classes should I take?

All EAP coursework is automatically The Italian Studies Program strongly encourages its students to go to Bologna and take all of your courses abroad in Italian. In addition to language classes, we recommend that students consider taking Italian literature courses. If you are an Italian major, you can use up to 20 upper-division units of appropriate coursework taken abroad towards your major. If you plan to minor in Italian, you can use a maximum of 8 upper-division units towards the minor. The undergraduate advisor will work individually with each student to ensure the most effective use of courses taken abroad for major requirements. Internships, independent study and field work completed abroad can be used for major requirements upon approval of the department and the college.

Keep in mind that all students in the College of Letters and Science must complete at least 20 units of upper-division major coursework (or 12 upper-division minor units) in residence at UCSB along with other residence requirements. Consult an advisor in the College of Letters & Science for more information.

All EAP coursework is automatically credited towards the unit requirement for your degree. Depending on your course selection, you may fulfill major or GE requirements as well. Plan ahead and consult with your advisors.

How do I get started?

Begin by identifying your goals for study abroad and then consult the EAP web pages (<http://eap.ucop.edu/>) to identify appropriate EAP programs. To find programs which offer particular disciplines or to search courses taken by EAP students over the last 5 years by subject, keyword and/or location, explore the resources found under [Program](#) and [Course Search](#). Navigate to host universities’ web sites on the available links to learn more about the schools and their departments.

Stop by the EAP office at 2431 South Hall. Peer advisors who have recently returned from studying abroad as well as staff advisors are eager to answer your questions.

Go see your department Undergraduate Advisor and a College of Letters & Science advisor to discuss major, general education, residence and other requirements.

What happens when I return?

If you go abroad in your junior year, you should strongly consider doing a senior honors thesis based on the coursework and intellectual interests you developed abroad. This provides an ideal way of integrating time abroad with the completion of the Italian major.

If you take courses abroad for which you wish to get credit towards your major or minor, you MUST keep your syllabi, course materials, essays and exams to support your petition for major credit after your return. You will automatically earn UC credit for all classes successfully completed on EAP, just not necessarily credit within the department.

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