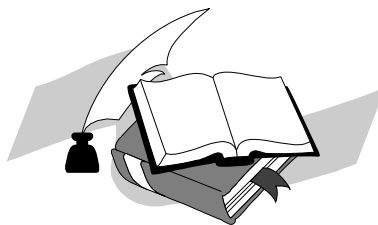


SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN ITALY

Academic Update for Fall Semester 2009



Discovery Florence

Welcome to the *Discovery Florence* program! All Discovery Florence students will enroll in the following courses, designed specifically to provide a rich and varied introduction to Italian life and culture:

CAS 101 – **First Year Forum** (1 credit)

Meets Wednesdays, 4:40 – 6:10 pm

This seminar welcomes new students to Syracuse University. The course helps one develop closer relationships with peers and a professor, and eases the entrance into University life. Special topics will introduce and orient students to Florence and Italy, and discuss adjusting to a new culture.

CAS 100.1 – **First Year Seminar: Writing and Study Abroad** (3 credits)

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:05am – 12:35 pm

Florence is your muse as you develop your own unique voice and critical approach to writing. You'll process your intercultural experience through intensive writing assignments that include short stories, poetry, journal entries, creative non-fiction, and editorials, as well as participation in student readings and class discussions. Writing and Study Abroad will introduce you to various forms of writing encountered throughout college, and equip you to undertake future writing projects with confidence and creativity. This is a writing-intensive course required of all first-year students.

FIA 100.1 – **Italian Art and Society from Ancient to Modern Times** (3 credits)

Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:30 am

*Explore centuries of Italian art and culture amidst the joyous living museum that is Florence. This course provides an introduction to the study of art history with some of the world's most celebrated buildings, sculptures, and paintings as your real-life examples. You'll also examine corresponding cultural contexts via topics that include Ancient Rome, the rise of Islam, Humanist Florence, Futurism, and more. Includes overnight study tours to Venice-Vicenza and to Siena-Pienza in addition to site visits in Florence (with a course fee billed from Syracuse – see **Field Study and Course-Related Fee** below) plus all-program trips to Rome and Ravenna. This course satisfies a Core Curriculum requirement for humanities.*

NSD 225 – **Nutrition in Health** (3 credits)

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am – 10:30 pm

This course looks at our nutrient requirements, functions, and sources, and the interrelationships and applications to food selection for healthy individuals. Weight control, sports nutrition and dietary supplements are also discussed. Aspects of the Mediterranean diet will be considered to take advantage of local resources. This course satisfies a Core Curriculum requirement for the natural sciences and mathematics.

ITA 101/ITA 100.1 – **Beginning Italian** (6 credits)

Meets Mondays through Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Introductory proficiency-based course which prepares students to understand, speak, read, and write in culturally authentic contexts. Activities are conducted in Italian. Other levels of Italian language instruction are available during the same time slot for students with some degree of proficiency. Placement is determined by written and oral assessment done in Florence.

Registration

You will register for your courses during orientation in Florence. Until your actual registration is processed in early September, a placeholder registration remains on your record. Please familiarize yourself with the **Academic Rules & Regulations** found on pages 56-61 of the *Study Abroad Handbook*.

Field Study and Course-Related Fee

For your art history course (FIA 100.1) you will participate in required overnight study tours to Venice-Vicenza and to Siena-Pienza and in all-school trips to Rome and to Ravenna. **Do not plan personal travel until you know when you are required to take part in course-related trips.**

The fee to cover transportation to Venice-Vicenza and to Siena-Pienza, accommodation in Venice, and site entry fees in both Venice and Florence, has not been confirmed yet (last year's fee was \$345). The actual fee will be announced during the summer. Note that this course fee is not included in either the tuition or program fees, which are billed prior to departure. Because this field study is an integral part of the course, attendance is mandatory. The fee is billed from Syracuse following the overseas registration period and appears on the Bursar statement mailed to your billing address in September or October 2009.

A schedule of All-School field trips, the costs for which are included in your program fee, will be distributed in Florence.