



# Summer in Florence, Italy

with El Camino College

June 20 - July 15, 2011



June  
to 20  
July  
15  
2011

**Immerse yourself in experiential learning** – Spend the Summer in Florence with El Camino College and ACCENT. Florence becomes an extension of your classroom as you explore Florentine cathedrals, monuments, churches, museums and galleries while attending language, culture and communications classes with visiting faculty. Participants on the Summer in Florence Program live in student apartments located throughout the city. The ACCENT Florence Center also provides support and guidance to students on each of its programs. Once you have enrolled, you will receive more detailed application and enrollment forms as well as a student handbook. If you have questions about this program, please feel free to contact the program faculty, Carmen Hunt 310.660.3593, Ext. 3714 / [chunt@elcamino.edu](mailto:chunt@elcamino.edu) or Rossella Pescatori 310.660.3593, Ext. 4834 / [rpescatori@elcamino.edu](mailto:rpescatori@elcamino.edu) or ACCENT at 800.869.9291.



## Student Services: The ACCENT Centers

ACCENT is an independent study abroad program provider with a multinational team of staff members who all have personal knowledge in study abroad. With more than 20 years of experience coordinating high-quality overseas study programs, ACCENT works in partnership with U.S. colleges and universities to develop academically challenging and culturally enriching overseas study experiences in Paris, Florence, London, Madrid and Rome. Each city is home to a fully staffed ACCENT Center that serves as a home base for program participants. The ACCENT San Francisco Center coordinates program enrollment and pre-departure preparation for students, helping to make their transition to living overseas as smooth as possible.

The fully-staffed ACCENT Florence Center, located in the historic city center near the Piazza del Duomo, serves as a home base to program participants. The ACCENT Center is open during the week for students to access the resource and lending library, use the computer lab, ask questions, collect their mail and take advantage of a variety of other student services.

## Application and Enrollment

The Summer in Florence program is offered for transferable college credit through El Camino College. El Camino College will provide a transcript upon request for the coursework completed overseas. Please verify the transferability of courses with your advisor or registrar before you apply.

## Transferable Academic Credit

The Summer in Florence program is open to anyone who is over 18 at the time of application. Program space is limited. Students should send in the enclosed application with the \$250 non-refundable first payment as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your application and first payment, ACCENT and El Camino College will send you additional application and enrollment forms. Applications must be received by April 11, 2011. Beyond April 11, limited enrollment is allowed when space permits.

## Cultural Program

Cultural learning is an integral part of the program. Guided visits of many museums and historical sites are included in the program, and students participate in cultural activities that include two one-day excursions to Siena/San Gimignano and Cortona/Montepulciano, one two-day/one-night excursion to Venice and one three-day/two-night excursion to Rome. Excursions include transportation, entries, guides and accommodations (where applicable). *Excursions are chosen based on the academic curriculum and are subject to change.*

## Academic Curriculum

### Italian 21ab: Beginning Conversational Italian

2 units

Prerequisite: Italian 1 with a minimum grade of C or equivalent. CSU transferrable. This course is designed to develop fluency in oral expression, increase oral comprehension, and improve pronunciation of the Italian language. Conversational topics are based upon the daily experiences and cultural life of the ethnic areas involved with the Italian language.

### Italian 22ab: Intermediate Conversational Italian

2 units

Prerequisite: Italian 2 and 21ab with a minimum grade of C in prerequisite or equivalent. CSU:UC transferrable. This course is designed for the intermediate student to develop Italian fluency in oral expression, increase Italian oral comprehension, and improve Italian pronunciation. Conversational topics are based upon the daily experiences and cultural life of the ethnic areas involved with the Italian language.

### Italian 24: Introduction to Italian Culture

3 units

Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English 1A. CSU:UC transferable. This course provides an introduction to the cultural aspects of the Italian language through a study of geography, social institutions, literature, art, architecture and music. Topics include a comparison of Italian and other Western languages and cultures. This course is taught in English.

### Communication Studies 1: Public Speaking

3 units

Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English 1A. CSU:UC transferable. In this course students will compose, present, and evaluate original speeches. Emphasis is placed on audience analysis, topic selection, research, evidence, organization, delivery and critical analysis of persuasive communication. Students are required to attend out-of-class speaking events.

### Communication Studies 14: Introduction to Intercultural Communication

3 units

Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English 1A. CSU:UC transferable. This course examines general communication principles and cross-cultural communication styles, and presents in-class activities to enhance cross-cultural communication.

## Program Timetable

Application due: with first payment

Final payment due: April 11

Departure from U.S.: June 19

Arrival in Florence: June 20

Overseas orientation: June 21

Return to U.S.: July 15

## Program Faculty



### Carmen L. Hunt (Professor of Communication Studies)

Professor Carmen L. Hunt is a senior faculty member of the Communication Studies Department. She holds an A.A. degree from East Los Angeles College and her B.A. and M.A. degrees from California State University at Los Angeles in Communication Studies. Her emphasis is in cultural studies. Professor Hunt has travelled extensively outside of the country with many organizations and has led two previous study abroad programs to Spain for El Camino College. Professor Hunt has stated that, "When I went on my first study abroad program as a student, it drastically changed my life. I know the experience will change yours." She looks forward to leading you in the Italy summer study abroad program.

### Rossella Pescatori (Lecturer, Italian Program)

Rossella Pescatori is a native of Italy. She currently is an adjunct faculty member of the Italian Department. Rossella holds a Ph.D. in Italian from the University of California at Los Angeles. She also has two laurea degrees from the University of Venezia, Italy, with emphasis in Philosophy and Art History. Rossella is a published scholar in the field of Renaissance Studies and is actively involved in exploring and discovering new teaching methodologies and pedagogies for foreign languages to different age groups. She is a seasoned veteran of education abroad studies in Italy and participated in a previous El Camino study abroad program to Italy a few years ago. She is quite familiar with Florence, Italy, which will be our setting for the summer 2011 program. Rossella looks forward to making this program fun and culturally enriching for all who enroll.



## Program Price: \$2875

plus a \$150 refundable security deposit

### Program Price Includes

- Double room in a shared student apartment in Florence, double/triple/quad rooms on Venice and Rome excursions
- Two one-day excursions to Siena/San Gimignano and Cortona/Montepulciano including transportation, entries and guide
- One two-day/one-night excursion to Venice including transportation, accommodations, entries and guided visits
- One three-day/two-night excursion to Rome including transportation, accommodations and guided visits
- Overseas orientation program, with a guided walking tour of Florence
- Overseas information and resource center with ACCENT Florence on-site staff
- Transfers from and to the Italian airport for group flight participants and those non-group flight participants able to meet the group transfer

### Program Price Does Not Include

- Round-trip airfare (estimated airfare \$1800 - \$1900)
- El Camino College tuition and fees (see description)
- Meals
- Required medical insurance
- Personal expenses, books, passports, visas, and anything not listed as included
- Travel and personal property insurance

### Student Housing

Students live in double rooms in shared student apartments. Apartments are located throughout Florence, within walking distance of or a bus ride from classes and the city center. Student apartments include shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. During the overnight excursions students will be in either double, triple or quad rooms in two star hotels. Housing is provided from the first day of the program (June 20, 2011).

## Payment Schedule

Non-refundable first payment \$250

Final payment due April 11, 2011 \$2775

The above breakdown includes the \$150 refundable security deposit. The payment schedule is the applicant's contractual obligation. Failure to make each payment when due shall automatically cancel participant from the program one week after payment due date. All payments are effective the day they are received by the ACCENT San Francisco Center. ACCENT, in its sole discretion, may reinstate an applicant subject to availability of space and late enrollment fees. ACCENT charges a \$30 bounced check fee for each check received that is not promptly paid by your bank in the normal course of business.

### Transportation

All participants must check-in at the ACCENT Florence Center June 20, 2011 between 9am and 5pm (Note: most transatlantic flights depart one day before their arrival date). ACCENT will organize an optional round-trip group flight from Los Angeles. Airfare is not included in the program fee. Group flight participants and those non-group flight participants able to meet the group transfer will be met at the airport in Florence and transferred to their housing. Group flight participants returning to the U.S. on the group return date will receive transportation to the Florence airport. Participants on the Summer in Florence program will receive detailed optional group flight information approximately four months prior to departure. Estimated airfare \$1800- \$1900.

## ECC Tuition & Fees

A \$26 per unit enrollment fee must be paid to El Camino College at the time of registration. Nonresidents of California pay \$192 per unit. Fees are set by the State of California and are subject to change. For more information please contact the program faculty Carmen Hunt 310.660.3593, Ext. 3714 / [chunt@elcamino.edu](mailto:chunt@elcamino.edu) or Rossella Pescatori 310.660.3593, Ext. 4834 / [rpescatori@elcamino.edu](mailto:rpescatori@elcamino.edu).

### Cancellations

All cancellations must be made in writing to ACCENT and El Camino College and are effective the date of receipt by ACCENT. Participants are liable for payments until written cancellation is received.

#### Cancellation Fees:

70 days or more prior to start of program	\$250
50 to 69 days prior to start of program	\$500
30 to 49 days prior to start of program	\$750
8 to 29 days prior to start of program	\$1000
0 to 7 days prior to start of program	No Refund

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I have carefully read the brochure for the Summer in Florence Program and wish to apply. I agree to the terms and conditions stated in the program brochure, including the payment and refund policies. I understand that if there are any changes in the terms and conditions ACCENT will notify me in writing. The applicant shall be the client of ACCENT for all purposes. Any applicable refunds will be returned to the applicant regardless of the source of payment.

*Please type or print clearly in black ink.*

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Name (first, middle, last)

Signature

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School Attending

Year in School

Major

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Current Address

How long can you be reached at your current address?

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City

State

Zip

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Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Please indicate the best times to reach you and at which number

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Email (required)

Sex

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Permanent Address

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City

State

Zip

Permanent Phone

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Country of Citizenship

Date of Birth (participants must be at least 18 years old at time of application)

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How did you hear about this program? (please be as specific as possible)

Please return this application with the \$250 non-refundable first payment, made payable to ACCENT, to:  
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