

Art, Music & Culture in Florence, Italy

with San Francisco State University
(College of Extended Learning)

June 30 - July 29, 2011



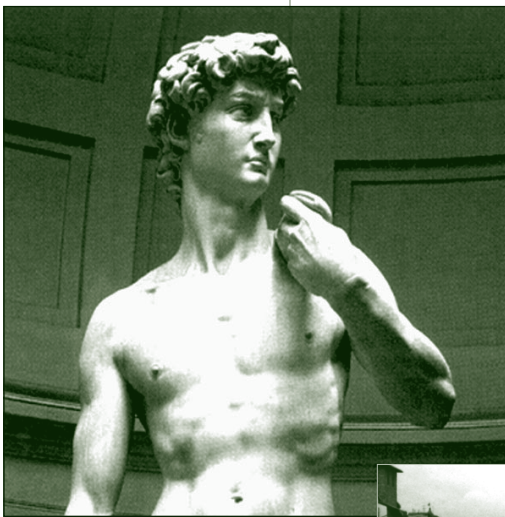
During this month-long visit to Michelangelo's hometown of Florence, Italy, you will be able to explore the greatest Renaissance city in the world. Our resident art historian will lead on-site lectures to works of the great masters of painting, fresco, sculpture, and architecture. You will see the sculpture of Michelangelo in his own home, the frescos of Fra Angelico in the monastery where he lived, the paintings of Botticelli in the palace of the Medici family, and the engineering apparatus of the 15th century architect Brunelleschi.

Led by our music historian, you will learn how Renaissance Florence developed the madrigal, the ballet, the symphony, and the opera. See the Medici collection of Stradivari violins and the first piano, visit Italy's first orphanage, experience the scent of a 16th century pharmacy, and see the original scientific inventions of Galileo.

A day excursion by chartered bus into the Tuscan countryside will take you to the hill-top towns of Siena and San Gimignano. Explore these ancient walled towns with a guide including museum entrances.

Experience the Italian train system on a three-day trip to Rome. Tours in Rome will include the ancient Roman Forum and Coliseum, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, and more. See Michelangelo's Pieta in St. Peter's, the treasures of the Papacy and the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican Museum.

On a day trip to Verona, a guide will show you the town and the homes of Romeo and Juliet. The excursion to Verona will conclude with a spectacular production of the opera AIDA (or similar) in the Roman Arena of Verona.



During your month in Florence you will attend four concerts of ballet, symphony, chamber music and opera. Also available, at an additional cost and conducted by a local travel and tour agency, are optional cooking classes, tours to Cinque Terra and Venice, and a 3-day excursion to Sorrento, Capri and Pompeii.

Once you have enrolled, you will receive more information and detailed materials as well as a participant handbook. If you have questions about the academic component of this program please contact Rona Commins at 916.487.2137 or ronacommins@yahoo.com or Short-term Study Abroad Programs at SFSU College of Extended Learning, 415.817.4228. If you have other program-related questions, please call ACCENT at 800.869.9291.

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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 open to anyone 18 or older at the time of application. Program space is limited. Students who meet eligibility requirements should send in the attached application with the \$250 non-refundable first payment as soon as possible. Upon receipt of your application and first payment, ACCENT and San Francisco State University will send you additional information and enrollment forms. Applications must be received by April 21, 2011. Beyond April 21, limited enrollment is allowed when space permits.

Transferable Academic Credit

The Summer in Florence program includes three or four units of transferable upper division academic college credit in Humanities through San Francisco State University. San Francisco State University, College of Extended Learning, part of the California State University system, will provide a transcript upon request for a fee for the courses completed overseas. Semester units are generally transferable to all other universities. Please verify the transferability of courses with your advisor or registrar before you apply.

Program Timetable

Application due: with first payment	Departure from U.S.: June 29	Overseas orientation: July 1
Final payment due: April 21	Arrival in Florence: June 30	Return to U.S.: July 29

Cultural Program

Cultural learning is an integral part of the Summer in Florence program. Included in the program are four evening performances of ballet, symphony, opera, and chamber music, including an opera at the Arena of Verona. A one-day excursion outside of Florence to Siena and San Gimignano, and a three-day/two-night excursion to Rome are also included. All excursions include transportation, guided visits and hotel accommodations, where applicable. Excursions are chosen based on the academic curriculum and are subject to change.

Program Faculty

Rona Commins, program leader, is a professional musician and teacher who has spent summers living in Florence since studying at the Villa Schifanoia Graduate School of the Arts in Florence with baritone Tito Gobbi. She has taught for Sacramento State University, and this is her 24th year teaching in Florence. Ms. Commins' knowledge of music and life in Renaissance Italy brings enthusiasm to her lectures and to her personal communication with her students. Ms. Commins holds a Master's Degree in Music; she has concertized in the United States, Italy, Austria, Germany, France and England.

Academic Curriculum

Participants take the following courses. All classes are taught in English.

Art History 24 hours/Local Faculty
 Spotlights the birth and development of Renaissance art in the Florentine context. On-site lectures at museums, churches and art galleries in Florence. Provides historical and cultural background of the Renaissance.

Interdisciplinary Music 24 hours/Commins
 Correlates daily life of the Renaissance with music of the period. Explores the contributions of Italy to music, literature and culture through color slides and site-visits. Performances of symphony, ballet, chamber music and an opera at the Roman amphitheater in Verona.

Survival Italian 4 hours/Local Faculty
 The study of useful Italian vocabulary and phrases. No previous knowledge of Italian necessary.

Program Price: \$3825

plus a \$150 refundable security deposit

Program Price Includes

- Double room in a shared student apartment in Florence; double/triple/quad rooms on overnight excursion
- Museum and monument entrance fees for on-site lectures, class visits and excursions
- Four evening performances such as symphony, ballet, chamber music and opera
- One three-day/two-night excursion to Rome including transportation, accommodations and guided visits
- One day excursion to Siena/San Gimignano including transportation and guided visits
- One day excursion to Verona including transportation and walking tour
- Welcome reception and farewell pizza party
- Overseas information and resource center with ACCENT Florence on-site staff
- ACCENT orientation program and practical walking tour of Florence
- 'Amici del Museo degli Strumenti Musicali' museum card
- International Student Identity Card with limited overseas travel and accident insurance
- SFSU fees equivalent to \$750 of tuition credit (3 or 4 units)

Program Price Does Not Include

- Round-trip airfare
- Optional \$375 single room supplement
- Meals except as specified
- Personal expenses, visas, books, passports, and anything not listed as included
- Travel or personal property insurance
- Required medical insurance

Payment Schedule

Non-refundable first payment \$250
Final payment due April 21, 2011 \$3725

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 applicant's bank in the normal course of business.

Cancellations

All cancellations must be made in writing to ACCENT and San Francisco State University and are effective the date of receipt by ACCENT. Participants are liable for payments until written cancellation is received by ACCENT.

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

Student Housing

Students may choose to live in double or single rooms in shared student apartments. Single rooms in shared apartments are limited, are not guaranteed, and require a supplement of \$375. Apartments are student level - apartment buildings most likely do not have elevators or air conditioning. 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 excursion 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 30, 2011).

Transportation

All participants must check-in at the ACCENT Florence Center June 30, 2011 between 9am and 5pm (Note: most transatlantic flights depart one day before their arrival date). Airfare is not included in the program.

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I have carefully read the brochure for the Art, Music and Culture 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.*

Name (first, middle, last)

Signature

School Attending

Year in School

Major

Current Address

How long can you be reached at your current address?

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

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

Email (required)

Sex

Permanent Address

City

State

Zip

Permanent Phone

Country of Citizenship

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

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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